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President Graham Taylor

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Lions "Claytons" Changeover ...

The Changeover that didn't change much at all, held at El Kanah on Friday night. We still have Graham Taylor as President, Glenn McFadzean as Secretary and Pauline Alman as Treasurer, only the Vice Presidents were changed.

We welcomed many guests, most were there as a 'thank you' for their help to the club over the past year. We have helpers for Triangle collating, catering, setting up and dismantling for our major events, and some of these help out in more than one of these areas. Without our helpers, it would be extremely difficult to do the work that we do.

Some of our guests came from other Lions Clubs, with some of these receiving donations for Lions projects. Donations were made to Lions Drug Awareness Foundation, Spinal Cord Fellowship, Lions Village Licola Camp and to the District Disaster Relief Trust.

Awards were made to Lions Graham Alman and Norman Fiske, and also to non-Lion Ray Dickinson.

A wonderful dinner, thoroughly enjoyed by all, was provided by the El Kanah chef and staff.

Tickets for the raffle were purchased eagerly, and we would like to thank the local traders for their support in supplying fantastic items at very much reduced prices.

It was a fun night and very much enjoyed by all those present.

Photos: President Graham with Lion Ian Bjorkman from Wheelers Hill Lions, representing Lions Village

Licola Camp.

Graham Alman was presented with the James A Richardson award for his achievement in the success and continued improvement of the Australia Day celebrations over the last few years .



A Lions Community Service award was presented to Ray Dickinson for his quiet but very generous support he has given to one community member in particular.



with the Helen Keller Fellowship Award for his unstinting efforts with the Lions Triangle Tool Library. Above from left Membership Chairman Neil Guscott, Treasurer Pauline, Secretary Glenn, President Graham and Web Master Trevor.

Norman Fiske was presented the Helen Keller Fellowship Award for his unstinting efforts with the Lions Triangle Tool Library.



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Lion Norman Fiske was presented

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<i>Sunday 6</i>	<i>Marysville Golf and Bowls Opening from 11am @ Marysville Golf and Bowls Club</i>
<i>Sunday 6</i>	<i>- Marysville Primary School Parents Club Movie Night Marysville Primary School @ 6.30pm</i>
<i>Monday 7</i>	<i>- Triangle Community Dinner El Kanah Village @ 6.30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 9</i>	<i>- Triangle Junior Fire Brigade Activities 7pm @ Narbethong</i>
<i>Saturday 12</i>	<i>- Buxton Fire Brigade Breathing apparatus Exercise 9am @ Buxton Hall</i>
<i>Sunday 13</i>	<i>- Triangle Junior Fire Brigade Activities 9am @ Buxton</i>
<i>Tuesday 15</i>	<i>- Buxton History Group meeting 7.30pm @ Buxton Hall</i>
<i>Thursday 17</i>	<i>-Narbethong Fire Brigade General Meeting 8pm @ Narbethong Fire Station</i>

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Questionnaire

A number of Buxton-related folk have formed Buxton History Group to publish a history of Buxton. This is a not-for-profit venture. Similarly interested people are invited to join the Group.

Over the next couple of months, Buxton History Group members will be visiting all the residences and businesses in Buxton area with a simple Questionnaire. In fact, Nancy Leslie was quick to start and has already interviewed a number of people.

The purpose of the Questionnaire is to start gathering the historical information to include in the book. It will help discover what we know and who is able to share information.

You don't need to wait for us to visit – we welcome being contacted first.

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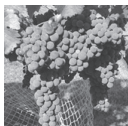
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The Thursday nine holers played Par on the back nine holes and the winner was Bob Emblin with square on a count back from Roger Thomas. No player was able to hit a good enough tee shot on the 18th tee to reach the green.

On Saturday the men played the second round of the Par Shield. The winner was Peter Jefferey (16) with +3 and the runner up was Willy Williams (20) with +1. The second round qualifiers were Peter Jefferey, Steve Coker, Willy Williams and Ming Kuan. The nearest the pins were won by Ming (2) and Roger Thomas who also won the Golden Shot.

