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Down to the Wire for Best & Fairest 2014

The Best & Fairest presentation night was held on Saturday night at the Marysville Community Golf & Bowls Club in front of a crowd of more than 70 Villains, their supporters and sponsors.

Our President Graeme Haycraft, who is a wiz with ICT presentations led us on an exciting journey for the best & fairest count which turned into a monumental tussle and came down to just one vote separating two of the Villains top players. Luke Russell jumped into top spot with the last vote of the final round to pip last year's winner Leigh Fisher by the closest of margins 44 votes to 43.

As well as the best & fairest count the footy club's major raffle, that has been running for the past month, was also drawn with first prize being \$800 worth of accommodation at Vibe Hotels, a hot air balloon flight over the Yarra Valley and \$300 worth of wine, vouchers from the Aqua Bar & Café Eildon and club gear. Over \$2,000 was raised for the club

with special thanks to Terry & Grace Ross for their organisation of the raffle. (Result in this week's Triangle).

The most hotly contested battle was during the auction of the giant yellow Sherrin Footy kindly donated by Barney of Shamrock Hotel Alexandra which had fierce bidding from a number of guests with the eventual winner collecting the ball for \$400?

The new Bunker Restaurant at the Golf and Bowls Club lived up to expectations with delicious food prepared by Russell Cohen and his team in delightful surroundings.

Photos: Top—Winner Luke Russell accepting the award

Below- a celebratory pose for the winner



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Tuesday 2

- Buxton Recreation Reserve AGM with newly
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- Buxton Recreation Reserve General Meeting 8pm
@ Buxton Hall

Wednesday 3

- Triangle Junior Fire Brigade Activities 7pm @
Buxton

Saturday 6

- Clip Clop Club 6.30pm start for dinner at 7pm @
Narbethong Hall

Saturday 13

- Craft Market @ Buxton Hall starts from 9am

Sunday 14

- Triangle Junior Fire Brigade Activities 9am @
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Tuesday 16

- Buxton History Group 7.30pm Meeting @ The
Buxton Hall

Wednesday 17

- Triangle Junior Fire Brigade Activities 7pm @
Marysville

Thursday 18

- Narbethong Fire Brigade General Meeting 8pm @
Narbethong Fire Station

Tuesday 23

- Gallipoli Park Precinct Meeting 5.30pm @
Marysville Community Centre



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Committee of Management

The next general meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday of
this month. The meetings are held at 5.30pm in the upstairs
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Thursday the 14th of August 2014 saw 75 business/community people and representatives from local Government and regional Tourism organisations attend the Inaugural Marysville Triangle Business and Tourism (MTBT) AGM at the newly renovated Marysville Golf and Bowls Club.

Members were very privileged to have the first meal at The Bunker Restaurant. Local Chef Russell Cohen and the team from the Club presented a beautiful meal and dessert matched with local wines.

The New Executive for 2014/15:

Christine Adams - President

Barbara Muir - Vice President

Sam Hicks - email/public officer secretary.

Di Kennedy - Treasurer

Ron Denmead – membership Secretary

Bill Coutts

Kim Rycroft

Kerry Dallat

Other representatives are; Scott Gamble - Lake Mountain Alpine Resort and Trudi Ackerman Marysville and Surrounds program manager -Yarra Valley Tourism and Phil Wilmot - VIBE Manager will also be part of the team in the near future.

A slide show adorned the new screen at the club which included nearly 900 photos of Mystic Mountains Tourism Inc., events and happenings in Marysville spanning nearly ten years up to 2009.

The presentation will be made available to the members and general public in the near future.

Sam Hicks was awarded a life membership much to her surprise, one of only 3 known since 1920. Others have included Val Cockerell and Jack Haycraft.

The theme for the night was 'VIBE meets Marysville' and post AGM 20 or more people arrived for the VIBE presentation.

TFN and VIBE representatives included:

Phil Wilmot – Hotel Manager for Vibe Hotel Marysville

Gill Ishwinder – Area Hotel General Manager

Emma Fraser – Group Director of Marketing

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They spoke about the importance of working with and being part of the local community and showcased their new branding for the VIBE Hotel Marysville. Marketing will commence in the new year with a soft launch for members proposed early January 2015.

Christine Adams said *"that she and the new committee are very excited about the coming year. With the new Association in place, the planning for the next 5 years with a strategic plan well under way. To be assisting new and established business moving forward in an exciting time of growth for the Marysville Region. We are looking forward to working with all businesses in our region"*

Memberships to the organisation are now due and payable – if you have any questions phone Barbara on 5963 4175 or email barbara@terracotta-room.com until Ron returns from holidays.

