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NARBETHONG & GRANTON

BUXTON & TAGGERTY

January 31st 2014

President Graham Taylor

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Another Great Australia Day in Marysville

In the street, in the park and under the marquee ! Thanks to the Lions and friends.



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What's on When in February

- Sunday 2* - Buxton Fire Brigade Meeting @ 9.15 Buxton FS
Monday 3 - Narbethong Progress Assoc @ 7.30 Narby Hall
- Triangle Community Dinner
Wednesday 5 - Junior Fire Brigade 7pm @ Buxton FS
- Lions Club business meeting @ 8pm
Saturday 15 - Family Picnic & Fun Day - see notices
Sunday 16 - Junior Fire Brigade 9am @ Narbethong
Wednesday 19 - Junior Fire Brigade 7pm @ Marysville
- Lions Club Dinner Meeting @ 7 for 7.30pm
Thursday 20 - Narbethong Fire Brigade Meeting @ 8pm

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February

come along



Gallipoli Park Precinct

Committee of Management

The next general meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each
month. The meetings are held at 5.30pm in the upstairs function room
of the Community Centre.

The next meeting will be held **on Tuesday February 25th.**

Members of the Community are invited to attend.

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

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MTCA

The Marysville & Triangle Association would like to offer towns
of Taggerty, Buxton, Narbethong, Granton and Marysville
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Cliff Charlton

TRIANGLE COMMUNITY DINNER

Monday, 3 February, starts 6.30pm

Venue: El Kanah Village

Multipurpose Hall

Buxton/Marysville Road

Entrance via Camp Marysville

Opposite Marysville Golf Club

All are Welcome

MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITIES

There will be a Community Get together at the Gallipoli Park BBQ Shelter at 6.00 p.m. on the 7th February 2014. Those wishing to attend please be advised that this will be BYO Food & Drink.

The COUNTRY TOUCH bus will operate a service to the following "A Day on the Green" concerts at Rochford Winery, Coldstream;

Sat. 15th Feb. Jimmy Barnes, Baby Animals, Daryl Braithwaite etc.

Sat. 22nd March. Hunters & Collectors, You am I, etc.

For bookings phone Richard on 5963 3753 or 0417 633 753.



Fishing Competition

At the Family Picnic & Fun Day

Saturday 15th February

At the Lake in Gallipoli Park

Marysville

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Ph 5963 4592

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enquiries to Chairman, Robert
Chaffe 5772 1620

Mayor's Chair

I have had several conversations recently about where, how and why people shop where they do. Their reasons are varied and, for each of them, supportable and reasonable.

In some cases people choose to go out of our local area to do bulk shopping, primarily on the rationale that this is a cheaper way and better for their situation. And whilst I fully support everyone to make the decisions that are best for them individually, from my observation and experience it is also possible to achieve good cost effective outcomes locally.

It may involve changing shopping habits to take advantages of specials and seasonal produce and thinking ahead about household needs in order to plan shopping in a different way but the outcome can be beneficial in a number of ways.

Not the least of these is the principle of shopping locally.

The diversity and range of goods available to us locally never fails to both surprise and please me. I have found over the past 15 or so years that I have very rarely had to go very far afield for what

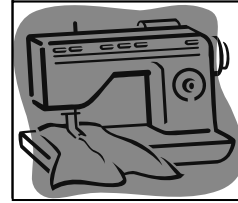
we have needed – sometimes the solution to finding what I want is simply by asking – and our local retailers are unfailingly helpful when it comes to tracking down a less usual product or putting in a special order, which is quick, efficient and usually very competitive in price.

When it comes to gift giving, friends and family have repeatedly over the years expressed delight at the gift and said “where did you find that?” promptly followed by “oh, Alexandra, of course – I should have known”.

For me, the issues are broader than just the immediate need and purchase. It is about the sustainability of our local businesses and our local communities.

I know that on occasions we may need to go outside our borders, but I would encourage all of us to ‘think twice, spend once’ before going elsewhere to do frequent shopping. The long term outcome will benefit us all and help to maintain this beautiful place in which we share our lives.

