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February 7th 2014

President Graham Taylor

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TREE STUMPS GONE!

During The last two weeks of January, the tree stumps left scattered throughout the Marysville golf course as a result of Black Saturday, have finally been removed.

Immediately after the fires, numerous trees were felled for safety reasons and the stumps left behind remained as an ugly reminder of that day.

Thanks to the efforts of a few locals, all of these stumps have now been removed, restoring the golf course to its former natural beauty.

The generosity of Neil Guscott by supplying and operating his



dozer to remove the stumps, ably assisted by Allan Rayson operating the smaller excavator and tractor/trailer to do the finer

clean-up work, plus Lloyd Flaherty for supplying his large excavator and tipper to remove the larger stumps, will be appreciated by everyone who drives past the course.

On behalf of all the members of the Marysville Community Golf & Bowls Club, and all the visitors who travel to Marysville to play on our course, I would like to pass on the gratitude and recognition that the three of you truly deserve.

Rob Christie



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February

come along

What's on When in February

- Saturday 15** - Family Picnic & Fun Day - see notices
Sunday 16 - Marysville Cricket Fun day - 8am—7pm
- Junior Fire Brigade 9am @ Narbethong
Wednesday 19 - Junior Fire Brigade 7pm @ Marysville
- Lions Club Dinner Meeting @ 7 for 7.30pm
- MOPS AGM (see notice below)
Thursday 20 - Narbethong Fire Brigade Meeting @ 8pm
Sunday 22 - Marysville Community Market
Tuesday 25 - Gallipoli Park Precinct, regular meeting
Friday 28 - Café Culture series - Irish Band - see flyer

Marysville Op Shop (MOPS)

AGM

Wednesday 19th February - 7:30pm

at **OUR LADY OF THE SNOW**

All positions will be declared open

ALL WELCOME

Could all community groups receiving donations please have a
representative present at the AGM.



"LEST WE FORGET:

MARYSVILLE SUB-BRANCH RSL

A.G.M

WILL BE HELD AT THE

MEN'S SHED - PACK ROAD, MARYSVILLE

ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014

AT 10 a.m



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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At the Family Picnic & Fun Day

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Cliff Charlton



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Contact: Val Cockerell
Ph 5963 4592

Rector: Fr Geoff Poliness
Tel: 5772 1053

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Every first & third & fifth Sunday
Marysville 10.30am

Every second & fourth Sunday
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Pastor Daniel Kriss (03) 5772 2695

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Warmly welcome you to our
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Chaffe 5772 1620

**Looking for Helpers
for the Family Picnic & Fun Day
15th February 2014**

Ring Sherrie if you can help 0417036379

5th Anniversary of 7th February

There will be an informal community get-together and BBQ
commencing at 5:30pm

on Friday 7th February 2014

in the Narbethong Reserve.

Everyone welcome.

Food will be provided (unless you have special dietary require-
ments), but please bring drinks and chairs.

No media.

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

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

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

**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.**

Mayor's Chair

The holiday season is well and truly over, schools have returned and the world is back to normal, whatever that may mean to each of us.

The culmination of the holiday period in the Australia Day celebrations is a lovely way for our communities to come together and celebrate achievements, both individual and collective.

Congratulations to everyone for their own special achievement – and congratulations also to all those who achieved in a very personal but perhaps not so public way over the past year. The personal strength we gain from meeting challenges and overcoming hurdles stays with us and enriches us as we go forward in life.

In the life of Council, things have certainly returned to the normal and very busy schedule – which often seems to the outsider to consist of meetings, meetings, meetings. And I certainly can't disagree with that.

However, meetings are mostly an efficient way of communicating information, sharing ideas, exploring options and arriving at decisions; the skill is in the meetings being conducted in a way that achieves the outcome required in a reasonable timeframe. A challenge for the Chair!

As Council moves forward through its complex schedule of briefings and meetings over the next three months or so, we will be considering the enormous range of issues which are encompassed by the Rating Strategy, the Strategic Resource Plan, the Capital Works Program and the An-

nual Budget to mention only a few.

