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Perfect spot for mountain bike enthusiasts

Mountain bike enthusiasts will soon be able to make a day of it riding, picnicking and relaxing at a new day visitor area for the Buxton Mountain Bike Park.

The former school camp known as Camp Westlake is currently being transformed into the perfect day visitor area for riders.

The Buxton Mountain Bike Park visitor area, located in the foothills of the Black Range State Forest, is the brainchild of Department of Environment and Primary Industries' (DEPI) staff.

DEPI's District Manager Murrindindi, John Steer, said: "Camp Westlake was damaged in the Black Saturday fires in 2009 and a decision needed to be made about the future of the site."

"The site was handed back to DEPI in 2005 after being leased by Colingwood Technical School and North Melbourne Institute of TAFE," Mr Steer said.

"Local sources believe the accommodation block, kitchen/dining room and staff house were originally built by Scouts in the 1970s.

"Our district staff came up with the idea of a day visitor area for the bike park, which was backed by the Murrindindi Cycle Club.

"The \$100,000 project is being funded by insurance money and includes a gravel parking area, toilet block, picnic tables and a shelter.

"Construction should be completed

in April with landscaping and gravel works to be finished in September in time for an official opening in spring."

The Buxton Mountain Bike Park offers one of Victoria's best rides with around 20 kilometres of beginner to intermediate grade track. The track is popular with riders from Melbourne because it is within 100 kilometres of the city.

Post-fire recovery works were also carried out on the track including clearing of fallen timber, grading, bridge construction and significant track extensions.

Murrindindi Cycle Club president Andrew Hall said: "In a short period of time, DEPI's staff have really helped put Buxton on the map amongst mountain biking circles."

"It went from three to four kilometres to the terrific 20-kilometre track we have today. It is now worth getting in the car and driving to Buxton to ride.

"It began to take off around 2010 and we regularly see people from Geelong, Wangaratta, Mount Beauty, and interstate riders. They drive past several other tracks just to come to Buxton.

"The day visitor area will be a great boost to the local economy, and is fantastic for both local and visiting riders."

Murrindindi Cycle Club members have contributed volunteer labour to the project.

The day visitor area has also been

welcomed by the organisers of Buxton Bootcamp, which is an annual event held on the mountain that includes a six-hour and three-hour endurance race. Last year's event attracted more than 300 riders. Back in its third year, the Buxton Bootcamp will host the finale to the Victorian State Enduro Series – using the sweeping single track of Buxton MTB Park. This is an event for all levels of mountain bikers from your first timers to the guys racing for the crown of the series.

The 2014 event will be held on 9 November. For more information, visit www.bighillevents.com.au

Photos: a bike rider using the track and the new shelter



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- Sunday 6** -Buxton Fire Brigade BGM Elections @ Buxton Hall
9.15
- Monday 7th** - MMT and Chamber of Commerce Members
Meeting at Caravan Park Function Room @ 6.30pm
- Triangle Community Dinner El Kanah @ 6.30pm
- Wednesday 9** - Tupperware sale 141 Sth Cathedral Lne 9am
- Thursday 17** - Cultural Commity AGM at Brunos 7pm
- Saturday 19** - Taggerty 4 Seasons Autumn Market 9am @
Taggerty Hall
- Tuesday 22** - Gallipoli Park Precinct meeting 5.30pm @
Marysville Community Centre
- Saturday 27** - MDFNC season opener lunch 12pm @ Marysville
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Gallipoli Park Precinct

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It's dog and cat registration time

The important task of ensuring your dog or cat is registered with Council needs to be done by 10 April 2014.

While it is a legal requirement to have your pets registered, by doing so you also have the knowledge that should your pet become lost there is a good chance you will be reunited because of its registration identification.

Corporate and Customer Services portfolio holder Cr Cris Ruhr said Council made it as easy as possible for people to renew pet registrations.

"Residents who currently have animals registered on Council's system should have started to receive their 2014/15 renewal notices. We also encourage pet owners that do not yet have their animals registered with Council to take appropriate action to do so," Cr Ruhr said.

"We have good compliance with many pet owners making sure that their animals are registered, unfortunately we do have those that fail to comply.

"We offer a range of payment methods and changes to your animal's registration can be done over the phone."

Registration payment can be paid in person at any one of Council's offices, via cheque or money order posted to PO Box 138 Alexandra or via BPay using the details on the registration renewal form. Bpay is not a payment option for new pet registrations.