The least effective shot of the day was hit by one of the men on the first tee when his ball bounced off the ladies tee marker, went high in the air on a 45 degree angle and hit the BBQ roof!!

After the presentation on Saturday all members congratulated long time members Helen and Willy Williams on their 45th wedding anniversary. Next Saturday the competition will be a 4BBB with partners drawn before tee off.

Last Thursday Liz Amos played in the Euroa Ladies Tournament and enjoyed the day despite the course being very wet and muddy. Thanks go to the Euroa ladies for their hospitality.

On Monday three Marysville ladies played in the Dalhousie Foursomes event at Strathbogie but the results were not available at the time of writing.

Good Golfing.
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Mayor's Chair by Cr Margaret Rae

Over the past week we have been holding meetings with a range of people including politicians of differing persuasions. These are always valuable and often provide a salutary reminder that many are still unfamiliar with our shire and the issues we confront. It is too easy to make the assumption that our profile is high and to forget that others have many matters that demand their attention. The same can be true for all of us, too, and so in the lead up to the conversations we will be having in the coming months, I thought I would take this opportunity to briefly revisit some of the issues that still present challenges.

Not the least of these is the definition of 'bushfire affected'. This is usually interpreted to mean those areas and communities which were directly impacted by the fires. Too often there is a lack of acknowledgement that the whole of our shire was affected, whether by assisting family and friends, experiencing economic downturn and loss, imbalance in availability of incentive programs, etc. as well as sharing, possibly disproportionately, in the rates burden.

The generously donated additional infrastructure has resulted, as we know, in an additional cost at an average of approximately \$1.8 million per annum over the next 10 years. These are our figures based on the practical experience of having this infrastructure up and running for some time. The most obvious solution to dealing with this extra cost would be to increase our rate base - you will note, I do not say 'population' as we could triple our population overnight but if they all moved into existing properties, it would not alter the revenue one iota. Currently permits for rebuilding sit at about 42% but have plateaued for the last couple of years. So getting back to where we were is going to take a long time, let alone for us to achieve the number of additional properties that are needed.

This is exacerbated by the Bushfire Buyback Scheme where these properties are essentially lost to the rate base without direct compensation. In addition, the Bushfire Management Overlay which currently applies to around 1600 properties has the potential to affect another 4,000. Whilst changes signalled by the Minister for Planning may result in more flexibility, this will not be known until more detail is available. The CFA as a referral body is applying the precautionary principle rule and so areas where people want to build are not being supported even though blocks alongside are occupied. This is resulting in frustration as well as concern about social inequity, not to mention the ongoing loss of capital improved value to the rates revenue.

The recent announcement by the Federal Government of a freeze on the Federal Assistance Grants Scheme for the next three years might not have sounded too dramatic. However, it will affect us to the tune of more than \$740,000 over that time. This is a very large cut as increases in expenditure will inevitably continue to occur.

Any one of the issues discussed above would present Council with challenges; the multiplicity of the issues creates a situation which is extremely difficult to manage. We have always accepted the responsibilities placed on us and have made every endeavour to close the gap between revenue and expenditure. We do, however, feel it is unreasonable for our community to bear the whole of the burden when it was not of your making and therefore support the proposition that all those who contributed to the situation should contribute to the solution as a more reasonable outcome.

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Councillor Comment by Cr John Walsh, Koriella Ward

In modern management speak, it is taboo to talk of problems – we only have challenges and opportunities. So let me share some of the opportunities with which Council is trying to grapple.

We have a whole lot of new buildings, parks and trails as a result of the rebuild and donations that we can't afford unless we make major increases to rates. We have asked for financial assistance from the State government and signs indicate the requested assistance won't be forthcoming.

We already have undertaken a comprehensive review of services and assets and have cut back operations; improved efficiencies; and been selling off unused assets. But that has not been enough to meet the challenges.

