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Friday December 14th 2012

President Neil Guscott

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Buxton Community Christmas Party

Buxton Community Christmas Party was held last Sunday in perfect weather conditions.

The Party is sponsored annually by Buxton Reserve Committee, Buxton Progress Association and Buxton Fire Brigade at the Buxton Recreation Reserve. We are extremely grateful to Marysville and District Lions Club for their generous donation to our Committee which allowed all the activities, food and drinks to be provided free of charge for our community.

Music for the day to entertain us was provided by Rita Seethaler, Di Gaylard and David Alleway with their steel pans, harp, fiddle and bagpipes.

The emphasis of the Party is activities for children, we had the jumping castle which again proved very popular, a treasure hunt along the river and a competition for the best decorated bike.

Thank you to Graham Page for bringing junior tennis net and ball machine for the children to practice their tennis skills.

Special thanks to Santa for finding the time to come from the North Pole to visit us again. This year he arrived on Bob Emblin's golf buggy and was piped into the Reserve by Di Gaylard on the bagpipes.

I would like to thank the members of our three organisations for all their willing hard work in preparing food, setting up, cooking and serving food and drinks.

Thank you everyone for a successful day.

Peter Cureton
Chairman, Buxton Christmas Party Committee

YMCA Marysville project a success

The successful partnership between YMCA Victoria and the Triangle community that saw the initiation of YMCA Marysville, will end with the closure of the centre on Monday 31 December.

YMCA Victoria opened YMCA Marysville on the site of the former Cumberland Resort with the support of funding from various bodies in June 2010, for an initial tenure of six months.

After further donations were received, the centre was able to continue serving the community as it rebuilt from the devastating Black Saturday bushfires for an additional two years.

YMCA Marysville Manager Chris Simmons said the centre was set up to provide a boost to those still recovering from Black Saturday and he was proud of the positive impact on local residents.

"The Marysville and Triangle communities took a huge hit from Black Saturday and we wanted to provide support for those who needed a boost to both their physical and mental health," he said. "Over the tenure of the centre we have attracted over 14 thousand attendances and that is a wonderful success."

Mr Simmons acknowledged the valued support of Simon and Ann Cuzens, Rotary District 9800, Rotary Clubs of Ringwood and Brunswick, The Salvation Army, Helen Macpherson Smith Trust, Murrindindi Shire Council, Department of Human Services, Regional Development Victoria and YMCA Open Doors.

The success of YMCA Marysville will be celebrated with a Free Family Fun Day at the centre between 12pm and 2pm on Saturday 22 December with highlights including a BBQ, games and a Jumping Castle.

Christmas Opening Hours

Monday 24 December 7:00am – 9.30am
Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day Closed
Wednesday 26 December 7.00am to 9:30am
Thursday 27 December 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Friday 28 December 7:00am – 9.30am
Saturday 29 December 9:00am – 12:00noon
Sunday 30 December – Closed
Monday 31 December 7:00am – 9.30am



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CREATIVE TRIANGLE

Now in recess and gatherings will
resume from the first
Thursday in February 2013 at But-
ters in Buxton from 1pm.

We wish all a happy and safe
Christmas / New Year.

New members always welcome
Enquiries to Alice 5774 7606

What's on When in December

Friday 14th - Youth Impact @ 86 Falls Rd -6pm—8pm (see notice)
Saturday 15th - Family Fun Day @ Eildon Pondage - 12pm (see notice)
Sunday 16 - Carols by Candlelight - Marysville
Thursday 20 - CFA Narbethong - Meeting 8.00pm
- CFA Buxton - Training 7.00pm

Mon Jan 7, 2013 - Narbethong Progress Assoc. Meeting at Hall - 7.30pm

Tues Jan 8, 2013 - Narbethong History Group Meeting at Hall - 10.00am

Sun Feb 3, 2013 - CFA Buxton - Meeting 9.00 am

Thurs Feb 14, 2013 - Buxton Recreation Reserve - Public Meeting - 7.30pm

PUBLIC NOTICE COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES



At its Ordinary meeting of Council on 26 November 2012, Council
adopted the following Allowances:

Mayoral Allowance	\$53,684 plus 9% superannuation
Councillor Allowance	\$17,969 plus 9% superannuation

The Victorian Government sets upper and lower limits for allowances
paid to Councillors and Mayors and the above allowances fall within the
range set for Category 1 councils. Murrindindi Shire Council is a Cate-
gory 1 council. Mayors are entitled to receive a higher allowance.

Public submissions in relation to Council's initial allowance determina-
tion are invited under section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (the
Act)*.