It is mandatory for all dogs and cats to be microchipped if being registered for the first time. This regulation also applies to previously registered dogs and cats that move into the Murrindindi Shire from another municipality.

Discounted fees apply to cats and dogs that are desexed, registered with an approved association (The Victorian Canine Association), dogs that have undergone obedience training with an approved organisation or animal over 10 years of age.

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Mayors Chair

Recently I attended a conference where the core theme focused on how development can be encouraged and facilitated in small rural areas - development which is owned and embraced by the communities that live and work there.

Whilst each presentation had its own particular focus, one speaker articulated five key points he identified as essential in order to provide a pathway to success and I thought I would like to share these with you. They are simple and generic principles which we can identify and see reflected in successful initiatives in our own communities.

The five key principles are:

Success is an inside job - that is, it comes through ownership by and effort from within the community, not imposed by others from outside.

Embrace change and take some risks - nothing comes with inbuilt guarantees and nothing would ever happen if someone didn't have a go.

Focus on assets and possibilities - to use one of my pet phrases, we need to focus on the art of the possible and see the glass as half full rather than half empty.

Grow and renew leadership constantly - it is too easy for leaders in our communities to get burned out especially when they are doing a great job and we all watch with admiration; we need to join in and offer our skills and assistance, and our leaders need to invite, encourage and mentor successors to take over the reins when ready or needed to do so.

Be passionate and entrepreneurial - every initiative, every cause, every event needs its champions without whom success would be that much harder; passion and enthusiasm are great motivators and lateral thinking can open doors in surprising places.

And I would add one more:

Celebrate our achievements - rewards come in many forms but recognition of achievement, no matter how small, is a wonderful boost for individuals, communities and organisations and we should always take time to do that and to say 'thank you for a job well done'.

On that note I would like to do just that and congratulate our Infrastructure and Development Services Division on the work undertaken in the refurbishment of Breakaway Bridge which has resulted in Murrindindi Shire receiving an award for excellence at the 2014 Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) Awards. The consultation and collaboration between the community and council officers has resulted in an outcome in which we can all take pride - thank you to everyone involved.
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Councillors Comment

Murrindindi Shire is open for business

The 2014 Regional Victoria Living Expo at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (also known popularly as Jeff's Shed) will be held over three days from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 April.

The Expo is an important opportunity to present to the anticipated visitors averaging over 9,000 per day the appeal and attractions that the Murrindindi Shire, our towns and villages offer to families, retirees and individuals who have an interest in relocating to a regional or rural country environment.

Council's Economic Development Department places a major emphasis on showing our opportunities and potentials, especially given that our close to the city location, good community infrastructure and unparalleled lifestyle options, makes Murrindindi Shire a very attractive choice for relocation. In addition to the Economic Development team presenting at the Expo, individual Councillors will also join the roster to attend in support of putting forward our Shire's case.

The Regional Living Expo is also a competitive space with 48 other Victorian municipalities also exhibiting and ready to showcase their features and potential. The key information on offer typically falls under the headings of jobs, housing, education, health and lifestyle.

In preparation for the Expo several local initiatives have also been set in train. Council recently hosted a Real Estate Forum in Alexandra attended by ten representatives of our local real estate agencies from Alexandra, Yea, Eildon and Marysville.

A key issue of focus was on the fact that "Murrindindi Shire is open for business". To this end a project steering committee led by Council - in partnership with Murrindindi Incorporated - that includes business operators from across the Shire is currently developing a comprehensive investment attraction prospectus.

As Councillor John Walsh pointed out at the forum, the Shire currently has in excess of 9,400 rateable properties and to achieve a sustainable financial viability the Shire needs to attract another 1,500 and potentially 2,000 rateable properties - put simply, a 20% increase.

The focus is clearly on not only growing our residential numbers but increasing our business base and infrastructure.

The input received from the real estate agents who attended the forum also provided valuable insights into the challenges they encounter in addressing enquiries from potential new residents or even business operators.

Council is continually addressing its forward growth plan. One of these initiatives will have been unveiled in Yea on Tuesday 1 April where a workshop was held for the community to have input into the Draft Yea Structure Plan.

The Yea Structure Plan will set the future planning agenda in Yea for the next 30 years. It will also pick up on more immediate planning issues, ideas and directions to help shape Yea's future.

