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Friday March 22nd 2013

President Neil Guscott

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## BUSY WEEKEND FOR MARYSVILLE

Following the very successful World's Longest Lunch which was held lakeside in Gallipoli Park on Friday, two other large events were also held at the Gallipoli Park Precinct.

On Saturday night, the CFA held their Presentation Night in the function room of the Community Centre.

Approximately 60 friends and relatives of Brigade members were present to witness the presentation of Unit Citation Awards and Service Medals.

The presentations were made by Mr Euan Ferguson, CFA's Chief Officer, pictured below with Travis Gleeson.



Other members to receive awards / service medals were Michael Gleeson, John Ratcliffe, Chris Gleeson, Chris Haden, Pauline Harrow, Mark Hamdorf, Patrick Flannagan, David Evans, Glen Fiske, Norman Fiske, Kellan Fiske, John Malcolm, Stewart Potter, Richard Uden and Sue Gleeson.

The other large event was the World's Greatest Shave in aid of the Leukaemia Foundation held in the park near the lake.

The organisers were surprised and thrilled with the number of people who came and participated on the day.

Team Optimistic would like to thank all those who supported



the World's Greatest Shave with \$14,443.10 being raised for the cause.

Congratulations to those brave enough to lose their hair for this great Foundation.

Pictured above are Kate, left and Leah as the hairdresser was about to start.

Below, the job finished, from left Leah, David Ray (primary school student) and Kate.

Special congratulations to David!



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**What's on When in March & April**

Thursday 21	- Narbethong CFA - Meeting @ 8pm
Sunday 24	- Marysville Community Market
Thursday 28	- Triangle Community Dance Group, 7pm Buxton Hall
Friday 29	- GOOD FRIDAY - see page 4 for Church Service times
Sunday 31	- EASTER SUNDAY
Monday <b>April</b> 1	- Marysville Community EASTER Market - note change
	- Narbethong Progress Assoc - Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 2	- SES Training 7.30pm
Wednesday 3	- Lions Business Meeting 7pm
Sunday 7	- CFA Buxton - Meeting 9.00am
Tuesday 9	- Narbethong History Group - Meeting 10.00am
Sunday 14	- Marysville Community Market
Wednesday 17	- Lions Dinner Meeting



**Gallipoli Park Precinct**  
**Committee of Management**

The next general meeting of the will be held on **Tuesday 26th March** and  
is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

The meetings are held at 5.30pm in the upstairs function room of the  
Community Centre.

Members of the public are invited to attend all meetings.

Bookings for community rooms and stadium are to be made on:

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Following recent golfing events such as The Murrindindi Masters, The Golf Victoria Women's Business Network Tournament and the Lakeside Challenge golf at Marysville returned to normal last Saturday with members playing a stroke round. The competition fees were donated to the Alexandra Red Cross Patient Transport Service.

The men's winner was Geoff Ferguson (19) with nett 68 on a count back from Ken Whittingham (25). The ladies winner was Helen Howard (21) with nett 72 followed by Beverley Bellman (27) with nett 78. The nearest the pins were won by Nick Williamson, Steve Kreuger, and Dean Connell.

The Thursday nine holers played stableford on the back nine holes and Dave Phillips won with 17 points followed by Bob Emblin one point behind. Rob Christie won the nearest the pin with his 3<sup>rd</sup> shot to the 15<sup>th</sup> hole.

Last Thursday Lesley Rundle and Liz Amos played in the Woodend Bowl. We congratulate the Woodend ladies for winning their own Bowl on the challenging course and thank them for their hospitality. Also on Thursday Beverley Bellman, Jenny Coleman and Robert Coleman played in the Dalhousie Veterans' event at Alexandra Golf Club. Well played Beverley (27) for winning the ladies section with 38 stableford points. Next Thursday some ladies will travel to Kilmore to play in the Kilmore Ladies Bowl.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March the Marysville lady golfers and friends are playing a nine hole 3 person ambrose game teeing off at 5.30pm. After play they will retire to the clubhouse and join the weekly Friday night Community Happy Hour. All local and visiting lady golfers are welcome to join in this fun event-just turn up! Next Saturday both the men and ladies will play a stableford game.