A person has a right under section 223 of the *Local Government Act
1989* to make a submission to Council on Councillor Allowances. Sub-
missions must be submitted by no later than 5pm on Friday 11 January
2013.

A person making a submission is entitled to request in the submission
that the person wishes to appear in person, or to be represented by a
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and place of the meeting of the Council or of a committee determined by
the Council to hear submissions.

Further details on Councillor Allowances can be obtained by contacting
the Manager Corporate Services on (03) 5772 0333.

Submissions should be marked "Councillor Allowances" and addressed
to the Chief Executive Officer, Murrindindi Shire Council, P.O. Box 138,
Alexandra, 3714 or emailed to msc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

The Council report on Allowances can be found on our website
www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au under the heading "News and Public No-
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Margaret Abbey
Chief Executive Officer

Marysville Community Market

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Thanks Patricia

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Black Saturday destroyed the Salon but she was one of the first to put up her hand to reopen the business in late 2009.

We have enjoyed a very happy relationship through all that period, and admired your positive attitude and 'stickability'. We understand that *Pats Hairdressing on the Walk* will now become *Pats Hairdressing on the Run* !.

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An Emotions Anonymous International

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Marysville Hotel and Conference Centre Construction & Trades Information Session



This FREE session is a follow on from the open day that was held on site on 18 November. Construction and trades professionals wanting to know more about the development of the Marysville Hotel and Conference Centre and the processes and timeframes involved are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday 18 December

5pm (view the plans) for a 5.30pm start until 7.00pm

Marysville Community Centre

Falls Road, Marysville

Project Processes

Construction timelines and processes – Melbourne Civic City Property, Toga Pty Ltd and Metier3 Architects
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Quality Management Systems and Occupational Health and Safety requirements

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Creating your business profile and writing winning words
Designing referee and reputation statements
Getting ready to prepare an expression of interest

Light refreshments will follow.

Please register your attendance with Jess Lucas at Murrindindi Shire Council on 5772 0318 or jilucas@murrindindi.vic.gov.au by 5.00pm Monday 17 December.

This is an initiative of the Marysville & District Chamber of Commerce and Murrindindi Shire Council.

**Kidz Bizz - Youth Impact
Christmas Treat
Friday December 14th
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**88 Falls Road
Ph:- Conrad or Ruth
59633398 (0404869582)
Cost ??? (ZILCH)**

**Family Fellowship Fun Day
Saturday 15th December
Commencing at 12 p.m.
Rotunda at the Pondage
Eildon, Pondage
BBQ-Carol Singing-Quizz
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Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 16th December

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Pastor Ivor Jones: 03 5963 3623
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Councillor Comment

Leaving half full cups of cold tea precariously on the edge of every hard surface at home has become yet another of my foibles these last four weeks, as I come to terms with the busy life of a ward Councillor. And while Phil (with some firmness) suggests I put them in the kitchen sink as I'm stepping into the car and waving goodbye, I'm reminded of Mason Cooley's quote: 'No chaos, no creation.'

I have been heartily congratulated, warmly greeted, formalised, inducted, orientated and the task of 'Educating Christine' has begun. I've been to community meetings where we've discussed community participation, events, infrastructure, parks, services, business, tourism and new projects. It's evident we're together all facing a tougher economic future, one that will require us to deliver more for less cost and therefore to commit to fundamentally change the way we plan and organise our relevant businesses and services and apply solutions to problems. We may also need to revitalise our expectations.

While this may sound alarming at first, it needn't be. According to a report prepared by the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government entitled *Innovation, Ingenuity and Initiative*, all of us are potential innovators. Innovation is about better ideas and creating new value, rather than just "... automating practices of the past." It goes hand in hand with resourcefulness, ingenuity and initiative. The report is reassuring in that so much can be achieved without a significant commitment of resources.

"Innovation is the successful adoption and application of new ideas. It is the foundation of the market economy where firms compete to attract new customers and retain existing ones. It can also relate to the way organisations engage with clients, acquire materials, recruit and contract with staff, undertake manufacture and deliver products and services to end users and execute marketing and promotion plans. It can extend across the whole value chain."

In summary, the report suggests we develop skills, cleverness and know-how; that we create working environments that encourage partnerships and collaboration; that we examine opportunities, with an emphasis on ingenuity and thinking 'outside the square' and that we strengthen our networks for exchange of information and knowledge capability. It talks about "ideas driven innovation which relate to new products and services" and "demand driven innovation which can meet expectations in new ways to deliver high value".