The community will be provided with another opportunity to provide feedback on the draft plan which is scheduled for public exhibition in May 2014. The Yea Structure plan will be the forerunner of similar forward planning processes for other communities within the Murrindindi Shire in order to equip us for an enduring and prosperous future.

I encourage all Yea and district residents to participate in the process and other district residents will find it provides insights for them into the future planning process to be applied in other parts of Murrindindi Shire.

Cr John Kennedy—Cheviot Ward

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Jers's Tradies - Golf Day Final Up-Date

Jers (aka Leigh Jowett) had much pleasure in presenting a cheque to the Marysville Mens Shed President Bob McNamara for \$1,016.35.

Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Including: Black Spur Inn, Buxton Hotel, Nail Equip (Lilydale), Marysville Golf Club, Buxton Ridge Wines, Buxton Trout Farm, Tower Motel, Lit and Beyond, Elevation 423, Foodworks Marysville, Fragas Cafe, Marysville Bakery, Maryton Park, Sample Wines, Precision Plating (Burwood) Little River Wines and Ski Hire Narbethong.

Many many thanks to all whom helped in the organising - Sally Hider, Dave Harrison, Graeme Pullen, Peter Collyer, all the Golf Club Committee and Marysville Lions Club that supplied us all with an exceptionally delicious roast dinner. Then there was all the dedicated golfers that managed to play the whole 18holes even with the odd drink on the way around the course. Thanks heaps guys.

Thank-you to all.

Jers & Jeanette



Vale Dr. Neil McKern

Sometimes you don't know what (or who) you've got until they're gone. I met Neil and his wife Carol in the support and planning meetings in the aftermath of the 2009 Black Saturday fires. They had lost their weekend home in Lady Talbot Drive. When I called for help to establish the inaugural Marysville Marathon Festival Neil said he had run a bit and would help with organizing the event, none of us knowing quite what we were taking on with the marathon. In fact, in 1971 he was on the 4 x 800 metre team that broke the Australian Open and National Record, with 2000 metres his forte. In the first Melbourne Marathon in 1978 he ran an amazing 2:37, coming 15th out of over 3000 runners. One of his roles for Marysville was Publicity Officer and he was so successful we had nearly 3000 participants.

He and Carol rebuilt a beautiful home in Marysville, but sadly he developed multiple myeloma in early 2013 and after a long battle succumbed to the illness on 21 March this year. He was a gifted pianist and chorister, energetic gardener, and publisher of dozens of papers in his work with CSIRO on proteins and insulin. Neil was famously known for his verbosity, having once been sent in another direction so his running mates could catch their breath. But most of all he was devoted to Carol and their three children and seven grandchildren. Gone too soon, a gentleman and an inspiration to us all.

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The purpose of the foundation is to:

- Partner with communities of Murrindindi to enable them to grow and thrive
 - Provide philanthropic grants for the community benefit
- Fundraise and provide a local means to contribute to community wellbeing
 - Responsibly manage the foundation's funds for community benefit

Our competition for a new logo is open to anyone with a connection to Murrindindi Shire.

Submissions are due in by 14 May, to robyn@marysvilletrianglefoundation.org.au or PO Box 42, Marysville 3779. The board of the foundation will look at all submissions received and aim to select the design that best fits our purpose. The designer of the new logo will be acknowledged on our website.

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- *Better Pools* – grants of up to \$3 million to build new or upgrade existing aquatic centres;
- *Major Facilities* – grants of up to \$650,000 to develop or upgrade major sport and recreation facilities;
- *Seasonal Pools* – grants of up to \$200,000 to upgrade seasonal pools in rural, regional and outer metropolitan locations;
- *Minor Facilities* – grants of up to \$100,000 to develop or upgrade local sport and recreation facilities;
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- *Planning* – grants of up to \$30,000 to fund initiatives that assess the future sport and recreation facility needs of local communities and up to \$50,000 for regional planning initiatives.

Guidelines for these programs can be viewed at www.sport.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council.

Expression of Interests must be submitted to Murrindindi Shire Council by Wednesday 16 April 2014. Interested groups can contact Stuart Collier, Coordinator Recreation & Youth Development, to obtain relative documentation and to discuss project merit on 5772 0712 or scoller@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.



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The structure is located at 2980 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Kinglake.