Cr Margaret Rae



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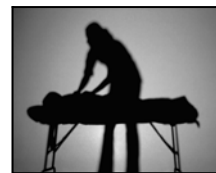
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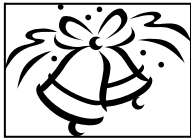
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Pans at the Bowl

Marysville's Pans on Fire steelband joined the Melbourne Ska Orchestra on stage at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl for the Tidal Rhythms at the Bowl Concert organised by Multicultural Arts Victoria on Australia Day.

Before a crowd of 5000 people, Pans on Fire were welcomed to the stage by the arrival of the Roulettes precision flying team, and then played a 30-minute set to start the show. They returned to the stage later to join the Melbourne Ska Orchestra, led by Nicky Bomba, with whom they played Coconut Woman and Paradiso. The two bass players snuck back on stage later to join MSO in a rendition of Perfidia.

The concert demonstrated how far Pans on Fire have come since forming in late-2009 after the bushfires early that year. For a group of people with virtually no prior musical experience, this journey has shown what hard work, enthusiasm and resilience can produce.

The next big event for Pans on Fire is playing on a float in the Moomba Parade in Melbourne, accompanied by dancers from the Caribbean Society of Victoria, on Monday 10th March.



Pans on Fire on stage with the Melbourne Ska Orchestra at the Myer Music Bowl.
Photo: Barry Thomas

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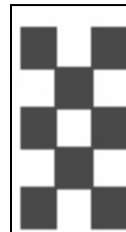
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Plan provides proactive approach to pet ownership

Promoting responsible pet ownership and community safety is a key focus of Murrindindi Shire Council with its adoption of its Domestic Animal Management Plan.

Council's Land Use Planning portfolio spokesman Cr John Walsh said the plan provided the framework for the development, and evaluation of animal management services and programs delivered by Council and complies with the requirements of the *Domestic Animals Act*.

This new plan will build and guide service delivery and actions through to the year 2017.

"This plan addresses responsible pet ownership and animal welfare by focusing on the following strategic directions and objectives for animal management," Cr Walsh said.

"It includes animal registration, identification, dog attacks, nuisance behaviour, dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs, and animal businesses.

"It also links the relevant animal control sections of Council's Community local laws to ensure consistency and accountability."

The plan aligns with Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-17 providing for a safe and harmonious community.

"The plan is about encouraging and celebrating responsible pet ownership," he said. "Importantly it is also about tailoring Council's programs to improve community awareness about pet owner's obligations and expectations.

"We have a large domestic animal population and the plan encourages people to be community-minded in the management of their pets."

The Domestic Animal Management Plan is available on Council's website under forms and documents.

Photograph: Council Local Laws Officer Casey Southurst congratulates Josh and Lucas Crane on being responsible pet owners.



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Marysville Golf Report

Last Saturday both the men and the ladies played a stableford round for the Neil Murphy Trophy. There were some excellent results with Adam Littlejohn (22) winning the trophy with 41 stableford points. The runner up was Gail Leigh (13) with 40 points on a count back from Alan Howard. The nearest the pins were won by Clint Sillett, Adam Littlejohn, Roger Thomas and Damien Archibald. During the post game presentation members welcomed Clint Sillett and a group from Amstel Golf Club all of whom played in the competition.

On Thursday 23rd January the nine holers played stableford on the back nine holes. This week was obviously the Adam show with another Adam, Delarue winning with 18 points. Geoff Ferguson continued his good form and was runner up with 17 points on a count back from Chris Burgess. Geoff also won the nearest the pin with his third shot from the 15th tee. Congratulations to all our weekly winners.

After play on Saturday the handicapper Yewls Kuan gave a very informative and succinct tutorial on the new Slope System of Handicapping which is now in place. It is a complicated system but one all golfers will have to fully understand before their next round of golf.

The 3rd round of the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters will be played at Yea on Saturday 8th February. All members are reminded to enter their names for this event on the list in the club house.

Next Saturday both the men and ladies will play a Par round for the February Monthly Medal.

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Murrindindi Shire Australia Day Awards 2014

Long-serving CFA Communications Officer Rosey Chester has been recognised as the Murrindindi Shire Citizen of the Year during Australia Day celebrations across the region.

