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Friday April 5th 2013

President Neil Guscott

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The Australian Steelband Festival is only a week or so away.

This week, Pans on Fire and Hot Pans strutted their stuff in Alexandra for the Easter Fair.

The audience was quite large and gave us a good feel for what we will be facing next Saturday week for the Panorama playoffs. Here's an idea of what you can see and do at the Festival.

On Saturday, From 9.30 am visitors are encouraged to adopt a band and cheer on the hotly contested Panorama Play-offs. This competition will see one band take out the title of Australian Steelband Champion, 2013. There are food stalls open all day and into the night offering a variety of styles. There are a couple of experienced market caterers showcasing Caribbean flavours and for something special, try a Trinidadian cocktail from our own Villains Footy Club Bar. Be sure to be ready Saturday evening for the Jumpin' Calypso Party – Doors open from 6.30pm.

Your festival pass is all you need to get in and kids can come for free.

Saturday Night, Dress Island Style for your chance to be crowned Festival King, Queen, Prince or Princess. Think feathers, sequins and bright colours or you can just come as you are and enjoy the spectacle.

To help you get into the carnival spirit, the Triangle Arts Group will be running Mask - making workshops for adults and kids throughout Saturday and also this week in Marysville. Get your beach photo taken in tropical costume at the Youth Photo Booth, grab an exotic showbag from the Buxton Primary School, and

browse the market stalls. See the Marysville brownies for home-baked goodies and to make sure you get a duck in the annual Marysville Pre-school duck race, swimming Sunday, at 3pm on the Steavenson river.

On the musical side, apart from all the local, interstate and international Steelbands, the lineup includes exciting musician Nicky Bomba and Bustamento, Tango and Ukelele groups and jumpin' Calypso party band, the Trinidad Connection,

On Sunday, from 10am relax with concert performances from international bands, take a camel ride and join in the fun of the Trinidad-style Goat Race.

Finally, all steel bands come together to create the massive Communities Super Steelband, a first for Australia and a great way to share the joy Steelpans bring to Marysville. It all ends with the duck race at 3pm.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets now available at the lolly shop!

What does each ticket cover?

The Saturday ticket (\$50) covers the Panorama Playoffs - a contest to choose the top steelband in Australia, market incl. food stalls and activities, plus Saturday night's stadium style concert, which finishes at midnight.

The Sunday ticket (\$15) covers steelband concerts from the newly

crowned number 1 Steelband in Australia, plus the Royal Guard of Oman Steelband, Kids masquerade parade, goat race, market stalls and the communities super steelband.

A festival pass (\$60) covers both. **Should you decide that you'd like to come along at the last minute, or you can't come Saturday night there is a SaturDAY-only ticket (\$15), available only in Marysville at the Lolly Shop or on the day at the venue.**

The pic is of the 100 local school



and kinder kids practising the parade in the costumes they have spent the last 6 weeks crafting from feathers, sequins and shiny things.

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What's on When in March & April

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| Sunday 7 | - CFA Buxton - Meeting 9.00am |
| Monday 8 | - Community Dinner 6.20pm at the Golf Clubrooms |
| Tuesday 9 | - Narbethong History Group - Meeting 10.00am |
| Thursday 11 | - Triangle Community Dancers |
| Saturday 13 | - Breakfast for Men @ The Igloo, see notice |
| Sunday 14 | - Marysville Community Market |
| Tuesday 16 | - SES Training, 7.30pm |
| Thursday 18 | - CFA Narbethong - Meeting |
| | - Marysville Cultural Community AGM (see notice) |
| Saturday 20 | - "IT'S PARTY TIME" - Lions Club Anniversary Dinner |
| Tuesday 23 | - Gallipoli Park Precinct C.o.M Meeting 5.30pm |
| Thursday 25 | - ANZAC DAY |
| | - Triangle Community Dancers |
| Monday 6 May | - Narbethong Progress Assoc. - Meeting 7.30 pm |
| Thursday 9 May | - Buxton Recreation Reserve - Public Mtg 7.30pm |

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The next general meeting of the will be held on **Tuesday 23rd April** and is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

The meetings are held at 5.30pm in the upstairs function room of
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Members of the public are invited to attend all meetings.

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Keeper of native things furry, feathered or scaled? Have your say on changes to wildlife licensing

Work is underway to make the regulations for owning and selling native wildlife more streamlined and easier to understand for Victorian wildlife enthusiasts, while continuing to protect native animals, birds and reptiles.

Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) Manager Wildlife, Threatened and Invasive Species Policy Scott Lawrence said the current regulations are set to expire in June and an opportunity is available now for the community to have their say on proposed changes.