Further details and necessary schedules are available from council's website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/tenders, or by contacting Council on 5772 0333.

Hard copies of the schedules can also be obtained by visiting a council office at Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake.

Scarecrow time is over

The wonderful Scarecrows of Marysville have been a big hit at the block. Now that they are returning to their makers (if you haven't already, owners please pick up by Friday, April 11)

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Operation Trident targets illegal commercial firewood sales

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) has launched a statewide investigation into the illegal commercial sale of firewood sourced from public land.

DEPI Senior Forests Investigator Greg Chant said: "The aim of Operation Trident is to gather information from the community about the illegal sale of firewood from public land and then prosecute anyone found to have broken the law."

"DEPI regional authorised officers will be conducting investigations to determine the legality of commercial firewood suppliers across Victoria," Mr Chant said.

"We know that firewood is being illegally removed from public land and sold. This has been an issue for many years. This activity is making a profit from taking firewood that should be available free of charge to the community during the domestic firewood season."

"If you know of anyone who is buying or selling firewood taken from public land illegally we want to know about it. Your information can be provided anonymously by calling DEPI on 136 186."

"Commercial firewood suppliers need to have the appropriate licences and permits to sell firewood obtained from public land."

"Commercial firewood suppliers must be able to produce their licence or permit to anyone considering buying firewood from them."

"We also want to remind the community that it is illegal to remove firewood from any public land other than a domestic firewood coupe during the designated firewood collection seasons."

"These domestic firewood coupes are not available to commercial firewood sellers."

"By purchasing firewood from unlicensed suppliers, purchasers are undermining legitimate licensed firewood suppliers resulting in increased prices for firewood."

"The illegal sale of firewood is viewed as a serious offence which attracts penalties of up to \$7218 or one year imprisonment or both."

DEPI manages Victoria's public land and natural resources with the aim of achieving the best results for the environment and the community.

For more information go to <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/forestry-and-land-use/forest-management/firewood>



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Proposed Governance Local Law 2, 2014

Notice is given pursuant to Part 5 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* that the Murrindindi Shire Council ('Council') proposes to make the Governance Local Law 2, 2014 ('proposed Local Law').

The purpose of the proposed Local Law is to:

Provide a mechanism to facilitate the good government of Murrindindi Shire Council through its formal meeting procedure, to ensure effective and efficient Council decisions are made in a manner which promotes the effectiveness of local government in Murrindindi Shire and within the Australian system of Government.

Promote and encourage community participation in local government by providing opportunities for direct access to the Council's decision making processes.

Protect the integrity of the Council's Common Seal and describe when it may be affixed to a document.

Regulate and govern the –

- i. Use of Council's Common Seal
 - ii. Procedure for election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- Way in which meetings of the Council and special committee meetings of the Council are conducted.

A copy of the proposed Murrindindi Shire Council Governance Local Law 2, 2014 and discussion paper can be obtained from Council's Offices in the following locations:

Alexandra - Perkins Street, Alexandra

Kinglake - 129 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road

Yea - Civic Centre, Semi Circle

Copies can be obtained between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, excepting public holidays. Alternatively you can view a copy online at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Any person may make a written submission to the Council on the proposed Local Law.

All submissions received by the Council on or before Thursday 29 May 2014 will be considered in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, by the Council's [Governance Local Law Submissions \(Section 223\) Committee](#) ('Committee').

If a person wishes to be heard in support of their submission they must include the request to be heard in the written submission and this will entitle them to appear in person, or by a person acting on their behalf, before a meeting of the Committee.

Written submissions should be marked 'Governance Local Law 2, 2014' and addressed to the Coordinator Governance, Murrindindi Shire Council, PO BOX 138, Alexandra, 3714 or email to

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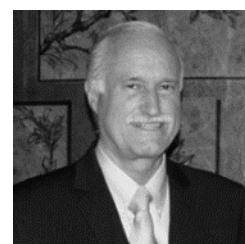
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Zoning changes open opportunities across shire

Changes to the state's farming zone will benefit Murrindindi Shire by allowing more flexibility for tourist accommodation and improving the diversification opportunities for farming properties.

Cr John Walsh, who holds Council's Land Use Planning portfolio, said the changes to the State Government's planning zones would have longer term benefits for the region. Changes to the zoning regulations will free up development opportunities, with particular relevance in the farming zone where the previous regulations were restrictive.

