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President Neil Guscott

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## WHAT A WONDERFUL OFFICIAL OPENING WEEKEND!

Friday evening people began to arrive, some past guests of El Kanah, some past staff and volunteers, there was an excitement around the place, at last this time had come!

It was a weekend of reminiscing about the beautiful old building and the special things that had taken place there, and laughter about some of the old building's inadequacies! Graeme and Julia Cann, the founders of El Kanah, together with Professor Graeme Clark (of bionic ear fame), our Patron, and his wife Margaret were present. Graeme Clark talked about trusting God. He had very much had to do this with getting the bionic ear project up and running which none of his peers supported – in fact he told us he was called “Crazy Clark” because this invention by many seemed an impossible one. However, even though he was ridiculed, he kept preserving and trusting God that his invention would come into being, and it did. The bionic ear has helped so many people worldwide to hear once more and research is now taking place with regard to the bionic eye.

Many things happened over this weekend including Graeme Cann leading a mini seminar on ‘Healing Past Hurts Through Forgiveness’. We are delighted that Graeme will be part of El Kanah’s teaching program presenting other Seminars in the future at El Kanah. Other special events were the dedication of El Kanah, our beautiful Chapel and our cottage. Then came Sunday, what a day!



We had a fantastic church service followed by the Official Opening of El Kanah with Kim Wells MP, and Cindy McLeish our local MP. We thank the community so much for their support, so many people came and El Kanah was packed out! We all enjoyed a delicious morning tea provided by our Chef, Glenn Mullins, and went on to finish the day with a full dining room. It was a wonderful time of celebration. We very much thank all our staff leading up to this time, especially Terry Calvert who worked tirelessly to make the

grounds more presentable, our cleaning staff and all those who participated on the day, including 9 volunteers, most of whom used to help before the fires, and Barbara Muir did a great job bringing it all together.

El Kanah is enlarging its tourism component as well as continuing its education programs, retreats for the elderly and others, weddings, ski packages in addition to welcoming



those needing restoration. The Counselling Centre continued post fires with people staying in Marysville and then visiting El Kanah and this will be enlarged with Wellbeing programs. We hope to continue to direct many people into Marysville Village and beyond to enjoy what this wonderful area has to offer.

With best wishes,

Vera and Peter Gill

Photos from top: Vera & Peter Gill; the beautiful new building; Member for Seymour Cindy McLeish, Minister Kim Wells with Peter.

Photos courtesy of Barry Thomas



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## What's on When in May

Thursday 16	- Narbethong CFA meeting 8pm
Friday 17	- LIVE @ Buxton Hall - Austin Tayshus (see notice)
Saturday 18	- Official Opening of the Men's Shed 11.00am - Div 1 Football Game, plus Netball
Sunday 19	- Buxton CFA First Aid See Notice - Marysville Footy @ Upwey-Tecoma - 2.30pm
Monday 20	- Narbethong Hall Committee Public Meeting 7.30pm
Saturday 25	- Cricket Club Presentation Night
Sunday 26	- Marysville Community Market
Sunday 2 June	- CFA Buxton - Meeting 9.00am
Tuesday June 11	- Narbethong History Group Meeting @ 10.00am

## BUXTON RECREATION RESERVE

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**Sunday May 26 at 10:30am**

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## INTREPID TRIANGLE BUSHWALKERS

Next walk to be held on Friday May 31st 2013. Meet at carpark opposite  
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Car pooling may be required to destination, Mt Torbrek. Steep climb up  
track is rewarded with wonderful views, (weather permitting)

Allow 4 to 5 hours.

All enquiries to Moira on 57747569.



## Gallipoli Park Precinct

### Committee of Management

The next general meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28th May** 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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Marysville golfers are delighted with the continuing fine autumn weather & have been making the most of the balmy conditions. This may have been the last weekend of such conditions with wet & colder conditions arriving this week.

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May the men played their 5<sup>th</sup> pennant round against Alexandra at Eildon & went down 3/4, not helped by the fact that they were one player short. Pennant finals will be played on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The Thursday 9 holers played a Stroke round on the front 9 for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Winter Cup. The winner was David Phillips with 33 & runner up was Ron Denmead with 35 on a countback from Paul Hayden. David was also nearest the pin 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> & won the putting with 13 putts.

Last Thursday saw six Marysville ladies play at Yea in their Annual Bowl & six ladies also travelled to Mansfield on Friday for their Bowl. It is great to see the ladies supporting other clubs in their bowls & promoting Marysville Golf Club in the process.