"With more and more Victorians keeping, breeding and trading native wildlife, it's important to remember that it is a privilege to keep native wildlife and we need to make sure it is done in a safe, sustainable way that protects animal welfare," Mr Lawrence said.

"A number of changes have been proposed to cut red tape and make Victoria's Wildlife Regulations easier to understand and more streamlined to ensure we have adequate guidance in place for the possession and trade of wildlife in Victoria."

"We also need to make these regulations clear and equitable for businesses in the wildlife trade, as they have a strong role in educating the wider community about interacting responsibly with our native wildlife."

Some of the proposed changes to Victoria's Wildlife Regulations include:

- Reducing the number of licence categories by combining licence types. Some licence categories have also been renamed to reduce confusion and better align their entitlements.
- Revising licensing fees that were set 10 years ago with concessions and discounts to ensure they remain equitable.
- Giving the option of either a one year licence or a multi-year licence (up to three years).
- Expanding options for business by allowing the keeping and trading of 11 new species of wildlife (including four mammals, one bird and six reptiles) and reducing the regulatory restrictions around five other species.
- Introducing a new category of wildlife licence, the Dingo Licence, for those wishing to keep dingoes as pets.

Victoria's *Wildlife Regulations 2002* govern the way wildlife is bought, sold, kept and bred in Victoria for over 12,000 private and 400 commercial licence holders.

DSE has sought input from animal welfare groups, private and commercial wildlife keepers and traders, the scientific community and wildlife management agencies to develop the proposed new regulations and now we invite you all to have your say.

Victorians are invited to comment on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) which outlines the changes for the proposed Wildlife Regulations 2013. Community input will be considered by DSE in the development of the new regulations. The RIS is available at www.dse.vic.gov.au.

Written submissions can be sent to wildlife.regulations2013@dse.vic.gov.au by 5pm Friday (3/5/13).

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Curtains come down but the show goes on

Refurbishment works on the Yea Shire Hall are in full swing with the curtains coming down as part of the project works.

But instead of being curtains on the refurbishment, it is a case of the show is in full swing with works to include dressing rooms, kitchen, toilets and improvements to the lighting and heating systems.

Council has already carried out the necessary works to underpin and stabilise the building.

The refurbishment of the main hall area is also now underway with plastering repairs, repainting and electrical upgrade included.

Council has been working closely with its heritage advisors to ensure the hall remains true to its era. Works are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The project is funded through Melbourne Water, Local Government Infrastructure Program, Regional Development Victoria and Murrindindi Shire Council.

Image: Trevor Carns brings down the stage curtains at Yea Shire Hall. But the renovation show goes on.



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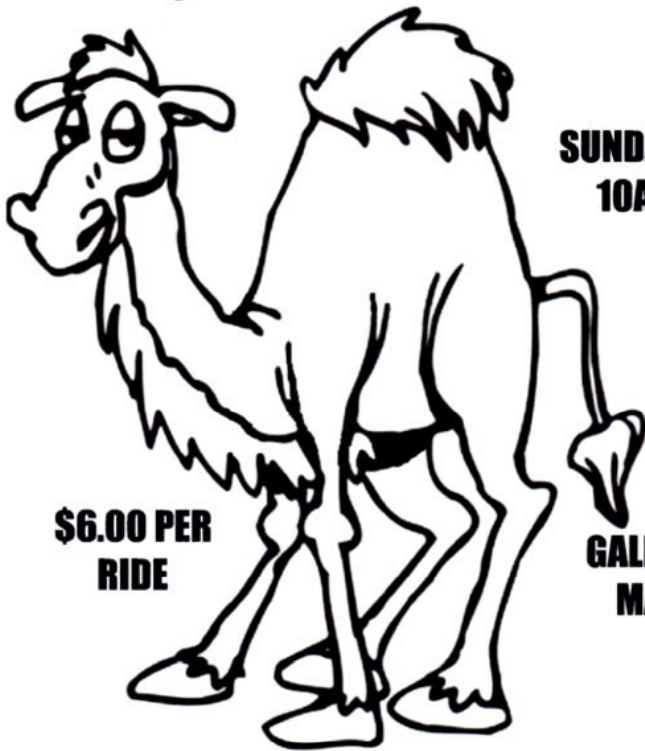
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Narbethong History Book Progress

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.

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Councillor comment

The Councillors together with Council officers are still diligently working on the Council Plan.

This document will guide the council in its direction for the term of the current council. Much work is being done by the experienced council officers as they translate Councillors' ideas into objectives, strategies, indicators and targets.

Working with Council management and staff we are continuing the implementation of recommendations suggested within the services review. It is challenging, but we are all aware that we are aiming to bring better and more efficient practises to Council and in turn see cost savings for the community.