Under the changes nine existing zones have been deleted, five new zones created and the amendment of 12 existing zones within rural, commercial, industrial and residential areas.

"With a group of Councils on Melbourne's fringe and a collective of Hume region Councils, Murrindindi Shire Council has been advocating to the state government for these changes for some time," Cr Walsh said.

The zones that have been amended are the Farming Zone which generally applies to most rural areas; the Rural Conservation Zone that is used in Taylor Bay; the Rural Activity Zone which is only used for a small number of bushfire recovery lots; and, the Rural Living Zone which is applied on the fringes of Alexandra, Yea, Eildon, Marysville, Yarck, Kinglake West/Pheasant Creek and Flowerdale areas.

"The changes support the ongoing enhancement of economic development and tourism in our rural areas, in particular accommodation and farm gate sales and also provide a wider focus on industrial development," Cr Walsh said.

"While the changes encourage a wider range of activities, there are provisions in place to ensure that farming land will continue to be a focus of our economic base."

Key features of changes to the rural zones:

Encourage tourism by reducing or removing permit limitations in the Farming Zone and Rural Conservation Zone relating to tourism uses, enabling applications to be considered on their merits. Specifically this has removed the need to link a tourism business, including accommodation, to rural uses. Support business by removing the prohibitions on complementary business uses in some zones, such as landscape gardening supplies.

Assist farmers by removing permit requirements for farming related development such as netting and crop support structures.

Provide flexibility for farmers by allowing for the sale of farm produce without the need for a planning permit and removing restrictions on the sale of processed produce, for example, an olive farmer can sell bottled olive oil to complement the sale of fresh olives.

Cut red tape for dwelling additions and farm buildings by increasing the permit exemption threshold for altering or extending a building in the Farming Zone.

Include a purpose statement to the Farming Zone to encourage retention of employment as well as population to support rural communities.

Provide greater flexibility for councils to consider previously prohibited land uses in the Farming Zone such as industry.

"The changes are aligned with the Council Plan and Council's Economic Development Strategy which promotes initiatives associated with growing the rate base. We will continue to explore as a Council and community the best way to take advantage of zones to entice business and encourage activities that will have a positive impact on the region," Cr Walsh said.

"We will continue to take a strategic approach to development, but certainly the changes give us a greater flexibility which is welcomed."

Anyone wishing to discuss a potential development in the farming zone, or any other zone, is encouraged to speak, in the first instance, to officers in Council's Development and Environmental Services Department. Officers are available to assist with general inquiries and specific proposals on 5772 0317. Council's Economic Development Strategy can be found at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/formsanddocuments.

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The recruitment for this position is being coordinated through McArthur Recruitment Agency. For a candidate information pack, please visit their website careers page at www.mcarthur.com.au/job-seekers.aspx or contact Tim Bartley via email at tim.bartley@mcarthur.com.au or phone 03 9828 6541. Applications close at 5pm on Monday 7 April 2014.

Marysvilles Golfers Play Well at the Murrindindi Masters.

One of the highlights of the golfing year is the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters held over four rounds at Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville and Yea. Last Saturday Marysville hosted the final round of the event and 84 golfers played a stableford round in perfect weather conditions.

Congratulations to Marysville member Gail Leigh for winning the 2014 Ladies Murrindindi Masters Championship and to Eildon Junior member Dean Malley for winning the men's title. At just 13 years of age Dean has a bright future in golf and his acceptance speech included a 'thank you to Dad for teaching me all I know'!

Congratulations also to Marysville members Liz Amos and Brad Simpson for winning the daily Mini Masters event. This made it a clean sweep of the 2014 Ladies Mini Masters titles with Liz Amos winning at Eildon and Marysville, Jenny Coleman at Alexandra and Bev. Bellman at Yea.

Other winners on Saturday were Jenny Coleman, Heather Jenkins, Helen Howard, Mark Leitinger, Peter Jeffrey, John Norfolk and Mark Bambery from Marysville. Rob Dundas, Mark Robinson, Ed. Body from Alexandra, Denis Seamer from Eildon and Laraine Callender and Jeff Aurish from Yea. Congratulations to all the winners.

This event could not be held without the generous support from Foodworks and it is always a pleasure to welcome Norm Reddrop to the Murrindindi clubs to play in the event and to present the trophies.