On Saturday the sunny conditions brought players out for a Stableford round for the Guest Day. Sean Williams (18) won the men's competition with 39 points & runner up was Joe Tricarico (17) with 37 points. The ladies winner was Jenny Coleman (23) with 37 points & Heather Jenkins (30) was runner up on a countback from Helen Howard with 35 points. Nearest the pins were Joe Tricarico (2<sup>nd</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup>), Mark Leitinger (2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>) & Jenny Coleman on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There was also a longest drive competition on the 10<sup>th</sup> won by Jenny Coleman & Mick Robinson for the ladies & men respectively. There were two Match Plays on Saturday with Yew Leong Kuan victorious over Rob Christie 2/1 & Robbie Coleman defeating Adam Littlejohn 3/2. Congratulations to all our weekly winners.

On Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, the ladies pennant team played their 4<sup>th</sup> round against Strathbogie at Avenel on sand scrapes which are challenging for golfers used to putting on greens. Results will be published next week.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the club on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with the following office bearers elected for 2012-13: President – Ken Whittingham, Vice President - Yew Leong Kuan, Treasurer – Travers Stow & Secretary – Rebecca Lee. General committee members are Mark Hoffman, Sean Williams, Heather Jenkins, Steve Krueger & Geoff Ferguson. Congratulations to the new committee & we wish them well in the year ahead.

Next week is the Round 1 of the Par Shield for men & the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Club Championship & Silverspoon Round 3 for the ladies.

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*Photography by Viv Méhes Stories edited by Jenny Lee*

The firestorms that swept Victoria in 2009 were catastrophic events  
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efforts as the devastation spread.

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into how different people have responded to this disaster and its after-  
math. They are stories from the soul – inspirational, heart-warming,  
direct and at times uncomfortably confronting reflections on the journey  
towards recovery and healing.

This compelling new book is the result of more than three years work  
by renowned documentary photographer Viv Méhes, whose connec-  
tion with north-eastern Victoria goes back to her childhood.

Working in close collaboration with local people, Viv created their por-  
traits and invited them to speak through pictures and words about their  
experiences of the fires and what has happened since.

As she travelled, Viv began to conceptualise the fires' path as the 'fire  
spine' – a place where different communities have been connected by  
the terrible experience of one of the most destructive fires in  
Australian history. The fire spine is indeed a place of danger, but also  
a place where people have responded to innumerable challenges with  
resilience and creativity.

The book was launched by Craig Lapsley, Fire Services Commissioner  
Victoria, at Marysville on Sunday 12th May 2013.

The book is available through Regional Information Centres, selected  
bookshops and commu-  
nity outlets @ \$40.

All proceeds from the  
sale of this book go to  
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- by email to [msc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:msc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au); or
- post them to Murrindindi Shire Council, PO Box 138, Alexandra 3714.

**Interviews:** conducted during week of 27 May 2013

**Applications close:** Thursday 23 May at 5.00pm.

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2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
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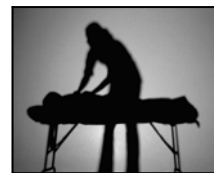
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## Mayor's Chair

It's a great time to be in Murrindindi Shire. We could do with some rain but that will come. In the meantime, the nights are filled with stars, the mornings crisp and the days sunny and bright. We just need to lift our heads and take the opportunity to enjoy what we've got.

Hardly a week goes by when there isn't another of our people winning an award or supporting our community or running a successful event.

It was really good to see Lynton Simcocks being recognised across the State for his efforts, positive attitude and achievements in his carpentry trade. Construction is an important industry within the Shire and offers opportunities that can help keep our young people within our towns. I thank Hedger Constructions for again providing such great support to another apprentice and thus to our community.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Home Creek / Spring Creek Landcare Group highlighted how much work

had been done by them and other Landcare Groups in our region to restore the land and in keeping pests and weeds under control. We all enjoy our open farmlands, waterways and reserves and much of that enjoyment is due to the work of these volunteers. A renewed focus is on getting rid of blackberries and I know anyone wanting to contact their local group to help out will be most welcome.

On the Council front, now that the State Government has worked out its budget, we are hoping to be advised soon of their response to our request for funding to assist with the operation, maintenance and renewal costs for assets that were replaced, upgraded and donated after the fires. Covering those costs while maintaining services and not increasing rate revenue by more than 6% is the challenge that has caused the extra time needed to develop this year's budget and long term financial plan. The drafts of both of these documents will be out for display and discussion next week.

Cr John Walsh, Koriella Ward

### NARBETHONG PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE INC.

Notice is given of a

### PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at the **Narbethong Hall on Monday, 20th May** commencing at **7.30pm**.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or no more than nine (9) persons as the Committee Of Management for the Narbethong Public Hall for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 30th June 2013. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Sustainability and Environment office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Catherine Fraser on 59637190.