Good Golfing.  
LR.

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Father in Law of Trevor, Jane and  
Kim.

Loved Grandfather of Luke, Neil,  
Jaclyn, Suzannah, Nicole and their  
Partners. Great Grandfather to  
Tahlia and Eva.

Sense of humour till the end. Now  
gone fishing. Funeral Murrindindi  
Chapel. Johnson St. Alexandra.  
Wednesday 3PM.

**Anglican Parish  
Marysville/Buxton  
Church Service Times**

**For Easter**

**Good Friday – Buxton only  
Holy Communion 9.00am  
Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Holy Communion – Buxton 9.00am  
Marysville 10.30am**

**Sincere Thanks to The Buxton Memorial Hall Committee.**

On behalf of the Members and Adherents of the Mt. Cathedral Community Baptist Church I would like to acknowledge our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Hall Committee for making the Memorial Hall available to us over the past 14 years.

Apart from the last 18 months and the year immediately following the Black Saturday Fires we have enjoyed the privilege of the Committee's support in the full use of the Hall and facilities for Sunday Services.

Since the Fires the majority of our members and adherents are drawn from a wider demographic area of which Taggerty is central, hence the Members have decided to continue to use The Taggerty Hall for our Church services for the foreseeable future.

Having been Pastor of the Church for almost 6 years I personally, along with my wife Yvonne, acknowledge with grateful thanks the full Cooperation of all those concerned both Committee and the Buxton Community.

We have certainly not deserted the area (Yvonne and I still live in Marysville!) and regardless where in the Triangle folk live

We are available and the Church is Open to all. We are only 5 minutes away and all are most welcome !!

**Remember too, that all the other local denominations have worship services of a Sunday and are listed in the Church notices.**

Pastor Ivor Jones.

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Second Sunday  
Buxton only - 9.00 am

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Buxton - 9.00 am

Marysville - 10.30 am

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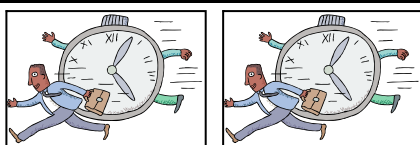
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There will be no change to kerbside garbage collection over the Easter period, however Council's transfer stations will be closed Good Friday.

Please note that transfer stations will close on days of Total Fire Ban.

Council's after hours emergency contact numbers are as follows:

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Murrindindi Shire Council

**Rehabilitation of Break O'Day Road Glenburn  
Tenders**

**Contract No: 24/13/1340-1**

Murrindindi Shire Council invites tenders for the rehabilitation of Break O'Day Road, Glenburn.

The specification and tender document can be downloaded from Council's website [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) under the tender link. A hard copy of the document can be obtained from Jan French on 03 5772 0352 for a fee of \$110.

Technical inquiries regarding these works should be directed to David Vaea on 0409 838 945.

Tenders close at midday 29 March 2013.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Margaret Abbey  
Chief Executive Officer

**NARBETHONG HISTORY GROUP**

**Narbethong History Book Progress**

The Narbethong History Book is now in late editing stage. Chapters were finalised late last year and the content is being polished.

While we welcome new material for future consideration, at present the Editor is only conducting minor corrections.

The Publisher has been selected and is awaiting final copy. The History Book will be more than 400 pages despite all attempts to condense it without compromising the story.

The History Book being produced by the Narbethong History Group is a not-for-profit venture, auspiced by and all profits going to Narbethong Progress Association to benefit Narbethong community.

In response to a question asked many times: we do not yet have an official Book Launch date. This will be announced before long.

For enquiries or pre-orders, please contact

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## Councillor comment

Since my last column, there has been much to do - not the least the preparatory work for the Council Plan. This is required by legislation to be completed by 30 June of our first year together with the Strategic Resource Plan and the 2013-2014 Budget. It's quite a challenge in terms of getting up to speed with the necessary content and understanding, however, now that we each have a portfolio responsibility this helps to give a sharper focus on how we might view the future.