Gobur's Tim Shaw was recognised as Murrindindi Shire Young Citizen of the Year for his leadership and philanthropic work and the ever-popular and growing Lions Club of Eildon Easter Saturday Market was recognised as the Murrindindi Shire Community Event of the Year.

Mayor Margaret Rae acknowledged the work of both Rosey and Tim in supporting the community.

"Australia Day and our awards are a small way to recognise those that put so much into our community. Both Rosey and Tim have a true desire to help other people and we say thank you for your contribution," Cr Rae said.

"On behalf of the community, thanks also to the Lions Club of Eildon who continue to grow and foster the Easter Saturday Market. It has become a major drawcard on our events calendar."

"Each year Australia Day gets stronger across our shire. It is a great day to get out and about and enjoy one of the many community activities and to celebrate those members of our community and the events that make our shire great."

Murrindindi Shire Citizen of the Year – Rosey Chester

In 1998 Rosey Chester accepted the role of Alexandra District Fire Brigade Group Communications Officer, a position that she continues to hold until this day.

As the group's second longest serving Communications Officer, Rosey has seen many challenges and successes as well as the changing face of the way operations are carried out across the CFA.

Her role involves long hours, dedicated commitment, good social skills and being available for duty on an almost non-stop basis. Her role includes testing equipment, maintaining logs, arranging strike teams and is the interface with the public seeking information during incidents.

One of the major challenges Rosey faces is that of Multiple Sclerosis.

And while the disease has impacted on her considerably, it has not got in the way of her supporting her CFA colleagues. In fact on occasions where she has been admitted to hospital, she has taken her two way receiver and mobile phone to continue to support the CFA while she has been an inpatient.

Outside of her demanding role with CFA – which is all voluntary – Rosey and her husband Chris own Murrindindi Computers, a business and area where she has much expertise and is happy to help out with advice across the community.

Then there is her interest in car rallies, golf and supporting community events.

With changes to the way the State CFA communications system operates, Rosey will continue to support the Alexandra District Fire Brigade Group in other areas, sharing her wealth of experience in delivering for the people of Murrindindi Shire and beyond.

Murrindindi Shire Young Citizen of the Year – Tim Shaw

Tim Shaw is a talented and successful individual who takes every opportunity which leads him to experience new things and meet new people.

The Alexandra Secondary College Captain is respected by teachers and students for his leadership and community participation, being awarded the Long Tan Leadership Award in 2012.

He is a philanthropic person who shows great maturity and care for others. He has assisted his sister Danielle raise funds for the School of St Jude in Tanzania and he has spent this summer in Nepal and India to help out disadvantaged schools.

He has been a member of the youth FReeZA committee and is a member of the Yarck CFA.

As a sportsman Tim has been a strong and successful competitor in cross country events and has been recognised for his participation by the Alexandra Football Club.

At the end of 2012, Tim was successful in applying for Melbourne University's "Kwong Lee Dow" scholarship. This is a highly sought after

three year scholarship awarded to the cream of rural Victoria's VCE students, which acknowledges academic ability, school and community achievements.

Tim has a very busy life with his volunteer work and involvement in community events and is an exemplary student. He is one of the shire's wonderful up and coming leaders.

Murrindindi Shire Community Event of the Year - Lions Club of Eildon Easter Saturday Market

From humble beginnings as a Trash and Treasure Market in 1983, the Lions Club of Eildon Easter Saturday Market has grown to be recognised as one of the leading one-day markets in the state.

In 2013, the market set new records in all areas generating its largest ever number of stall sites of 105, almost 5000 people through the gates and the most money raised through fees and food sales.

And while this major event is driven by the Lions Club of Eildon, it has also been superbly supported by local community groups including the Eildon Primary School, Eildon Kindergarten, Eildon Playgroup, Darlingford Nursing Home, Scouts and CFA.

Importantly money raised from this event is reinvested into the Eildon community, across Murrindindi Shire and to support Lions International activities.

Through the market, funding has been used to build the pier, rotunda and toilet block at Eildon Pondage to an all accessible standard, donations have been made to flood and fire campaigns through the Australian Lions Foundation and money has been provided to students to participate in state and national competitive events.