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Rollerskis have been about for many years as an off snow training activity and a newer version with bigger wheels called 'Skikes' have become popular.

An interesting mix of classic & skate rollerskiers and a strong turn up of 'Team Skike Force' from Melbourne took the challenge and had a great hill climb on a cool but sunny day.

Nick Montgomery posted an out-  
standing time to reflect his Junior  
World Ski Championship form and  
Ellie Phillips lead home the girls in  
front of a pack of Masters Skikers  
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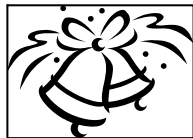
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## Barriers shore up the future of the rare Shaw Galaxias

A partnership between Government agencies, volunteers and scientists has installed barriers to save a rare alpine fish that was in danger of extinction. Parks Victoria, the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI), West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA), VRfish and the Australian Trout Foundation cooperated on a project to protect the only known habitat of the Shaw Galaxias.

ARI Fish Ecologist Dr Tarmo Raadik said: "The Shaw Galaxias has only recently been identified as a distinct species and it only lives at the top of a small creek in the upper reaches of the Macalister River Catchment in the Alpine National Park."

"Severe storms and floods in 2010 and 2011 had a big impact on their habitat and exposed the fish to aquatic predators, particularly trout, which quickly reduced the global distribution of Shaw Galaxias to only a 300 metre long reach of a 0.3 metre wide creek," Dr Raadik said.

"We had to take immediate action to prevent the extinction of this species." Parks Victoria's Manager of Environment Programs for the alps Charlie Pascoe said: "We have installed temporary barriers in the creek to prevent trout moving up-stream into the tiny remaining area where the Shaw Galaxias is now found."

"To make sure the fish aren't placed at risk by future floods we have also constructed a permanent predator barrier near a waterfall, further down the creek," Mr Pascoe said.

"Electro-fishing is also being carried out in the creek above the barriers to ensure that any trout remaining in the Shaw Galaxias habitat are captured and moved safely downstream. It isn't often that you make an intervention on one creek that it will help save an entire species."

"Instream barriers in lower to mid reaches of streams are seen as a problem because they can affect the movement of native fish, with many barriers either needing to be removed or fitted with a 'fishway' that allows fish to pass. In the case of upland streams, barriers can be beneficial to native fish by stopping predators moving upstream," Dr Raadik said.

Shaw Galaxias is in the process of being scientifically described and it has been nominated for listing as a threatened species in Victoria under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.

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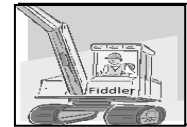
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## Communities building business networks

Inspired business educators, key politicians and a range of support agencies have provided a plethora of ideas to business operators and owners at the Build Our Business Community Seminar.

Murrindindi Shire Council was represented at the event held at South Morang that was driven by Rotary International.

Mayor John Walsh, who spoke at the event attended by over 150 people, said the seminar provided key messages, ideas and practices in starting, marketing, expanding and diversifying business.

"This event was a wonderful collaboration, particularly with great support from the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges. It attracted guests from across the region including Kinglake, Epping, Whittlesea and as far away as Castlemaine," Cr Walsh said.

"It was another opportunity for our Economic Development team to showcase our region and highlight and promote business support provided by Council.

Those attending were addressed by keynote speakers Small Business Commissioner Mark Brennan and State Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business, Louise Asher.

Important support and advice was received from inspired business motivators Paul McCarthy on the latest trends in business marketing and John Lemmon on better business organisation methods.

Council's Manager Economic Development Bob Elkington said some thought provoking tips were provided in a very unique and energetic way by the speakers.

"A few that come to mind include, be able to describe your business in 30 seconds, 80 percent of your income comes from 20 percent of your customers, base your business plan on what the market wants to buy not what you want to sell and it's ok to make mistakes but not to give up on trying new things.

Another key point made more than once on the night was that very few business people have all the skills needed to be successful in the long term, and they need to ensure that their blind spots are identified and covered," Mr Elkington said.

The evening also allowed councils and other business support networks to highlight their role in assisting business, something Murrindindi Shire Council took advantage of.

"It was an entertaining evening in a format that was praised by participants. It was greatly received and the Rotary organisation should be recognised for its support," Cr Walsh said.

"I would like to thank Brad Quilliam of the Murrindindi Business and Tourism Association and congratulate him on the work he put in to make the event such a success.

The evening was made possible through Workspace Australia, Rotary International, City of Whittlesea, Murrindindi Shire Council, Bendigo Bank, Federal Government, State Government and the Department of Business Innovation. Due to the success of this inaugural event, discussion at the end of the night turned to options for next year's event.