The golfers were very complimentary about the condition of the course and Rob Christie, Kellan Fiske, Bob Emblin and Geoff Fergusson were thanked many times by the trophy winners and organisers. Thanks also to Adam Littlejohn, Alan Howard, Helen Howard, Sean Williams, Ken Whittingham, Rebecca Lee, Yewls Kuan, Ron Denmead and Joyce Culhane for their assistance on the day.

The Thursday golfers played stableford on the front nine holes. The winner was Bob Emblin with 21 points and Bob also won the nearest the pin on the 4th hole. The runner up was Paul Hayden with 19 points.

Next Saturday the men will be playing a stroke round for the monthly medal and the ladies will play the second round of the Club Championship and the monthly medal.

Many thanks to the ladies who played at the Dalhousie Player of the Year event at Yea on Monday 24th March and the Lancefield Bowl last Thursday Good Luck to all the pennant teams as they begin their 2014 season.
Lesley Rundle.

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Easter Monday with the Marysville Pre-School

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Burns planned near Marysville

Planned burns will be carried out in and around Marysville this autumn, weather and other conditions permitting, to reduce the bushfire risk to human life and the environment.

It has been five years since Black Saturday, and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) has planned to reintroduce fire into some areas of public land which were burnt in 2009.

The planning and consultation for these burns has been undertaken through the department's three-year *Fire Operations Plan (FOP)*.

The FOP outlines where DEPI intends to carry out fire prevention activities such as planned burning, clearing works and construction of fire breaks.

Burn Planner, Murrindindi, Kate Nolan said: "During the past 12 months a lot of work has been done to plan and prepare the burns."

"We work with a range of stakeholders such as Parks Victoria, CFA, local councils, forest managers, and flora and fauna specialists to develop the plans," Ms Nolan said.

"We value local knowledge and feedback and welcome input to our planning process all year round.

"Three burns are earmarked in the FOP for 2013/14 and these will be ignited when weather and other conditions are suitable.

"The burns are prepared and include an area of 60 hectares on the east side of Red Hill Track, 10 hectares on Kings Road and 16 hectares to the south of Marysville (between the Old Melbourne Road and Marysville-Narbethong Road).

"Once the burns are planned and prepared, we closely monitor the weather conditions and fuel moisture to choose the most appropriate time to conduct the burn. Notifications for these burns have also been sent. "We have several other burns planned across the Mitchell and Murrindindi shires. "Some bigger burns are planned north of Melbourne's water catchments to reduce bushfire risk as well as some smaller burns near other townships including Narbethong, Toolangi, Kilmore, Broadford and Eildon."

For further information or to find out when burns are scheduled, visit www.depi.vic.gov.au/burnsmap, phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on 1800 240 667 or contact your local DEPI office. Alternatively, you can email northeast.plannedburning@depi.vic.gov.au to be added to the email notifications database.

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HOLLY ERADICATION PROGRAM AT NARBETHONG

TRAINING DAYS: 1.00 p.m TUESDAY 22nd APRIL, 2014 A Holly eradication program has been in progress at Narbethong and Marysville since February, 2007 Holly is a garden plant which has jumped the fence and become well established in bushland around Marysville and Narbethong. It is spread mainly by birds eating the ripe red berries and dispersing the seeds. It is an invasive plant and once established displaces indigenous vegetation. It is officially listed as an Environmental weed. The program has been extensively supported by DEPI Marysville, VicRoads, Murrindindi Shire Council, Parks Vic, Upper Goulburn Landcare Network, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, The Friends of the Marysville Walks and local landholders. Because of this support, significant Gains have been made in the reduction of holly spread on both Public and private land. The program is ongoing and the most recent allocation of funding through the Victorian State Government's "Communities for Nature" grant will enable further work at Narbethong. This extension is a Joint partnership between DEPI Marysville, Upper Goulburn Landcare Network, The Friends of The Marysville Walks Inc. and local landholders. As Part of the program, two training days will be held at the property of Mr. Bruce Bayley, 280 Maroondah Highway, Narbethong At 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday The 22nd of April, 2014. (adjacent to Black Spur Roadhouse). These Training opportunities will provide information on holly eradication including methods of treatment, use of equipment and herbicide. If you require any further information about the program or training days please contact: Chris Cobern ---Landcare Coordinator, Upper Goulburn Landcare Network. Mobile: 0413 855 490 Email: ugrecovery@gbcm.vic.gov.au

An open letter to the Triangle communities of Buxton, Granton, Marysville, Narbethong and Taggerty.