We have joined with the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network and the Murrindindi Training Institute to provide more post secondary training and employment opportunities for our young people. Recent Commonwealth and State Government decisions have all but killed both organisations. If they are to survive it will only be due to the dedication and determination of their respective volunteer Board members in pursuing alternate ways to provide opportunities for our communities. We continue to promote their efforts and the advantages they bring to the Shire but again have yet to gain meaningful commitment to ensuring their longevity.

I realize I have written about all these issues before but I also know there are still many in the Shire who don't understand the size of the problems we are facing. This raises the need to review the way Council consults with the community.

We send documents out with media releases asking for comments and unless there is something that impacts individuals or a particular community group, we hear nothing. We hold community Q & A sessions and no one turns up. And yet there are often underlying worries or good ideas that only arise sometime later when we have person to person chats. Clearly the old ways of doing business are not working well. We need to try something new.

The Mayor and others have flagged that over the next month we will be detailing some options for dealing with the financial and other consequences of the Council not receiving assistance from the State Government. We want more ideas from you. All options will impact everyone, not just zapping the hip pocket nerve but also as to how and if we can realize your vision of the Shire in 2030. As a community we have some hard decisions to make and we have to find ways, as a community, to make them. I look forward to your participation and ideas.

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Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy

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Council is calling for public submissions on the Strategy. Any person who wishes to make a submission must do so in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address.

Written submissions should be addressed to 'Manager Infrastructure Operations' and can be submitted via:

post to: Murrindindi Shire Council, PO Box 138, Alexandra 3714

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Public Comment Draft Rural Roadside Management Plan

Council has developed a draft Rural Roadside Management Plan and a set of associated Guidelines for managing specific activities in Council roadside reserves.

Roadside management involves a wide range of issues and organisations. A plan that brings all these issues into an easily understood and practical format will better help stakeholders understand how to manage them.

The draft Rural Roadside Management Plan and its associated Guidelines is now out for public exhibition and we welcome community comment.

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Working together on rural roadside management

Roadsides are important for safety, provision of services and the environment. Roadside management involves a wide range of factors including road safety, fire management, habitat conservation, weed and pest animal management, recreation and provision of utility services.

Murrindindi Shire Council has developed a draft Rural Roadside Management Plan to bring all of these aspects together into an easily understood and practical format to help the community understand how to manage them.

Environment and Climate Change Portfolio spokesperson and Cheviot Ward Councillor John Kennedy said that in developing the Plan, Council has consulted extensively with agencies, committees and community groups.

"Council held a very successful workshop in May 2013 which provided important input for the Plan. Subsequent meetings have since been held with key committees including the Country Fire Authority and environmental groups," said Cr Kennedy.

The draft Rural Roadside Management Plan is now being released for wider community feedback. Council is inviting submissions from interested stakeholders on the content of the Plan which includes a proposed set of Roadside Management Guidelines.

"The Plan sets out Council's position when it comes to Rural Roadside Management, including roles, responsibilities and expectations. The Rural Roadside Management Guidelines provide helpful information on how to conduct specific activities with consideration to protecting the roadside conservation value. They are a broader resource for Council staff, contractors, agencies and community members", said Cr Kennedy.

Roadsides provide important habitat for flora and fauna such as large old trees (both dead and alive), shrubs, native grasses, logs and other organic litter. Roadside can also present a fire risk particularly with the presence of weed infestations.

"The key challenge for Council and the community is to balance the protection of our highly significant roadsides with obligations to provide safe passage on roads and reduce the risk of fire. These roadsides not only contribute to our rich biodiversity, but also the visual appeal and character of the place we call home.

"Improving the way activities are managed on roadsides will help Council and the wider community meet their legal and moral responsibilities.

The draft Rural Roadside Management Plan and its associated Guidelines outline what can and cannot be done, which helps to improve communication and provide a better customer service experience for any person wishing to undertake works or activities in a Council roadside," said Cr Kennedy.

The draft Plan is available for Public Comment until Wednesday 23 July and can be accessed via council's website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/publiccomment or at any one of council's offices in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea.