**Photograph:** Mayor John Walsh, CEO Margaret Abbey and Kinglake Ward Councillor Andrew Derwent with Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business Louise Asher at the Grow Your Business seminar.

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## Councillor comment

### Murrindindi has a lifestyle story to tell:

There are a number of specialist magazines that cater to the interests of people and families contemplating a move to a regional area or to adopt an alternative lifestyle.

The weekly farm newspapers also devote plenty of space to those wishing to practice agriculture in various forms on a small scale.

The second annual Regional Victoria Living Expo held in Melbourne last month has also been voted a huge success with visitor numbers increasing by 15% with almost 9,500 people attending over three days.

Murrindindi Shire Council was well represented at the Expo with the Shire's Economic Development team presenting information on what our region has to offer, particularly to families and even early retirees who are defined as the principal groups in the community who are interested in a 'tree change'.

Attracting new residents is one of the key objectives of the present Council.

I note that two local government areas - Benalla and the Shire of Yarriambiack (based in Warracknabeal) in north western Victoria have followed the Regional Living Expo with open days and invitations to come and see firsthand what their towns and district offer to new residents.

So the competition to attract new residents is quite strong and is obviously increasing. In fact 48 regional and rural Councils all pitched their story at the Regional Living Expo.

It is clear that our Shire has well resourced larger towns and over twenty villages or small settlements each with their own appeal, resources and features that make them attractive to new residents as

a place to live and work.

And importantly as a Peri-Urban Shire, much of Murrindindi Shire is under two hours of travel time from Melbourne - itself a quite significant advantage we hold over more remote locations.

Council is keen to encourage growth within our existing communities and additional residents are the most effective and attractive way of increasing critical mass and especially our rate base.

It is now fairly well understood that the Bushfire Buyback scheme has reduced the Shire's rates income by almost \$90,000 with 85 properties purchased and removed under the offer and therefore having no immediate or even future scope for residential or other development.

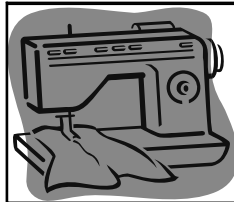
I think all of us who reside in the Shire know what we have to offer is appealing and exciting.

Easy access to and from the metropolitan area, established community infrastructure, good transport linkages, opportunities for small business, with a landscape that has a host of opportunities for recreation or quiet contemplation and a growing tourism sector.

I believe Murrindindi Shire has an important story to tell to that growing number of people and families who wish to escape the congestion and challenges of living in a big city.

Those of us who live here need to be the strongest advocates and sales people for our area to convey the positive message about what we have to offer.

Cr John Kennedy—Cheviot Ward



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## Family Day Care Australia turns 25

The autumn sun shone and the children laughed as they enjoyed a day out in celebration of Family Day Care's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Community Services portfolio spokesperson Cr Andrew Derwent said the family day out in Rotary Park, Alexandra was the perfect way to acknowledge Family Day Care's milestone.

"The children may have been more interested in getting their faces painted than actually celebrating the sector turning 25, but it was certainly symbolic for our staff and educators", he said.

Council's Coordinator Family Day Care Chrystal Turnbull said the afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended.

"The children had a fantastic time and they each took turns in doing a painted hand print which we will submit to Family Day Care Australia to help in their attempt at putting together the world's largest hand print collage," she said.

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**Photograph:** Taya Barkley (left) and Shanina Stafford (right) helped celebrate Family Day Care Australia's 25th birthday at Rotary Park in Alexandra.



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The Outdoor Education Group is governed by a volunteer board. The founding Chair was Larry Fallon from Acheron, who was succeeded by the late Tony Hewison, and then Ailsa Fox from Merton. The fourth Chair, Scott Chapman, recently retired from the Board after a total of 12 years on the board and eight distinguished years as Chairman.

Scott's service has been instrumental in OEG's growth and stability. Scott has steered the Board through some major events, initiatives and educational projects including the creation of Biloela Bush Camp, Camp Jungai (25 year lease secured in 2012), Camp Wombaroo and the creation of Camp Marysville. He brought to the OEG Board an objective leadership style and a strong focus on governance and celebration.

Later this year, long serving Chair of the Finance Committee, Denis Henry (Managing Director of corporate consulting firm Grosvenor) will also retire. Denis has made a huge contribution to OEG and will be greatly missed for his financial and business acumen and passion for the outdoors and the work of OEG.

Over the last few months, the OEG Board ran a selection process and has unanimously elected Margaret Webb as Chair, and Rob Pascoe as Deputy Chair.