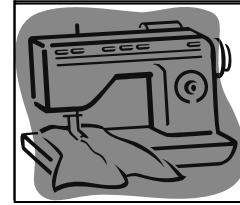
The issues are diverse and complex, the needs are many and varied, our communities are spread over a wide area, our assets need constant maintenance and the resources are strained. So the meetings will be full of detail, the discussions will be energetic – they have already commenced! – and decisions can and will ultimately be made only in a formal meeting.

All of this takes place by considering both each community separately and also the shire as a whole. In that way the needs and requirements have to be balanced against the financial capacity to deliver and also the physical capacity to deliver the agreed outcomes.

A critical part of this is the community's capacity to contribute through rates, fees and charges and consideration of this will be a key factor as we make decisions for the coming year in the light of the ongoing challenges that face us.

However, even though the phrase 'ongoing challenges' is often interpreted as a negative, often in dealing with these (and one thing is certain – they can't be avoided) new ideas and approaches emerge. So 'challenges' can equate to 'opportunities'. I would encourage us all in 2014 to look for the opportunity which lies within each situation.

Cr Margaret Rae



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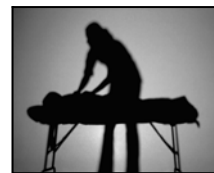
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Sunday 16th February

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This event has been run annually since 2011 and this year Marysville will be providing the venue.

In addition to some exciting cricket action there will be activities for the kids including jumping castle and show bags.

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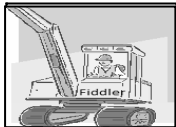
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\$245,000– AGENT: Susan Swingler



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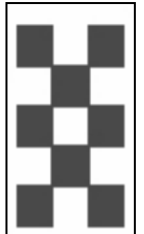
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Councillor Comment

Creating a New Future for the Yea Shire Hall

In various places in the Murrindindi Shire we have some underutilised community assets.

One that is currently exercising my mind is the Yea Shire Hall.

The hall is an important historic structure for the town and it has undergone a major refurbishment at quite significant cost through grant funding. In recent weeks I have had a preview of the renovation and extension works which are just about completed. Only a final finish to the timber floor of the main hall and some final fairly cosmetic internal painting needs to be done to say that the works are complete.

I believe the newly added services facilities at the rear of the building will prove to be both efficient and practical. So too the rebuilt stage facilities and curtains while the Memorial Boards that recognise the war time services contributions of many Yea and district families have also been handsomely restored. The busy Yea Meals on Wheels crew as I understand will be a regular user of the new services component behind the hall itself.

In short I think the Yea Shire Hall is a community asset which needs some new enthusiasm and plenty of creative new ideas. So the conundrum now is what can be done to utilise the building on a regular basis.

The success in recent weeks of the Yea Arts Carnivale has shown that Yea and district has a wealth of tal-

ented performers in music and theatre in particular. For instance I particularly enjoyed the short performances on the opening Sunday evening of the Carnivale provided by the YAPPERS theatre group and presented at the Yea Community House. But to date these functions have only been performed on a small scale albeit fully supported by the patrons.

So the question is can uses be created that can capitalise on the relatively large capacity of the 'new' Yea Shire Hall.

When I was in the UK recently my attention was drawn to the success of a community group in the spa town of Buxton in Derbyshire where twenty years ago it was recognised that the town had a rarely used town hall.

Local Gilbert & Sullivan enthusiasts took up the challenge to create the first tentative performances of light operatic entertainment.

They soon found traction to the extent that Buxton has in twenty years become the home of a three week long 'International Festival of Gilbert & Sullivan' which attracts enthusiastic patrons from all around the world.

The festival itself now also travels internationally to places like New York and has also been a major business generator for the local area especially for accommodation, the local restaurants and the visitor experience.

But it has grown to be so large that this year the Festival has been forced to move to another much big-

ger destination elsewhere in the UK to cater for the public demand for their productions.

I am not suggesting that the Yea Shire Hall's future is in productions of Gilbert & Sullivan but there must be innovative potential uses for the venue that can help make it a business generator for the rest of the Shire - in short a real community asset.

Another result from the rebuilding project and the fact that the hall has had no use for several years is that it currently lacks a management group (although the Council office in Yea will provide information and accept bookings).