Mark Twain said a person with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds. Let's all put out the call for 'cranks' to please step forward with their new ideas as we proceed with enthusiasm and passion to promote and thoughtfully progress all things Murrindindi.

Cr Christine Challen – Cathedral Ward

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INSTALLATION OF WILDFLOWER PLAQUES

Triangle Art Group Inc. (TAG), are delighted to announce that work has begun on the low-seat wall that will display the wildflower plaques.

Post Black Saturday fires, TAG organised several community arts' projects. One of these projects saw the creation of terracotta plaques, based on illustrations of local wildflowers by Alice Talbot, designed & produced by Jeanette Jennings. Carving of the flowers onto the plaques was carried out by many people in the local community, over several months.

After many hours of consultation & discussion, Liz Welch (Community Arts Officer) has had plans drawn-up & accepted by council, to install the plaques in a low-seat wall in Settler's Park. It is anticipated that the plaques will be placed on the wall early in the New Year. If you have any queries regarding this project please contact Diane Gaylard ph 59633277 or Lisa Nolte ph.0431450160.



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Last night at the community meeting addressing changes at the Alexandra Library, I was very frustrated in not being able to respond to many of the points raised by various speakers. This was because the changes to the Library, aimed at making operations more efficient and save money as part of the Services Review directly affect individual staff, and in accordance with the principles established under our Enterprise Agreement, and upheld by Fair Work Australia, the confidentiality of those discussions must be maintained.

This is an example of the change for Councilors when they come from a background of protest with a desire to reform. There are many additional rules and regulations under which they must act. There are formalized financial constraints that must be adhered to. We can't as was suggested last night "forget the

money". Similarly we are duty bound to consider the impacts of decisions on the whole community not just particular sections of the Shire and individuals. It is a balancing act that takes time (often another cause of frustration) and the outcomes are not always palatable at an individual level.

The changes to the Library Service are aimed at providing existing services in the most efficient manner and maintaining the funding for programs. Ideally operational reviews would have started years ago and improvements in work practices gradually implemented.

But our financial situation now dictates that we must make abrupt changes not just in the libraries but across the board and implementing such a 15 year leap is not easy.

Two Councils now, have grappled with the necessity to make savings in the libraries. All 12 Councilors involved have recognized the valuable contribution that our staff have made to the community but have also recognized that we could not afford to continue in the way we have been going. The current Council remains committed to maintaining existing services and program funding.

Cr John Walsh, Koriella Ward

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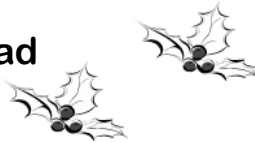
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Small businesses are now better prepared

Small business operators in the Murrindindi Shire and the broader business community now have a useful tool to assist them in preparing and recovering from a potential disaster.

While the threat of disaster is not something businesses normally have in their forward planning, 'Are you Ready?.....surviving small business disaster' is a unique publication aimed at ensuring businesses put disaster management in their business plans.

Mayor John Walsh has supported the new publication and its intent to help small businesses to better plan and prepare.

"The book offers small business operators a comprehensive and simple series of checklists, tools and templates to assist in identifying and mitigating potential threats to their business. Whether the disaster is of a natural or man-made occurrence, this resource will form a vital part of their disaster preparedness and recovery plans", said Cr. Walsh.

'Are you Ready?.....surviving small business disaster' has been co written by Anthony Turner and Sandra Slatter, who both have firsthand experience in dealing with business recovery in the aftermath of a disaster. Anthony and Sandra spent over 3 years working with the many communities affected by the 2009 bushfires and Victorian floods, acting as business advisers in areas including the Kinglake Ranges and Marysville.

Having worked with more than 1200 independent business owners, Anthony and Sandra were shocked to discover that no businesses had a Disaster Recovery Plan before the bushfire event.

"We were frustrated by the lack of plain language resources available to help small businesses with disaster recovery or planning, so we decided to create a guide that is written and designed specifically for small to medium sized businesses, based on real life experience. It provides real examples of issues faced by those impacted by disaster," Mrs Slatter said.

Mayor Walsh has praised Sandra Slatter's involvement in producing the book. "In her role as one of two business recovery officers in the Economic Development team at Murrindindi Shire Council, Sandra was instrumental in assisting businesses getting back on their feet following the 2009 fires. Sandra has a very real insight into the needs of businesses and the book contains information supplied by those who have witnessed great hardship first hand, but have come back strong in their business sense and acumen – the results of which our community benefits from today", said Cr. Walsh.