My portfolio is Land Use Planning - a short phrase spanning huge content which is integral to almost everything we plan and do as a shire and as communities. Changes foreshadowed by the Minister for Planning will further inform future directions and hopefully enable the type of framework we would like to see.

Your input into the Vision 2030 workshop last year is informing the thinking and planning that is underway and part of our vision is to see us develop into a shire where flexibility of opportunity can grow in tandem with maintaining the quality of lifestyle that we all appreciate.

Growing our business, educational and employment opportunities as well as our communities will lead to future sustainability, and by working together collaboratively I am confident that we can make significant achievements in that direction.

There is much work being undertaken with our communities in devel-

oping our Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and Positive Ageing Plan - both of which will contribute to long-term beneficial outcomes and supporting quality of life issues.

Over the coming weeks there will be a number of opportunities for you to contribute to this planning process. I encourage you to read the documents as they become available and to contribute your ideas and comments.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the wonderful work that has been done in getting the Yea Cemetery Shelter project to completion. The project which has been funded by the Melbourne Water Regional Benefits Grant Program has two parts - the newly completed shelter and the installation of a watering system in the new lawn area. The shelter will provide much needed protection from the weather all year round and will form a key location for memorial services as well as a place to sit and reflect. The shelter will be officially opened by Member for Seymour Cindy McLeish at 3pm on Monday 25 March.

I trust you will all have an enjoyable Easter break - and take care on the roads as we head into a busy season.

Cr Margaret Rae  
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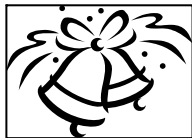
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## Council looks to reduce its carbon footprint

Reducing Murrindindi Shire Council's carbon footprint is one of the key objectives of its Environment Strategy and work has started on determining how energy savings can be made.

Council has hosted an energy efficiency engineer to review energy use and practices at Council's Alexandra offices and buildings. Community centres in Kinglake and Marysville will also be included.

Mayor John Walsh said Council had a real desire to reduce its energy use and to look at alternate ways of savings.

"Through the support of the State Government we have employed the skills of an energy auditor to look at our operations at Council's main office in Perkins Street, the Alexandra Library, the Shire Hall, the former CFA shed located on Webster Street as well as the Marysville and Kinglake Community Centres," Cr Walsh said.

"The audit has taken into account the building envelope (windows, doors, walls and roofs etc.), the use of particular lighting, efficiency of cooling and heating systems and general power use across the Alexandra administration operations.

"Council has a responsibility to protect and enhance our environment and we seek to achieve this by making corporate actions more sustainable and supporting the community to develop more sustainable practices, importantly by adapting to a changing climate.

"We also have a responsibility to ensure our buildings run as efficiently as possible, and any energy and water saving measures we can make will help to save dollars on operating costs.

"A video presentation outlining what we found and how we can fix it will help to communicate how energy and water savings measures can be achieved."

The audit was conducted by Melbourne-based CarbonetiX. The company has been auditing buildings since 2002 and boasts a team of qualified engineers, certified by the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

The next stage of the audit will include onsite assessments of energy and water use at Marysville Community Centre and Kinglake Community Centre. Council will then work with CarbonetiX to develop the project documentary.

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## Pools prove popular across summer period

Youth events, swimming carnivals, football training and private parties contributed to more than 14,500 people attending Murrindindi Shire's four public pools across the 17 week swimming season.

Council's community services portfolio spokesman Cr Andrew Derwent said the figures were pleasing.

"We encourage community groups to use our pools for events, functions and training and, have had a positive response to that campaign," Cr Derwent said.

"The purchase of two large pool toys ... what can be described as a giant doughnut and a water see-saw ... were also popular among patrons."

It was also the first time a permanent season ticket pass system was introduced.

"We introduced a new season ticket this season and, while there were some initial teething problems, it certainly added to the ease in which patrons could attend the pools," Cr Derwent said.

