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Friday June 28th 2013

President Neil Guscott

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Another Successful Night for the Lions

The Marysville & District Lions Club have presented yet another great night with great entertainment, and great food.

But... we didn't do it alone!

Firstly, the performers, a diverse and mostly very funny - as they should be - pictured top right.

Thanks go to:

Our Comedy Committee, Graham Taylor, Ron Denmead, Helen Maunsell and Jenny Pullen, who did a fantastic job organizing the night.

Chefs Glen and Norman and their assistants, provided us with four great choices of main course, all of which were much appreciated.

Christine & Ashraf for the beautiful desserts.

Lions and the many non-Lions who gave us many hours with the set-up of the stadium, which included, the carpet, tables & chairs, cutlery & crockery and the caravans & fridge trailer.

The non-Lions include the overseas Gap year students who have been working with OEG pictured right, and our very own Triangle Youth below, both groups with President Neil.



All of these young people worked very well and made it so much easier for everyone, particularly with setting tables, the serving of desserts and clearing of tables.

And last but not least, we thank all those who attended on the night.

Without an audience, we don't have a show!

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What's on When in July

Thurs June 27 - Triangle Community Dance Group - 7.30 Buxton
Friday 28 - Lions "Change Over Dinner"
Tuesday 2 - SES Training 7.30pm
Wednesday 3 - Lions Work Meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday July 9 - Narbethong History Group 10.00am at the Hall
Wednesday 10 - CFA Junior Fire Brigade Venue TBA 7.00pm
Sunday 14 - Marysville Community Market
Tuesday 16 - SES Training 7.30pm
Wednesday 17 - Lions Dinner Meeting - Call 0448 954 667
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Gallipoli Park Precinct
Committee of Management

The next general meeting will be held on
Tuesday 23rd July 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.

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Tuesday 23rd July, User Groups Meeting at 6.30pm - any inter-
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Members would like to thank the current and past Club Committee members for the hard work and many voluntary hours they have contributed in their quest to see the renovation project become a reality.

Last Thursday the nine holers played Par on the back nine holes and the winner was Roger Thomas with square. Roger's round also included a nearest the pin with his 3rd shot to the tricky 15th hole. Ken Whittingham was the runner up with -2. Also on Thursday two ladies played in the annual Ladies tournament at Euroa. It was a glorious day for golf and we thank the Euroa ladies for their hospitality. Liz Amos with nett 73 gained 3 Dalhousie Player of the Year points.

On Saturday, as the frost on the course gradually melted, a 4BBB stableford game was played and there were some good scores recorded. The winning combination was Joe Tricarico and Ron Denmead with 44 points followed by Sean Williams and Mark Hoffman with 41 points on a count back from John Norfolk and Adam Littlejohn. The four nearest the pin holes were on the front nine holes and the winners were Mark Hoffman, Graham Mitchell, Daniel Archibald and Gail Leigh. Congratulations to all our weekly winners.

On Monday Liz Amos and Bev. Bellman traveled to Lancefield to play in the Dalhousie District Ladies Foursomes.

Next Saturday a two person Ambrose will be played and visitors and guests are welcome to join the competition. The new 18th green is now ready for use and golfers will test it out during the week. Members would like to thank Rob Christie and his team for all their hard work on the course.

A number of the members have migrated north for the winter and we wish them all happy and safe travels.

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The first WW1 battle for the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) was at Fromelles, in France.

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Lambis Enlglezos is coming to the Alexandra Library to share his research and findings of that battle.

Come along and be swept into one man's passion to honor the ANZAC's contribution in the "war to end all wars".

Enjoy an Anzac biscuit afterwards and a chat with Lambis. Alexandra Library Tuesday 16 July between 1pm and 2pm. All are welcome.

WILKINSON

David Ross (Wilko/Dubs)

Passed away on June 16 2013 at home in Taggerty.

Loving father of John-Ross and Viv.

Father-in-law of Shona and Aaron. Loving Grandad of Oscar-David. Step Grandad of Vanessa and Ohden. Ex-husband and companion of Fay for 34 years.

WILKINSON

The Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of David Ross (Wilko/Dubs) will be held at The Spillway on the Wall of Lake Eildon on FRIDAY (June 28, 2013) commencing at 1.30pm. A Private Cremation will follow. In lieu of flowers, have a beer for our mate. BYO Chair.



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Councillor comment

We recently held a Special Meeting of Council to receive submissions on the draft Council Plan, the Strategic Resource Plan and the draft Budget.

This marked the end of a four week period where the documents were on public exhibition so that our communities could have the opportunity to look at the documents – and download them if they wished – give them careful consideration and make submissions on any aspect of them.