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Council is looking to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its delivery of community bus services to the Murrindindi Shire community by changing and streamlining booking and bus management procedures. Council has three community buses which are available for hire by the community to enable them to access essential community services and participate in activities and programs.



The buses are available for those who face geographic, physical, social or economic disadvantage. The buses are not available for private hire so as not to disadvantage local transport businesses.

As part of a 12 month trial, Council has entered into an agreement with community transport provider Community Accessibility Inc. to manage all bookings for Council's community bus fleet. As of 1 July 2014, all bus bookings will be handled directly through Community Accessibility Inc. Users of Council's community buses will be required to pay an annual registration fee of \$20 in order to use the service.

More information is available from Community Accessibility Inc. or through Council's offices. Community Accessibility can be contacted by phone 1300 704 530 or online at www.gettingthere.net.au. Full details on the trial, including cost of bus hire, are available from Council's website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communitytransport. Enquiries regarding the change in hiring procedure can be directed to Council's Community Bus Review Project Officer, Clive Clayton on 5772 0365 or via email at cclayton@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.



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Statistical data for Murrindindi Shire now just a click away

The geographical makeup of the Murrindindi Shire is complex with many small villages and townships making up its demography.

Access to detailed statistical information across the smaller areas within the Municipality has long been a challenge. That is until now.

Murrindindi Shire Mayor Margaret Rae has announced a new user friendly online demographic resource for the Murrindindi Shire that is available for anyone to use.



“Council in partnership with Lower Hume Primary Care Partnership has introduced the Murrindindi Shire Online Social Profile - a highly interactive portal that provides access to statistics on specific topics, and localities in the Murrindindi Shire.

“Having access to demographic and economic profiling and population forecasting is important across a range of levels. The new online tool will assist organisations and businesses in planning and making informed decisions about the future needs of the community. It will also be a critical element in the creation of community profiles.

“As well as this it’s also going to be invaluable for much simpler data collection such as finding out the population of a township; something that can be quite overwhelming for some when using a complex and sophisticated resource like the ABS website.

“This fantastic site provides all the data you could need in a highly interactive and very simple to use format,” said Cr Rae.

The Lower Hume Primary Care Partnership (LHPCP) highlighted the lack of detailed demographic data for Murrindindi Shire as an issue for health promotion and service planning and therefore agreed to jointly fund the development of the online demographic portal.

Executive Officer Lower Hume Primary Care Partnership Sandra Saxton said that she was proud to have undertaken this project in partnership with Murrindindi Shire Council.

“This resource will prove to be a useful tool to Health, Community and Education services across the Shire,” said Ms Saxton.

The online demographic resource developed by Geografia compiles data from National and Victorian sources including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Department of Health and Community Indicators Victoria

and is presented in a very simple and user friendly format.

Data are provided at a high level across three broad sub regions of the Shire including Yea, Alexandra, Kinglake and surrounds. Information is then broken down further into townships and further still to localities covering all townships and surrounding areas.

The new site can be accessed via a link on the homepage of the Murrindindi Shire Council website or directly at [http://](http://statis-)

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Pool Lifeguard positions

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Senior Lifeguard (four positions, Yea, Alexandra, Eildon and Marysville Pools)

This position is up to 30 hrs per week on Banding 3A Casual (\$30.67 per hour). Pool Lifeguard qualifications and First Aid Level 2 are essential. Duties involve maintaining a safe environment for patrons and lifeguards, staff rosters, supervision of staff and maintenance of pool grounds and water quality. Excellent communication skills are required. The position is from early November 2014 and will finish mid March 2015.