The OEG Board is looking to the future as it consolidates its strategic plan and settles in the major new projects and clients the organisation has on its schedule. Margaret and Rob are seeking dynamic people to fill the board vacancies created. In particular they would like to appoint a person from within the Murrindindi region to lead the Finance Committee, and a dynamic, well connected person with Public Relations, Marketing, Entrepreneurial or Advertising skill sets, located in Victoria or NSW. If you have connections with people who meet this broad criteria and a passion for the work of OEG, Margaret would be interested to hear from them or you. You can contact her via OEG at [oeg@oeg.vic.edu.au](mailto:oeg@oeg.vic.edu.au)

## Greek Island Ambience at Alexandra Library

The Alexandra Library monthly Tuesday Show talks are up and running for 2013. This month world traveller and raconteur John Fairfax is returning to the library to talk about his fascination with the island of Chios.

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## Murrindindi welcomes new citizens

Mayor John Walsh has welcomed three new Australian citizens at a ceremony in the Murrindindi Shire's Alexandra Chambers.

Joining the Australian community as fully fledged citizens were Nigel Roberts of Eildon, Eric Macdonald also of Eildon and Melly Henwood of Yea.

They each received a Certificate of Australian Citizenship as well as small gifts from Murrindindi Shire Council and the Federal Government.

Cr Walsh said that choosing to become an Australian citizen was an important expression of loyalty and commitment to our country.

"It's always considered a special event when a person becomes an Australian Citizen and this occasion was especially significant with three at once"

For information on becoming an Australian citizen phone Murrindindi Shire Council on 5772 0333.

**Photograph:** Mayor John Walsh joins Nigel Roberts, Eric Macdonald, Melly Henwood and her son Lachlan at the recent citizenship ceremony held in Alexandra.



## Marysville District Football and Netball Club (MDFNC)

### MARYSVILLE VILLAINS SPONSORS & MEMBERS LUNCH



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Marysville Villains Sponsors & Members (guests welcome) lunch

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June starting 12midday

Surprise guest speaker

More details to come soon!

To book a table early call Merran 0412 592937 or email [merranc@bigpond.com](mailto:merranc@bigpond.com)

**Ron DENMEAD, Media Officer, Marysville District Football and Netball Club (MDFNC)**  
tel: 0417 973292

### **The Future of Early Childhood Services in Alexandra, Eildon And Thornton – We Need To Hear From You!**

To understand the need for early years services (with a focus on health, child care and education) for residents from Alexandra, Eildon and Thornton we need to hear from the YOU, the prospective future users of services.

Development and operation of early childhood education and care services is dependent on community need. An online survey provides an opportunity to ensure that your child care and education priorities are at the center of the decision making process.

You can also have your say at a Community Conversation on Tuesday 4th June from 7.30pm at the Council offices.

To complete the survey and/or register for the Community Conversation please visit [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) . You can also register by contacting Rebecca Haig on 9486 3455.

All survey and Community Conversation participants go in the draw for a \$100 Children's Hamper in recognition of your time and effort in supporting the future of children's services.

Please call Rebecca at Community Child Care Victoria on 9486 3455 NOW to discuss your current or future child care requirements.

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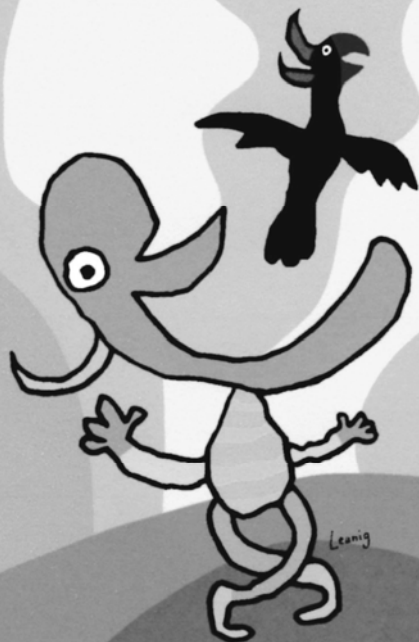
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Venue: Marysville Community Centre,  
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Date: Saturday June 22nd, 2013.  
Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
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This is a Licensed Event, no BYO, full bar facilities available.



*ticketmaster*

# Marysville Villains Sponsors & Members Lunch

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Remember this little guy?????



Yes, Randy's back and coming for lunch!

**Sunday June 2, Upstairs Community Centre**

Two course lunch with drinks at bar prices

**\$50 members / \$70 non-members** (optional membership included)

To book contact Merran

Email [merranc@bigpond.com](mailto:merranc@bigpond.com) or call 0412 592 937

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