"While we have ironed out hiccups of the ticketing system, it has meant that our figures are slightly out and our patronage is a little larger than the official 14 538 we have on our system. The good news is that we know that we had plenty of people patronise the pools."

This year across the shire, pools were privately hired on three occasions – two birthdays and a get together.

Other user groups include primary and secondary schools, Yea Football Club, Marysville Guides, after school care in Yea, Alexandra Cubs, FReeZA and the wriggly fish program participants. The Alexandra Redfins and Yea Water Tiger Swimming Clubs were once again main users of the swimming pools promoting health, fitness and friendly competition across all ages and swimming abilities.

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## SURVEY SHAPES SITING AND CHARACTERISTICS OF BUSHFIRE MEMORIALS

Two memorial concepts to commemorate the 2009 bushfire will be developed across Murrindindi Shire.

Based on feedback received from the Murrindindi Bushfire Memorials Working Group, as part of its extensive consultation process, a design brief is being prepared that will see two regional memorials to be sited in Marysville and Kinglake to represent the broader impact of the fires on either side of the shire, as well as several 'Local Memorials' to be sited in communities where lives were lost.

The local memorials will be more intimate markers for community remembrance.

Mayor John Walsh said the concept was sound and based on community input and feedback.

"All communities have been affected in different ways and each bereaved community wanted a place in their area where they can go and remember loved ones. However the regional memorials were also seen as important sites in which to tell the story of the fires to locals and visitors, now and for future generations," Cr Walsh said.

The function of the regional memorials is to acknowledge the broader impact of the fires on communities and to provide a space for larger memorial events.

The Working Group has also recommended that all names of the deceased be included in the two regional memorials unless families wish otherwise.

Preferred sites have been identified for the central Memorials at Marysville and Kinglake. The sites for local memorials have also been identified in Narbethong, Kinglake Central/Pheasant Creek and Kinglake West. These will be announced once approvals have been received.

The siting of the Flowerdale/Hazeldene and Toolangi / Castella memorials is still under discussion, with a community meeting to take place on Sunday 7 April and Thursday 11 April respectively. The agenda of these meetings is to discuss all recommended sites and to agree on the most appropriate one for these areas.

In terms of the memorials themselves, survey respondents were asked whether names of the deceased should be included in the design.

Most agreed that the names of people who have died should be included. However around 20 per cent did not agree and on this basis the working group has recommended that an opt-out option be offered for those who do not wish their loved ones names to be incorporated into the memorials.

Families who wish to discuss this option are asked to call Jenny Branton on 0417 532 344 or Steve Pascoe on 0407 326 770.

Respondents also felt strongly that the loss of pets, wildlife, the environment and property should be acknowledged in the memorials, as well as ongoing impacts on communities.

Another request was that the many people who contributed to the fire response effort and recovery should also be recognised by the memorials. This has been incorporated into the design brief. It is the recommendation of the Working Group that the two regional memorials be the appropriate sites for the telling of these stories.

The survey responses were unanimous in requesting that the memorials should reflect the beauty of the natural environment, and the resilience of the local community – and that the design should be simple, enduring and evocative, to allow quiet contemplation.

On this basis, the Working Group has determined that the bushfire memorials will be "respectful places that commemorate the loss of life, of livelihood, of home, of friends and community and of treasured landscapes wrought by the devastation of the 2009 bushfires".

The findings of this survey can be found on the Memorials project web-site: <http://murrindindibushfirememorials.wordpress.com>

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR MEMORIAL SITE SELECTION

#### Flowerdale/ Hazeldene Community Meeting

**When:** Sunday 7 April 2:00pm

**Where:** Community House, Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

**Agenda:** Flowerdale/ Hazeldene **Memorial Site Selection**

Possible locations under consideration are Moores Road Reserve and The Triangle site adjacent to the Hazeldene Store.