Casual Lifeguards (approximately seven positions available at each of Yea, Marysville, Alexandra and Eildon Pools)

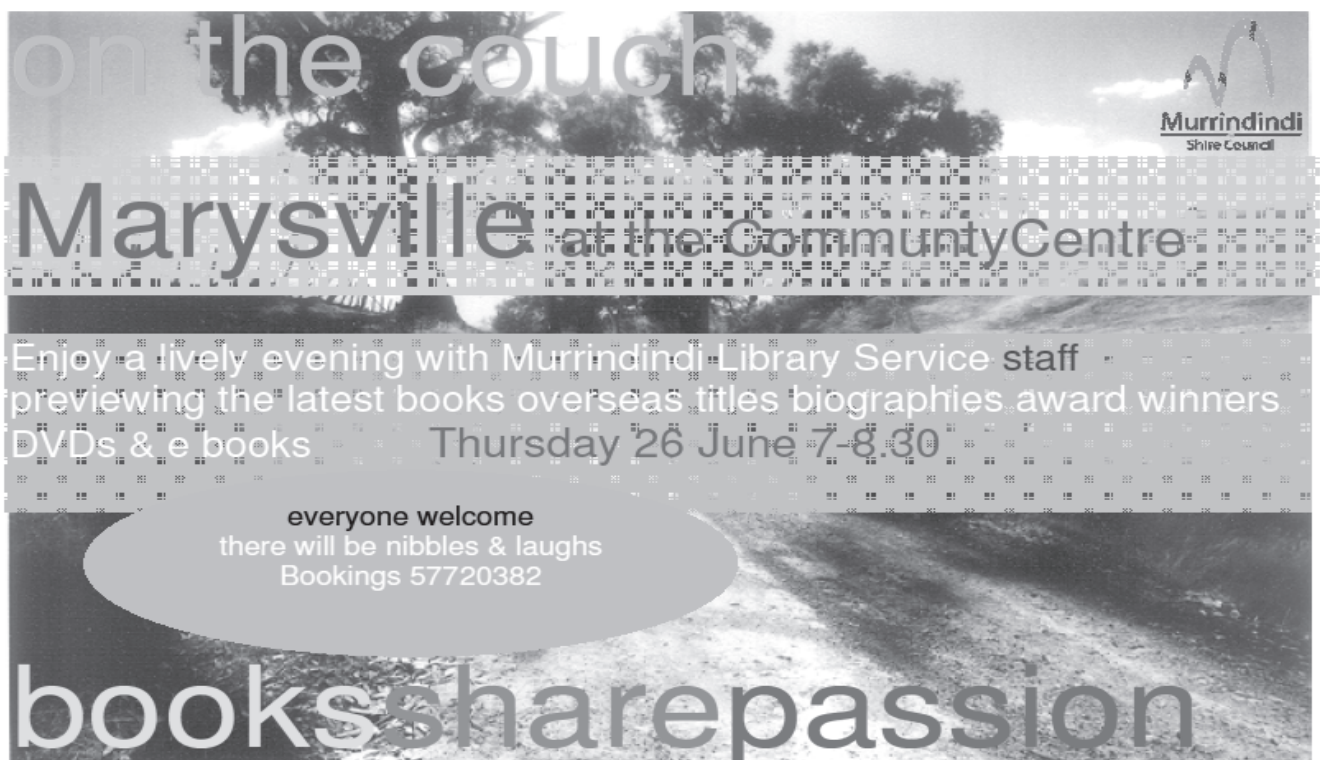
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Volunteer Lifeguards

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 visit www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/positionsvacant. 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, PO Box 138, Alexandra, 3714. Applications may also be submitted online.