While we are all still, to some degree, reeling from the financial effects that the February 2009 fires had on us, the Councillors are unanimous in their belief that the

burden on rate payers caused by the downgrading of Capital Improved Values, the loss of rateable properties - due to the bushfire buyback scheme - and extra maintenance costs of the wonderful new assets we now have, should be kept to an absolute minimum.

The capital works program forges on. Resealing and repairing roads and bridges to ensure they are kept in good condition and are safe for us to use is advanced. Maintenance work on community assets, so many of us use and get enjoyment, such as parks and gardens, sporting facilities and community halls, is always on-going.

I would encourage people to take advantage of these assets. They are for use by all and we all should gain benefit from them.

Andrew Derwent – Kinglake Ward

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice is hereby given that, at the **Ordinary Meeting of the Murrindindi Shire Council on 24 April 2013** at the Alexandra Council Chambers, Council will consider a resolution under section 94 (4) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1989* to:

- reappoint Margaret Abbey as Chief Executive Officer of the Murrindindi Shire Council commencing 28 June 2013.

The passing of this resolution will result in the reappointment of the Chief Executive Officer without the position being advertised.

For any confidential items the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to s.89(2)(h) of the *Local Government Act 1989* due to matters which may prejudice the Council or any person.

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Cr John Walsh - Mayor



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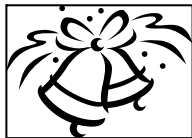
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Mayor's Chair

I have attended four different, diverse but all interesting functions over the past week.

At the Alexandra Racing Club I attended the opening of their new Entertainment Centre. This project is the latest of many that the Club has successfully completed. They are a dedicated, very hard working group who developed a long term business plan, followed it through and are now reaping the rewards. Along the way they have provided a boost to the local economy, provided enjoyment to locals and visitors alike and with the new Centre provided further opportunities for social events and if ever needed, a fully wired emergency centre for the community.

Cindy McLeish opened the new shelter and memorial wall at the Yea Cemetery. Another good project that was conceived and designed by people of the area and with the help of the Yea Garden Club will provide a beautiful, modern setting for quiet contemplation or for grave side ceremonies. Kerry Tull should be very proud of the work that she has seen to fruition, again through having a clear goal and putting in the hard yards.

The Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum provided briefings to stakeholders, government representatives and community groups on their plans for expanding the Tramway.

They are at the start of a long journey looking initially to developing a master plan for an ambitious program of work. From their successes to date they understand the rewards of team effort and clearly have put in a lot to develop their ideas to this point.

As part of the Advancing Country Towns initiative, the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network has undertaken a Training Needs Analysis for Murrindindi Shire and the report was launched at the Murrindindi Training Institute in Alexandra by Cindy McLeish.

I thank all the local businesses and industry groups who contributed to the report. The results provide clear guidelines on where our training resources should be focused.

A common theme of all these events was that time taken to look to the long term, developing a plan and seeing it through with hard work, will lead to great success.

Cr John Walsh, Koriella Ward

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Here's to you Mr Robinson

Launceston student **Andrew Robinson** became the first Tasmanian in 72 years to win the **Australia Post Stawell Gift** in a nail-biting conclusion to the 132nd edition of the famous \$40,000 footrace.

Running off 7.25m, the 20-year-old recorded 12.01 seconds for the 120m event to take the victory by just two hundredths of a second and was ecstatic with the win.

It was a dramatic start to proceedings when race backmarker and \$1.30 favourite **Mitchell Williams-Swain**, initially running off 4.5m, broke and was pulled back a further metre.

Robinson was quietly confident after the restart. "I thought my luck might be in. When that happened I was quietly happy about it myself. But I still knew I had to execute. I put that behind me pretty quickly."

Half way down the Central Park straight Robinson hit the lead but with the finish frame looming, sensed the threat of the nuggety Queenslander.

Williams-Swain, who ran 11.95s in the semi-finals, narrowly failed in his bid to become just the fourth two-time winner of the race recording 12.03 seconds.

Robinson who could not progress out of the heats of last year's Gift having finished third to eventual winner Matt Wiltshire, dedicated the win to coach **Ray Quarrell** who lost his home in the January Dunalley bushfires in Tasmania. Quarrell coaches his charge remotely and despite seeing him only once every fortnight knew he was ready for the big race.

When asked what he would do with the \$40,000 winner's cheque, Robinson promptly replied "It changes my life. I am a uni student. I'd like to buy a new car and put the rest to a house or the HECS debt."

William (Ken) Hutton in 1941 was the last man from the island state to win, taking victory in 12 6/16ths of a second of 7 1/4 yards.

There was plenty of drama too in the State of Victoria Strickland Family Women's Gift where Sydney's **Davina Strauss** (off 10m) was a comfortable winner in 13.98 seconds. In Saturday's heats the former world master beach sprint champion ran a sensational 13.69 seconds before organisers pulled her 4m for the finals because not all relevant information was available at the time of original handicapping.