**If there are other sites you wish to recommend please call: Tim Hart on 0438 133 911 prior to the meeting.**

#### Castella/Toolangi Community Meeting

**When:** Thursday 11 April 7:30pm

**Where:** C J Dennis Community Hall

**Agenda:** Castella/Toolangi Memorial Site Selection

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## Council encourages inclusiveness feedback: Survey extended

Murrindindi Shire Council has extended a community survey that will be a key driver in developing an Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

The survey has been targeted at key stakeholders and those in our community who will receive most benefit from the initiative.

Cr Andrew Derwent - Community Services portfolio – said the survey had been open for a month and while there had been a reasonable response, Council was looking for a greater community contribution.

“We have had two surveys running concurrently, one aimed at community members that have disability or mobility issues and we are also seeking the important feedback of carers,” Cr Derwent said.

“While we have had around 20 responses across the board, we are seeking broader community feedback. To provide people with the opportunity to take part we have now extended the survey until Thursday 28 March.”

The surveys have been delivered to key groups and organisations that will be the conduit for distributing the documents, and copies of the survey are available from Council’s offices in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea and can be downloaded from Council’s website.”

The survey can be found at [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) under the Public Comment section.

The survey includes questions around service provision, mobility and how people are treated in the community. It needs to be returned to Council by 28 March 2013.



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After the 2009 fires and the subsequent timber salvage operation, there should have been a review of the environmental impacts to determine changes to harvesting operations and protected areas.

Unfortunately that review didn't take place and I believe that has been a root cause for much of the conflict we have seen over the past few years.

At the annual general meeting of Timber Towns last week, Cr Christine Challen and I were pleased to be advised by Gary Blackwood MP, the Parliamentary Secretary for Forests and Fisheries, that habitat reviews are now underway.

The initial focus is on endangered species including Leadbeater's Possum and the work is being undertaken by both departmental and external conservationists. Hopefully their work

will provide a basis from which harvesting plans and forest use agreements will be developed that meet the concerns of all parties.

I have recently had the pleasure of meeting again and talking with Jan Smith, the driving force behind the rejuvenation of the small town of Girgarre.

The Girgarre Development Group won the Regional Victoria Community Achievement Award - Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award - last year just pipping out the Alexandra Truck, Rod and Ute Show.

Jan and her team have a good philosophy of mutual obligation when it comes to grants and other funding received by the community.

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## NATIONAL TOURISM GRANT TO BOOST MARYSVILLE INDUSTRY

Marysville has again been confirmed as one of Australia's top tourism destinations following the successful application by local accommodation venue, the Tower Motel, for a \$194,000 grant from the federal government.

The Tower Motel is one of 65 projects Australia-wide to be funded through Round One of the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund (TIRF) grants program. The funding will allow the Motel to undertake an upgrade of all rooms, build a new Activity Centre, retail shop and reception, and construct a roof deck that will provide visitors with amazing mountain views.

Owner of the Tower Motel, David Stirling, said he and his partner, Leanne, were still in shock after receiving the news that their application had been successful.

"We are so pleased and excited that our project has been acknowledged in this way and see it as another positive step towards rebuilding and further boosting the Marysville tourism industry," David said.

"We will use the grant to help us achieve our vision for the motel, which is to provide modern, deluxe accommodation that gives a good first impression from the moment visitors enter the building, and adds to the overall visitor experience. We plan on supporting local producers through our shop front to give people a true 'taste' of Marysville and surrounds, while the roof deck will allow guests to soak up the relaxing Marysville atmosphere and take in the mountain views."

"We thank the government for providing this grant and look forward to further enhancing the tourism experience for visitors to our area," he said.

Murrindindi Shire Councillor, Christine Challen, said the grant was an example of a strong collaborative effort, which had achieved a very positive result for the region.

"The owners of the business, Council and the Marysville and Surrounds Marketing and Events project manager worked together to provide a quality application and the outcome speaks for itself," Cr Challen said.

"We look forward to seeing the Tower Motel improvements over the coming months and to visitors enjoying the local products and services it will have on offer in the near future."

The project is scheduled to commence in the second half of 2013 with an expected completion by the end of 2014.

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