'Are you Ready?.....surviving small business disaster' is available for purchase from www.areuready.com.au/, and the authors plan to follow the book's launch with a series of seminars and workshops. Details on these events can also be found at www.areuready.com.au/

Photograph L-R: Book launch: Anthony Turner (author), Jutta Misselhorn (Small business owner), Sandra Slatter (author), Dr Rob Gordon (consulting psychologist), Mr David Southwick MP (member for Caulfield), Bob Elkington (Manager Economic Development - Murrindindi Shire Council).



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Marysville Golf Report

It has been a busy few weeks for the Marysville golfers as they hosted events such as the 27 Hole Men's Championship, The Drummond Club Golf Day, and the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters.

The Wednesday mixed competition was cancelled as only a few golfers turned up and they decided to play a social game.

The Thursday nine holers played stroke on the front nine holes and the winner was Graham Page with nett 32 followed by Dave Phillips with nett 33. Bob Emblin won the putting with 12 putts and Ron Denmead won the nearest the pin with his tee shot on the 4th hole.

Despite the heat last Saturday a good number of golfers played a stroke round for the monthly medal. The men also played for the Medal of Medalists which was won by Joe Tricarico (18) with nett 68. The December monthly medal was keenly contested and was won by Dean Connell (18) with nett 67 on a count back from Ray Jones and Alan Howard. The ladies medal winner was Heather Jenkins (30) with nett 75 with Lesley Rundle (29) runner up with nett 76. The nearest the pins were won by Rebecca Lee, Yewls Kuan and Sean Williams. A number of visitors played in the Saturday competition and after play players from The Bandits Club, Albury/Wodonga and Torquay were welcomed.

On Friday 14th December the ladies will celebrate the end of their golfing year by playing nine holes at Eildon Golf Club and sharing a picnic lunch in a private garden in Thornton.

Next Saturday the men will play a stableford round. The ladies will play a stroke round for the Medal of Medalists and the final of the Barton Cup.

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Free mulch loading is expected this weekend

Council's popular free mulch loading day that was scheduled on Saturday December 8, will now take place in the New Year.

Saturday's total fire ban day resulted in Council closing the Alexandra and Marysville transfer stations as part of its fire prevention policy.

Weather permitting, scheduled times for this weekend will proceed as advertised.

The scheduled times are:

Eildon Transfer Station – Saturday 15 December 2012 from
10am to 12 noon

Yea Transfer Station – Saturday 15 December 2012 from
1:30pm to 3:30pm

While mulch is free from the shire's transfer stations across the year, you normally have to fill up your trailer yourself, but this weekend, Council staff will have the loader ready to have you back on the road in minutes at Eildon and Yea.

On the weekend Council staff will assist in loading mulch into car boots, trailers, utes, trucks (no limits), however please note that the service will be provided on a first come basis.

The opportunity to get free mulch is also proving popular at Kinglake, with only small reserves available at the moment.

INSTALLATION OF WILDFLOWER PLAQUES

Triangle Art Group Inc. (TAG), are delighted to announce that work has begun on the low-seat wall that will display the wildflower plaques.

Post Black Saturday fires, TAG organised several community arts' projects. One of these projects saw the creation of terracotta plaques, based on illustrations of local wildflowers by Alice Talbot, designed & produced by Jeanette Jennings. Carving of the flowers onto the plaques was carried out by many people in the local community, over several months.

After many hours of consultation & discussion, Liz Welch (Community Arts Officer) has had plans drawn-up & accepted by council, to install the plaques in a low-seat wall in Settler's Park. It is anticipated that the plaques will be placed on the wall early in the New Year. If you have any queries regarding this project please contact Diane Gaylard ph 59633277 or Lisa Nolte ph.0431450160.



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Unpalatable super call will be paid early

Murrindindi Shire Council will use accrued funds from its Long Service Leave (LSL) Reserve to meet its Superannuation Defined Benefits Plan liability payments.

Mayor John Walsh said the unpalatable expense could not be avoided by the Council who will continue to lobby for a more equitable outcome for councils when it comes to liability calls.

The early payment of the \$1.9 million will see Council save some \$26,000 through interest savings.

"The super call is state-wide and it is a huge impost on councils, none more so than smaller rural councils such as Murrindindi Shire Council," Cr Walsh said. We have advocated for changes in terms of the calls and we have spoken at length to the Vision Super officers in terms of timing of future calls – which we hope will not eventuate.

"However we have explored a range of options in meeting our current commitments and by utilising our cash reserves in the first instance we believe will have the best outcome for our ratepayers."

Cr Walsh said while Long Service Funds would be committed now, Council would make provision to replenish the funds during the 2013-14 budget process.