It was contemplated that the Yea Shire Hall would post the renovations be managed by a "Friends of the Yea Shire Hall" committee or similar group.

Now that the works are virtually complete I think it is time that the future of the Hall and its potential new uses be formalised by setting up such a body.

I would be pleased to hear from any members of the community interested in putting some effort into creating a new future and uses for the Yea Shire Hall.

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On Saturday both the men and the ladies played a Par round for the February Monthly Medal. John Norfolk (20) with an excellent +6 understandably thought he had a fair chance of winning the competition until Keith McLaine (30) finished with an amazing +9! Well played Keith. The ladies winner was Jenny Coleman (23) with +2 followed by Heather Jenkins (29) with square. The nearest the pins were won by Mark Leitinger, Damien Archibald, Alan Howard. John Norfolk with his tee shot to the 18th green won the designated money hole.

On Thursday the nine holers played Par on the front nine holes. The winner was John Moore with an excellent +5 and Graham Page was the runner up with +3. Rob Richards won the nearest the pin on the ninth hole. Congratulations to all our weekly winners.

Next Saturday is the 3rd round of the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters at Yea. There will no Saturday competition at Marysville that day.

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Marketing activities for the Great Victorian Rail Trail have built up a full head of steam with the launch of the new riders' guide, website and updated tourism brochure.

Cr Christine Challen who heads Murrindindi Shire Council's Economic Development portfolio, said the latest marketing push would certainly assist people in creating their own stories about their wonderful experiences on the rail trail.

"All of the latest marketing materials reinforce the Great Victorian Rail Trail brand and utilise the themes of "Create Your Own Stories", "Embark on a Great Adventure" and "Australia's Longest Rail Trail", Cr Challen said.

The website went live just before Christmas and Visitor Information Centres across the shire have received the pocket sized riders guide and fold out brochure which provides users with a snap shot of the rail trail surrounds and its opportunities.

Some aspects of the marketing messaging include: trail and tour maps, town maps, trail features, history at a glance, trip planners with stay-eat-do sections, towns and villages and a range of images of unique locations along the trail.

"The iconic cheviot tunnel features on the front cover of the riders guide and brochure as well as on the home page of the website. Other images taking front of stage include the Yea Railway Park, Lake Eildon at the Bonnie Doon Bridge and various trail users on foot, pushbikes and horseback," she said.

The website - www.greatvictorianrailtrail.com.au - enables trail users to prepare for their trips with information on the trail and its rich history and hidden gems of the region, distances and gradients as well as safety and code of conduct guidelines.

"It was important to have the website and other marketing materials accessible before the busy Christmas period," Cr Challen said.

"As a result, some aspects of the website continue to be developed with full functionality expected by the end of February. For example, in future, trail users will be able to connect with the website via social media using Instagram to share their experiences with images."

Accommodation bookings and information about local attractions and eateries are available via the dedicated 1800 number, 1800 RTRAIL (1800 787 245). This number can also be used to log details about trail conditions and maintenance requests.

Business operators that have not already bought into the marketing prospectus can still take advantage of opportunities presented by the website via the 1800 number.

The more options available to visitors via the stay-eat-do section of the website the better. Quality visitor experiences will lead to trail users recommending the trail and associated activities in our region to other users. This is how we grow tourism," Cr Challen said.

"It is a magnificent sight to see so many people using the Great Victorian Rail Trail. With marketing activities now gaining momentum we expect to see a steady increase in user groups along the length of the trail and the flow on economic benefit that will come with it. "It is a very exciting time to be involved in **tourism** in our unique part of the world."

Photograph:

Full steam ahead, Jo Miller from Gallery 34, Yea; and Y Water Discovery Centre Coordinator Julie Blyth with the new Great Victorian Rail Trail marketing materials.





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“Just how the NBN can impact on businesses will be far ranging, but it is important that the first steps are taken to see if your business is NBN ready.”

Businesses keen to better prepare for the NBN can undertake the Business Readiness Diagnostic by visiting www.digitaldiagnostic.net.au

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“The technology is exciting and I would encourage businesses to prepare to take full advantage of the NBN when it is ready to be rolled out in Murrindindi Shire.”

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