Whilst **Asafa Powell** unfortunately scratched from the semi-finals there was still a Jamaican victory at Central Park as **Khan Marr**, a former bobsleigh competitor now residing in Australia, won the XXXX Gold Chris Perry Memorial Invitation Backmarkers 120m 12.23 seconds.

In other events, former Australia Post Stawell Gift finalist **Todd Ireland** (23m) dived across the line to pip former Gift runner-up **Evan King** (15m) to win the Veterans' Handicap 300m recording 34.79s.

In a fast and furious final furlong in the Herb Hedemann Invitation Handicap 1600m three-time Victorian 1500m champion **Daniel Clark** in 4.03.06s won a hard fought challenge ahead of perennial Australia Post Stawell Gift entrant **Kevin Craigie**.

Malvern's **Kendra Hubbard** running in the red colours of the backmarker (20m), dominated the Endura Lorraine Donnan Women's Handicap 400m. The former Women's Gift runner-up made her move down the back straight, hit the lead with 200m and to go and never looked back winning in 52.44s..

Running off the back mark of 10m Werribee's **Matt Hargreaves** of took out the Redvys Cooper Jack Donaldson Handicap 200m in 20.68s and the VRTA 120m Series (VAL) was won by Ringwood East's **Cameron Moss** (6.75m) in 12.69s.

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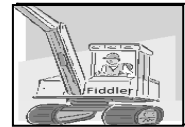
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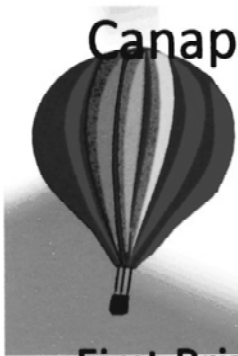
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Ovens District firewood collection areas now open

Designated firewood collection areas in the Ovens District opened today, Wednesday, March 27.

Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) Ovens District Planning Manager, Leith McKenzie, said the opening of firewood collection areas were initially delayed due to a combination of fires, dry conditions and a risk to public safety.

"Residents in the Ovens District will now be able to collect firewood from March 27 in designated domestic firewood collection areas.

"Firewood collection is only permitted during designated times of the year and from designated firewood collection areas."

The Autumn Fire Season will close on June 30, 2013.

DSE and Parks Victoria staff will be patrolling parks, forests and reserves to ensure people are doing the right thing

Typical on the spot fines are around \$560. Offences that go to court may be liable for fines up to \$7042, one year imprisonment or both.

For more information about designated firewood collection areas and updates visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/firewood or call the DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

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The Gallipoli Park Precinct Committee of Management advises that there is a Community Representative vacancy on the committee.

Murrindindi Shire Council seeks nominations for the following:

Community Representative (x1)

All interested persons are invited to nominate.

Nomination forms are available from the Murrindindi Shire Council website www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au and should be forwarded to Co-ordinator Administration, Lisa Elward, PO Box 138, Alexandra 3714, or email lward@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

Nominations will be accepted until 5pm on Friday, 19 April 2013.

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The \$2.2 million redevelopment has seen the reserve transformed into an impressive sporting precinct hosting cricket and football facilities, tennis and netball courts.

Kinglake Ward Councillor Andrew Derwent said the upgrade had created a community sporting hub that would play host to a range of sports and activities.

"The precinct includes four new tennis courts, two netball courts and three full sized cricket nets with adjustable curtains for separation of bowling lanes," Cr Derwent said.

And it is not just the sporting facilities that are top class, the new multi-purpose clubrooms boast open clubroom space, kitchen/canteen with servery, male and female toilets/change rooms with showers, disabled toilet and ample storage facilities.

"The Kinglake community is to be commended for their significant contribution in the delivery of this project. The Kinglake Memorial Reserve Committee of Management, Kinglake Ranges Tennis Club, Kin-

lake Cricket Club, and other Project Control Group members have put in a lot of effort", Cr Derwent said.

A veranda of approximately 131 square meters surrounds the building. This additional space complements the facilities available in the new club rooms.

The official opening will be community affair with a "come and try" day planned to celebrate the facilities.

The official opening will start at 11am and then parents and children can try a few sports - cricket, tennis, football and netball - all in an effort to increase community participation and get people involved in the sporting clubs.

"It should be a fantastic opening and I encourage the Kinglake Ranges community to participate," Cr Derwent said.

"It will be a great family day out."

The works have been made possible through Regional Development Victoria, Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Murrindindi Shire Council, Natural Disaster Funding, Tennis Australia and the Kinglake Ranges Football Netball Club.

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