This process was augmented with a series of public meetings held across the shire. There were five altogether - in Alexandra, Buxton, Eildon, Kinglake and Yea – and, while attendance was light, those who did attend were able to ask their questions freely and receive answers immediately.

Council received six written submissions covering both the draft Budget and the draft Council Plan and it is interesting to observe that no submissions were received from members of the community who attended the public information sessions.

Again, though the number of submissions was small, we welcome all comments and will ensure that each submission receives a written response addressing the points raised and the queries made.

Submissions are particularly helpful in enabling us to identify where

we can explain what is proposed in language that is clearer for all to understand.

It was particularly pleasing to see that two of the submissions presented have arisen from groups in the Alexandra community getting together and initiating a project which they see will have future potential and benefit. These groups are proposing a redevelopment and renewal of the Alexandra Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve and have already begun working on a master plan for this initiative.

This is the way of the future - with groups or individuals in the community owning and driving a project which they see as contributing to the growth and development not only of their community but also for the shire as a whole.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO have been invited to meet with these groups and we look forward to taking up this invitation, to learning more about their plans and aspirations and to working with them in achieving their goals. To all of you who have contributed, whether verbally or in writing, thank you. Your comments will all be considered as we move to finalising the documents for their adoption at the next Council meeting on 26 June 2013 at Marysville.

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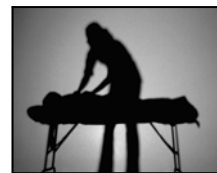
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Mayor's Chair

The proposed change to the Constitution to provide financial recognition of Local Government is an important topic that must be considered carefully.

Given my on-going focus on the wellbeing of the shire and the need to keep the costs to residents down, I am in favour of the change.

Over the next few weeks I shall use part of the Chair to address the case for change.

The need for the Referendum is because there have been two recent High Court cases that have put in doubt the legitimacy of the Commonwealth to directly fund Local Government programs – programs like Roads to Recovery and the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Anyone who challenges the funding is likely to win and stop Commonwealth funding direct to Councils unless we agree to make the proposed small change to the Constitution.

In the coming budget, Roads to Recovery is providing \$833,500 for maintenance of our road network. That's about an extra 8% increase in rates if the Commonwealth wasn't

allowed to provide us the funding and we had to find it ourselves. The rate rise would be 14% instead of 6%. So for this program alone, the decision on the referendum comes down to voting "Yes" to maintain the roads or voting "No" to increase your rates.

In Canberra last week, I discussed ways of gaining assistance to cover our costs of maintaining all of our infrastructure, not just those assets we gained from the various bushfire rebuild projects. While the latter have been the focus of our approaches to the State Government, we like many other councils have a backlog of renewal work that has to be addressed.

Our budget makes provision for such work but it leaves very little for us to cater for emergencies nor to take up new opportunities that may arise.

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Cr John Walsh, Koriella Ward

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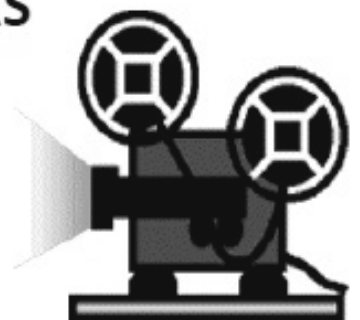
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Yea Shire Hall refurbishment gathers momentum

Works are powering ahead at the Yea Shire Hall.

From stabilisation works, to curtain replacement and now plastering of walls and cornices the historic building has been a hive of activity.

Cheviot Ward Councillor John Kennedy said works were on track for an end of year completion.

"Like any major project we are always mindful of our timeframes, but we are making steady and solid progress at the moment," Cr Kennedy said.

Presently tenders are being called for the extension to the hall that will house a "greenroom", toilet facilities, a supper room and kitchen.

Council has been working closely with its heritage advisors to ensure the hall remains true to its era. The project is funded through Melbourne Water, Local Government Infrastructure Program, Regional Development Victoria and Murrindindi Shire Council.

"This popular community hall is being returned to its former glory and is an important part of Yea's strong history," Cr Kennedy said.

"Importantly the hall, once completed, will not only be available for Yea events, but we encourage those from across the shire looking for an outstanding venue to consider using the hall."

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Regional approach to library service delivery

Gaining access to the latest books and e-resources will take a regional approach with Murrindindi Shire Council signing off on a service agreement with one of Australia's most progressive library systems.

Under the agreement, Council's libraries would receive shelf ready stock and gain access to e-resources supplied by the Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service.

Mayor John Walsh said the partnership allowed for greater access to resources particularly those on-line.

"The provision of library services within the shire is an integral and important part of community's cultural life. This latest arrangement will allow library services to remain as a Council entity, but have the support of one of Australia's most progressive and active library bodies," Cr Walsh said.