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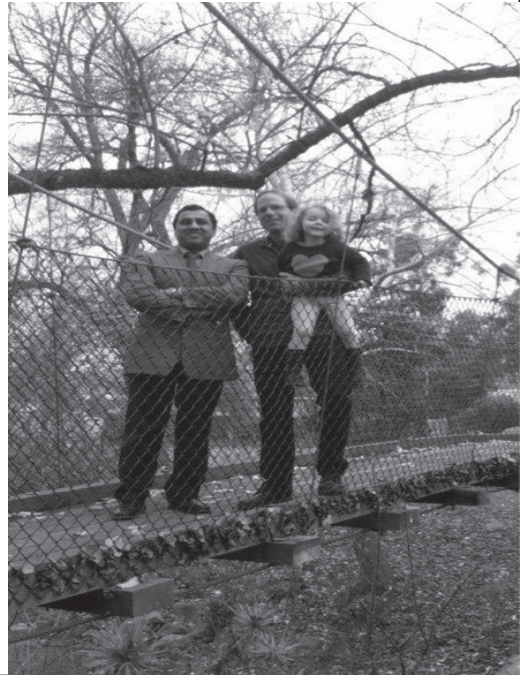
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Dr Bhatti brings to the medical team with Dr. Lachlan Fraser a wealth of experience. Dr. Fraser opened the Marysville clinic in 2000 and will continue to work there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as on-call work for Alexandra Hospital and caring for inpatients. Dr. Bhatti has been working in the area since 2013 and earned good repute secondary to his excellent communication skills and sound medical knowledge. He has background experience of working in emergency medicine and general practices for fifteen years in New Zealand and Australia. His special interests are pain management acupuncture, paediatrics and general medicine.

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On weekends, the patrol is operated by volunteers who compliment the work of paid patrollers who look after the resort from Monday to Friday.

The volunteers recently had a training weekend where they welcomed several new members and also elected their 2014 captain, Tim Hatten, a Healesville resident and avid skier and outdoor enthusiast. Tim succeeds Scott Burrell of Gruyere as captain.

LMSP is an integral part of the resort operations keeping the mountain safe for visitors, providing first aid services and general advice to the public and assisting with searches if the need arises. Its importance is highlighted by the fact that Lake Mountain is the closest alpine resort to Melbourne, attracting more than 100,000 visitors each year.

Tim said the patrol draws on a broad base of experience including some members who were part of the original ski patrol that was formed at Lake Mountain 28 years ago.

"It has been great this year to welcome five enthusiast new recruits," said Tim who is manager of the Millgrove Outdoor Education Centre.

"Ski patrol is based in a modern first aid facility at the resort and patrollers are easily recognisable in their very visible red jackets and first aid packs when they are out and about, keeping a close watch on our extensive network of ski and snow shoe trails, toboggan slopes and snow play areas."

Jesse Siebler of Taggerty has joined the patrol this year because of the "first (aid) responder" challenges of the role.

"I also love the pristine alpine environment and look forward to getting some of the best exercise you can have while on patrol," Jesse said.

"The training weekend was great and the combined years experience of the volunteers is huge ... I'm already motivated to advance my first aid skills as much as I can over the coming season."

Fellow new recruit Dave Howard, of Eildon, sees ski patrol as a terrific way of making a contribution, meeting people, and extending his skills. Dave, who recently moved from interstate to work for the Outdoor Education Group (OEG), is already hooked by Lake Mountain's alpine environment.

He added: "I really enjoyed the training weekend and mixing with people from varying backgrounds, from professional firefighters from the inner city to IT professionals to university students to other outdoor education practitioners and many interesting backgrounds in between. Everybody has something to offer."

Patrollers are required to be 18 years or older and have a minimum Level 2 First Aid qualification. Regular patrollers are subsidised to gain further, national accreditation through the Australian Ski Patrol Association.

For those interested in being a volunteer patroller, please contact LMSP secretary, Catherine Sutton, on 0403146378/ ccrsutton@gmail.com

Refreshing their skills at a recent training weekend for the 2014 season are from left Jesse Siebler of Taggerty, "patient" and LMSP Director Sue Parry of Healesville with her leg in a box splint, newly elected captain Tim Hatten (standing) of Healesville, and Dave Howard from Eildon.

Refreshing their skills at a recent training weekend for the 2014 season are, standing from left, Jesse Siebler of Taggerty, and Dave Howard of Eildon, together with newly elected captain Tim Hatten of Healesville, "patient" and LMSP Director Sue Parry, of Healesville, with her leg in a box splint, the resort's Director of Operations, Andrew Paul of Taggerty, and Gavin Hill of Acheron.

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