The funds also assist in running the very popular annual Christmas dinner for Seniors and Eildon's Christmas Eve family party in the shopping village.

Planning has already commenced for 2014, with Moore Park again the venue for this outstanding event that attracts locals and visitors alike to the Eildon township.

Tender Panel HR services

Murrindindi Shire Council is establishing a panel of pre-qualified providers of Human Resources (HR) Services – Labour Hire and Hire of Temporary Staff

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Councillor Comment

You're running late. You've finally got the cattle into the new paddock; just closing the gate and the top hinge bracket, that's been cracked for the last 10 years, gives up the ghost. You quickly put a couple of bits of wire around the post and the gate and the job's done.

As you rush to get to your meeting, you remind yourself to fix that properly tomorrow. I've spent the break tackling jobs "I'd do properly tomorrow" those jobs that have built up while I've been a Councillor. I'm nowhere near finished.

Since the implementation of the Services Review, a lot of Council staff time has been spent going back over old policies and procedures which were previously recognised as being in need of attention but put off to meet other demands.

It is often mundane work but the necessity and the rewards of getting operations ship-shape are evident with better service outcomes, improved audit reports, no black marks from the Local Government Inspectorate and reduced time wasted on re-work.

The result of all the work is often only seen when a revised document comes to Council for ratification. Most of the public is unaware of the effort that has been expended, so now I thank everyone who has kept plugging away to get us up to speed and contributing to our increased efficiency and savings. As with the farm, more gates are opening with a swing rather than a lug-shuffle.

Alexandra and Yea have been bombed with art. I've got mixed views. I appreciate the effort, inge-

nuity and skill that has gone into the works. Like all good art it gets people thinking and talking. I'm not a fan of attempts to improve nature so tree wrapping is not my thing, but I really like the bike rack and "bombed" buildings and light poles. And, it's always good to see someone "having a go" and trying something different to enliven the shire.

Public art energises a community and attracts visitors, especially where there is a linking theme and the art works are not allowed to get tatty. I've talked before about linking bike themed public art to our trails. Perhaps it's time to move the idea from my "proper-job-tomorrow" list.

Cr John Walsh, Koriella Ward

Roads get make-over across shire

While the recent hot weather pushed most people in-doors, it was conducive for upgrade works on some of Murrindindi Shire Council's roads.

Council is responsible for approximately 490 kilometres of sealed road network. Each year the annual bitumen surfacing program renews approximately 30-35 kilometres of this network.

Council's General Manager Infrastructure and Development Tamara Johnson said the works were targeted across the whole shire and were an important part of maintaining the road network.

"The process of determining which roads will be resealed is based on condition assessments to determine the level of deterioration of the road surface. Resealing at the appropriate time ensures the surface of our roads remain in good condition. This reduces maintenance and lengthens the life of our roads," Ms Johnson said.

The resealing works are carried out by specialist contractors with Primal Surfacing Pty Ltd carrying out the latest round of works.

Those areas selected in the latest round of sealing are:

Station Street, Webster St and U.T. Creek Road, Alexandra

Girdwood Parade, Eildon

Spring Valley Rd, Flowerdale

Break O'Day Rd, Murrindindi Rd and Deviation Rd, Glenburn

Deviation and Extons Roads, Kinglake Central, and Oldfield and Marks Roads, Kinglake West

Murrindindi Rd, Murrindindi

Jorgenson Road, Pheasant Creek

Kerr Street and Maroondah Highway, Taggerty

GV Highway S/R (West) Sth side, Thornton

Crystal Creek Rd, Whanregarwan Rd, Molesworth

Killingworth Rd, High St and Ghin Ghin Rd, Yea

Primal started the re-sealing work in the southern part of the Shire, with works around Glenburn, Yea, Murrindindi and some parts of Alexandra completed recently. The program continues in and around Yea, then moving on to work in the Kinglake / Pheasant Creek area.

There will be a separate crew mobilising to undertake the works around Eildon, Thornton and Taggerty.

"We urge motorists to take care on the new surface and drive to the conditions," Ms Johnson said.