"The Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service is a previous winner of the innovative management initiative award at the annual Local Government LGPro Awards for Excellence for its 'Being the Best We Can' project.

"It is recognised as a leader in the delivery of library services and I am sure that as the partnership progresses we can continue to develop new and innovative ways of serving our customers with their library needs."

The agreement will see library items delivered to the shire shelf ready and allows flexibility to select products best suited for customer needs and cost efficiency. It will also result in Council's libraries remaining independent in their operations under the guidance of a coordinator.

"It is a very good outcome for the continuation of high standard library services and programs across our shire," Cr Walsh concluded.

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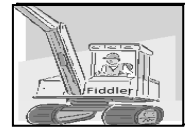
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The group was on a camp based in Marysville with the theme of 'resilience' and undertook a variety of activities in the local area.

Working with local Parks Victoria rangers to clear a section of track was just one of these activities. Using secateurs, loppers, handsaws, problem solving ability and ingenuity, the young men proved that environmental volunteering can be not only worthwhile, but also great fun.

"This group of students was fantastic to work with and it just shows what a great deal can be accomplished by tailoring a volunteer activity to a group that is keen to help out and achieve both environmental and personal goals at the same time," said Parks Victoria Ranger Rhyl Shaw.

"The boys worked hard to clear 3.7km of Messmate Track and the Friends Nature Trail over a morning in early May. As well as the track clearing, it was an opportunity to talk about both personal experiences and the environment's response to fire. There were many stories of resilience in action," said Rhyl.

Students from the school had previously been involved in a project to create a new track in Cathedral Range State Park in 2012 as part of a partnership between Parks Victoria and the People and Parks Foundation. The school was keen to return to the area again to follow up on their work and learn lessons from the local community in relation to their camp theme of resilience.

"The boys thoroughly enjoyed working with the rangers and were most appreciative of their openness about their experiences on Black Saturday. I was overwhelmed by their response to the renewal as it was clear that they really gained from their time with the rangers and other members of the wonderful Marysville community," said Kathy Jenkins, St Josephs College teacher.



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Volunteer Lifeguards

This position is similar to the Casual Lifeguard position. However, a season pass will take the place of remuneration. Pool Lifeguard qualifications and First Aid Level 2 are essential. Duties will include maintaining a safe environment for patrons, supervision, water testing and grounds maintenance. As per Senior and Casual lifeguards, training will be provided and the cost of Lifeguard qualifications reimbursed.

Appointment of the above positions is subject to a Working with Children Check and a Police Check. For a detailed position description please contact Kat Du Guesclin on 5772 0397 or visit www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au. Applications must be in writing and should be clearly marked either "Senior Lifeguard", "Casual Lifeguard" or "Volunteer Lifeguard" and addressed to Kat Du Guesclin, Co-ordinator Aquatic Services, Murrindindi Shire Council.

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We are aiming to preform the play along the Beauty Spot track, with the audience walking around as they follow the action. The director of Wind in the Willows in the Botanical Gardens has offered to help with the production. We hope that the production will bring some additional tourism to the area.

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Sun-moth future looking bright

A collaborative partnership between community groups, private landholders and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) is helping to protect one of Victoria's most vulnerable species.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed between DEPI and HVP Plantations to assist the management and monitoring of key Striated Sun-moth sites in the Upper Murray area.

DEPI Senior Biodiversity Officer Glen Johnson said the moth is classified as threatened under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.

"The species has a very restricted distribution, with Shelley having the largest Victorian population," Mr Johnson said.

"Key habitats at Shelley are wider roadside reserves, supporting native grasses along the Avondale Road and the Murray Valley Highway."

"Sun-moth larvae spend up to three years underground before emerging as adult moths ready to breed."

"Adults are present for approximately four to five weeks in mid-summer, with individuals only living for around one week. Sun moths are so named as they are only active in sunny conditions."

Secretary of the Shelley Forest Camp Committee Lyn Coulston welcomed the development of the memorandum.

"It's a great initiative that will raise community awareness of the sun moth's significance and enables greater community participation in monitoring and assisting habitat management."

HVP District Forester – Silviculture Andrew Bussau said HVP's ongoing management to protect and enhance Sun moth habitat includes targeted weed control and annual early summer slashing.

"The works will help maintain optimal native grassland conditions and reduce elevated fuels and associated fire risk around pine plantations."

The Victorian Government has a responsibility under the Wildlife Act 1975 and the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 to protect threatened species. These animals and plants contribute significantly to the biodiversity of their ecosystems. The knowledge we acquire about these species helps us to then take the on-ground steps needed to ensure their survival.

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Breakaway Bridge refurbishment starts

The heavy equipment has rolled in and works are ready to roll on the refurbishment of the historic Breakaway Bridge.