Many of you will be aware of the Marysville and Triangle Community Association and the role it has played in the continuing recovery and rebuilding of the Triangle since the 2009 fires. For those who may not know the MTCA was created by former members of the Marysville and Triangle Community Recovery Committee to finalise incomplete projects and to continue the recovery process. The present members were long standing members of the CRC. On the disbanding of the CRC's, it was seen there was a necessity to continue in a similar role. There were a number of unfinished projects, a need for new projects and importantly a role to play in being an avenue through which the community could connect with organisations and bodies involved with the recovery process.

The main project has been to establish the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation, which was identified as a top priority at a community meeting held in Marysville in July 2011.

Note: The Foundation is a completely separate entity to the MTCA. It has its own Board of Directors and Executive Officer and is a philanthropic organisation which enables local people to contribute to the long term benefit of our region by addressing local needs through grant-making and encouraging philanthropy. The establishment of this foundation has been aided significantly by funds from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.

MTCA has been fortunate to engage Tony Thompson as an Executive Officer in a part time role. Drawing on his expertise and knowledge, Tony has provided invaluable assistance by providing ongoing assistance and support to a range of projects. These have ranged from dealing with community mental health, communications, arts, reconstruction, job creation and economics. He has provided an important link between community, Federal, State and Local Government and non government organisations.

At the MTCA AGM in November 2013, a number of community organisation representatives expressed an interest in exploring the role of an 'umbrella' organisation for all of the different community groups across the Triangle area. This proposed organisation would not replace existing community groups but could be the representative body for all of the Triangle community, that is, a central organisation which would be able to marshal a greater range of expertise and contact than perhaps the existing individual groups. A second meeting held on 28 January in Buxton highlighted the need for further communications on this option.

One of the main issues that arose from the two community meetings was the need for better communication across the groups and the wider Triangle area.

For the MTCA to have a future, new committee members are required. The members have committed to staying on until June 2014. Tony's tenure as Executive Officer also ends in June 2014. If the MTCA is to be successful, new ideas and enthusiasm are required.

We are calling for new members, either in the capacity of representatives of existing groups or as interested individuals. There is opportunity to join before June thereby providing the benefit of being able to draw upon the knowledge of the present members and become familiar with ongoing projects.

Please let us know if you are interested in the future of the MTCA by contacting Tony Thompson at marytone1@bigpond.com or 0417 138 572 before April 17, 2014.

Clive Clayton,
Chair MTCA

BUXTON HALL KICKS UP ITS HEELS!

The Rock'n Roll night organized by the Buxton Progressive Association Social Committee held on Saturday, 29th March proved to be a great success. Mrs Willie Cureton, Secretary for the BPA, said 'that everyone had a wonderful night and feedback has been very positive. They danced and danced throughout the night to the 60's and 70's music of Overnite Express and, the dance floor was never empty.'

Lucky patrons took away some great prizes. Ms Anne Hibbert was extremely surprised and delighted to win the raffle and, took home a beautiful oil painting of The Cathedral, kindly donated by local artist Geoffrey Dupree.

Willie added that the judging for the 'Best Dressed Female and Male' was very tight. Judged by the M.C. for the night, Mrs Jillian Chandler, she said that 'I was hard pressed to pass up on awarding the 'Best Dressed Male' prize to Willie's husband, Peter Cureton, who really went to town with his Rock 'n Roll outfit.' The Best Dressed Female prize was given to Yvonne Lievense. Jillian said that 'Yvonne stood out in the crowd with her colourful outfit.'

A spontaneous prize for the best dancers was awarded to Christine Priest and Bob Carroll from Alexandra, who had never danced together prior to the night, but who were both 'seasoned' rock 'n rollers. 'They just took over the dance floor and showed us how it was done', added Willie.

The BPA Committee wish to thank everyone who came along to support the fund raising night and all those who contributed to the night including, Julia Foletta, Jeff Cole, Lynda Bent, Geoffrey Dupree and Jillian Chandler and the BPA Members who helped organize the night.

The Committee hopes that there will be continued community support so this type of event can be repeated in the near future to take advantage of the excellent facilities at the Hall.

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