Council will also support an approach from the Glenelg Shire Council seeking to:

Pursue exemptions on Scheme contributions in respect to the federal contributions tax and State Workcover liabilities.

Make a financial contribution to a legal fund to seek independent legal advice to identify possible options to limit the likelihood of a future call to fund the Defined Benefits Scheme.

Request Rural Councils Victoria (RCV), regional Cities Victoria and/or the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) to pursue the exemptions on scheme contributions and to facilitate the legal fund and seek the legal advice on behalf of contributing councils.

"I can assure our ratepayers that Council has expressed its utmost disappointment to the State Government during the recent Alexandra visit by the Minister for Local Government in terms of the unfunded liability and we will continue to support the Municipal Association of Victoria and our regional counterparts in trying to limit calls into the future.

"We are faced with different playing fields in terms of the unfunded liability, with the state and federal governments avoiding such calls, while the onus on Local Government to pay will always fall back to the ratepayer which we believe is unfair and unpalatable," Cr Walsh said.

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The survey is part of a study being undertaken by Local Government Authorities and the Alpine Resorts in the North East of the State to identify existing and future walking, cycling, and horse riding tracks and trails in the region.

Council's General Manager Sustainability Michael Chesworth is in support of the survey and its key focus.

"The aim of the study is to achieve a list of trail developments, improvements and initiatives across the North East region which can be presented to, and worked on by a range of partners including Federal, State and Local Government, as well as community groups and the private sector.

"Already 400 people throughout the region have completed the survey with most of the respondents being males aged between 40-69 who ride bicycles. The researchers are also keen to hear from walkers and horse riders", said Mr. Chesworth.

"The ultimate goal is to attract a greater share of the growing visitor market of trail users and to provide them with a high quality experience that will encourage them to return in the future. The Murrindindi Shire plays host to a significant stretch of the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail and the early stage of the National Bicentennial Trail which are proving to be a popular draw card for visitors and showcases our wonderful natural assets.

"Increasing the number of trail users to our towns will help support our local traders and tourism operators and provide an economic boost to our district," said Mr Chesworth.

The survey can be accessed by visiting: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XBPDQJ9>. For further information about the study, please contact Wendy Holland at communityvibe on 0438 433 555 or wendy@communityvibe.com.au.



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Monday 24 December 2012	9am – 3pm
Tuesday 25 December 2012	CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December 2012	CLOSED
Thursday 27 December 2012	9am – 5pm (reduced services)
Friday 28 December 2012	9am – 5pm (reduced services)
Saturday 29 December 2012	CLOSED
Monday 31 December 2012	9am – 5pm (reduced services)
Tuesday 1 January 2013	CLOSED
Wednesday 2 January 2013	Normal office hours re- sume

Alexandra Library and Mobile Library:

Monday 24 December 2012	OPEN
Tuesday 25 December 2012	CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December 2012	CLOSED
Thursday 27 December 2012	CLOSED
Friday 28 December 2012	CLOSED
Monday 31 December	CLOSED
Tuesday 1 January 2013	CLOSED
Wednesday January 2, 2013	CLOSED

Maternal & Child Health Centers:

Monday 24 December 2012	CLOSED
Tuesday 25 December 2012	CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December 2012	CLOSED
Thursday 27 December 2012	CLOSED
Friday 28 December 2012	CLOSED
Monday 31 December	OPEN
Tuesday 1 January 2013	CLOSED

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Sun 23 Dec 2012	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	9am – 3pm
Mon 24 Dec 2012	10am – 12noon	Closed	Closed	1pm – 3pm	Closed
Tues 25 Dec 2012	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed 26 Dec 2012	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thurs 27 Dec 2012	Closed	12noon – 3pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fri 28 Dec 2012	10am – 12noon	Closed	Closed	1pm - 3pm	Closed
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Monday 24 December 2012	Normal schedule
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Wednesday 26 December 2012	Tuesday schedule
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Friday 28 December 2012	Thursday schedule
Saturday 29 December 2012	Friday schedule
Monday 31 December 2012	Normal schedule
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Marysville and Triangle Region a very Happy Christmas
and Wonderful New Year. We look forward to an
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Thankyou to all our Volunteers for their assistance in the
continuing of the Marysville Lake Mountain Information Centre.

MMT Executive



Gallipoli Park
Precinct

Committee of Management

The next general meeting of the will
be held on **Tuesday 18th December**
(note change - normally held on the
4th Tuesday of each month).

The meeting will be held at the usual
time - i.e. 5.30pm in the downstairs
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Members of the public are invited to
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