The bridge has been closed to traffic while the works take place.

Councillor Bernie Magner – who chairs the project control group – said the \$574,000 project had received Country Roads and Bridges Initiative (CRABI) funding of \$458,000. Council would provide the remaining funds.

“This is a project that has been some time in the planning,” Cr Magner said.

“Importantly the refurbishment has the support of the Acheron community as it will retain the historic look of the bridge while allowing for heavy vehicles to cross the structure which will improve the area’s transport needs.”

Once completed the existing timber structure will have a load carrying capacity to 20 tonnes which is an increase from the current 3 tonnes.

Breakaway Road will also be reclassified to Access Road status from the current Link Road status on Council’s road hierarchy.

Council has awarded the contract to refurbish the bridge to Nelmac Pty Ltd.

Over the coming weeks, the bridge’s structure will be strengthened with all existing timbers inspected and checked by a specialist timber bridge engineer. Only timbers that do not pass the inspection will be replaced. The bridge will also receive new railing, replicating the original as closely as possible.

“To carry out the works heavy equipment is required including a large crane. We do have traffic diversions in place and the area is signed,” Cr Magner said.

“We look forward to getting on with the project and completing a significant asset upgrade that will continue to service the community and tourists alike.”

Photograph: Breakaway Bridge Project Officer Eric Lording checks over final paper work with works to start on the bridge refurbishment.



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Turning of the sod marks the start of the Y Water Centre

The first sod is to be turned at the site that will accommodate one of Yea's most significant developments on Wednesday 3 July.

Mayor John Walsh said that the traditional turning of the sod would transform the project from being a much talked about aspiration to being a reality.

"This community project has been a labour of love for Yea for some time and we invite the community to this event that formally announces the start of building works.

"The Y Water Centre is a positive example of a community project that will be driven by the community, with Council playing an advocacy role. It is also a project that will benefit the whole of the shire," Cr Walsh said.

Member for Seymour Cindy McLeish will join community members and those closest to the project in turning the first sod.

The event will take place at the Yea Wetlands site at the corner of High and Hood Streets at 10.30am.

"We encourage the community to come along and witness this project milestone. It will be a great opportunity to chat with those closely associated with the project such as the Yea Wetlands Committee and Trust and the Yea Business and Tourism Association", said Cr Walsh.

"And depending on what the winter weather presents us with, even a wander through the wetlands may be in order".

The \$1.9 million Y Water Centre at Yea Wetlands will include a Visitor Information Centre and interactive environmental interpretive displays that will tell the story of the Yea Wetlands and the life forms it supports.

Capital funding for the centre has been secured through the State Government and Melbourne Water's Regional Benefits Grants. Through the generosity and efforts of the local community, the Yea Wetlands Trust has raised an additional \$200,000 that will be put towards the interpretive content and environmental learning programs that will be delivered through the centre. Council is committed to supporting the ongoing operations of the Visitor Information Centre through staffing and assistance to meet initial start-up costs.

It is anticipated that the Y Water Centre will be completed in early 2014.

New Wildlife Regulations announced

New regulations for keeping and trading native wildlife in Victoria were released today reinforcing the Victorian Government's commitment to a responsible, sustainable and ethical wildlife industry.

Department of Environment and Primary Industries Director Ecological Policy Stuart McConnell said the changes to the Wildlife Regulations will provide better guidance for the possession and trade of wildlife in Victoria.

"One of the changes is simplifying and reducing the number of licence categories in order to make them easier to understand and reduce the red tape involved," Mr McConnell said.

"The creation of the new Wildlife Regulations 2013 was a consultative process. We received input from wildlife licence holders and representatives of animal welfare groups, wildlife keepers and traders, the scientific community as well as wildlife and game management agencies

"The submissions received from community groups, businesses and individuals demonstrate how interested Victorians are in native wildlife."

The new regulations replace the *Wildlife Regulations 2002*, which expire on 24th June 2013, and govern the way wildlife is bought, sold, kept and bred in Victoria by over 12,000 private and 400 commercial licence holders.

"We have ensured these regulations are clear and equitable for businesses in the wildlife trade, recognising that many provide services important to the community and they have a strong role in educating the wider community about interacting responsibly with our native wildlife," Mr McConnell said.

"With the number of Victorians caring for, and dealing with, native wildlife increasing, it's a good reminder about the importance of doing so in a safe, ethical and sustainable way."

The new Wildlife Regulations 2013 came into effect on the 23 June 2013 and can be viewed at www.legislation.vic.gov.au. The Department of Environment and Primary Industries is working to ensure that there is a smooth transition to the new Wildlife Regulations for current wildlife licence holders.

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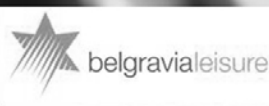
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