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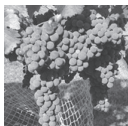
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Last Thursday four ladies played in the Broadford Bowl. They had an enjoyable day and congratulate the team from Seymour for winning the Bowl. On Friday Lesley Rundle attended the Dalhousie District Women's golf meeting at Kilmore. A representative from each of the Dalhousie clubs attended the meeting and gave an update on the activities at their club.

Next Saturday the men will play for the September Monthly Medal (moved forward one week due to the official opening of the new Clubhouse on September 6th) and the 4th round of the Barton Cup. The ladies will also play for the Monthly Medal and the final round of the Silverspoon event. All competition fees will be donated to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This charity was chosen to coincide with the Cystic Fibrosis 2014 Great Escape Motoring event from Shepparton to Hobart which will pass through Marysville on Wednesday September 10th.

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Mayor's Chair by Cr Margaret Rae

Over the coming week your rates notices will start appearing in your letterboxes - and, while this is not necessarily your favourite mail, I encourage you to read the letter that will be enclosed.

This letter sets out a summary of the various options we are having to consider as we look for ways to bridge our funding gap. I suspect none of these will be greeted with enthusiasm, as each would have its own impact on the community. Some are more achievable than others and would contribute to the solution - however, no one option is likely to provide the answer by itself. There needs to be a level of creative thinking in arriving at a combination of actions to achieve the desired outcome.

There are some examples included in the letter and more information will be available on Council's website. I will address particular options in more detail as we go forward but would like to reiterate one point now which continually escapes the understanding of many across the board.

The comment is often made that 'new things don't need maintenance and won't for a long time, so Council doesn't need the money now'. This is certainly more true of renewal costs which are lower at the beginning and increase over time but it does not apply to operating and maintenance costs. The range of assets that were gifted to us included much more than buildings - there are also reserves, barbecues, playgrounds, trails, paths and toilets, for example.

People start using these facilities from the day they are ready and, if Council did not keep the barbecues clean and in working order, if the playgrounds were not safe for the children to use, if the reserves were not mown and tended, and if the toilets were not cleaned and replenished, we would soon end up with deplorable facilities and would also be in breach of occupational health and welfare and safety obligations.

These operating and maintenance costs comprise about two thirds of the shortfall. These are costs which we simply cannot avoid unless we abandon or relinquish the assets - for example, by returning the ones that belong to the State Government. More detail on these assets and the associated costs will be made available shortly.

This is where you come in. We would like to know your ideas on what might work or what you feel is feasible. The letter you will receive along with your rates notice will tell you the ways in which you can provide your comments and feedback.

By saying this and encouraging your comments, Council is not abrogating its responsibility. Ultimately we will make the decisions that will shape next year's budget - but they will be better decisions by being informed by your views.



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Councillor Comment by Cr. Andrew Derwent,

Every morning when I take our little dog Beau for his early morning walk I am reminded of why I live in Murrindindi Shire. I tend to harp on about this, but as we come towards the end of winter, the benefits of living away from the big smoke are clearly evident. The birds are getting ready to nest and produce their next generation, the plants are about to erupt in spring blossom and the air is crisp and clean. As I write this, the sun is rising to what looks like will be one of those glorious end of winter, spring is nigh, sunny days. Our winters are certainly chilly, with fog and frost and sometimes a bit of snow. A typical Kinglake winter is short days, gloves, beanies and layer upon layer of warm winter clothing. All those things we associate with traditional winters and many of which are absent from the 'burbs because of the concrete 'mass' and the dirty air.

Murrindindi Shire is one of but a few 'peri urban' municipalities that adjoins the metropolitan area and gives us the benefit of accessing broader employment opportunities, a wider range of facilities and, if you are that sort of person, crowds of people.

I constantly have residents commenting, if not complaining, that our rates are higher than those downtown and that we get less value for money for our rates. There is certainly an economy of scale associated with higher density living and I reckon most people can figure that out. But a fact that most overlook is that people downtown pay substantially more for their houses. Can anyone really say that the extra money paid for a house in the metropolitan area is offset by the lower rates? A rhetorical question. If anyone believes that lower rates are the benchmark of wonder, then I would suggest finding the suburb with the lowest rates and moving there. Somehow I think you would be disappointed.

In Murrindindi Shire our communities are spread out. We are not areas with suburb joining suburb, but stand alone towns with tracts of farm land, bush or national parks between. Services simply cost more to deliver in lower density populations. In my patch, we have the Kinglake National Park and those wonderful tall Mountain Ash. Nearby the Y Water centre in Yea will have its 'official' opening shortly and will certainly highlight the wildlife abundant in the Yea Wetlands.

So while we may pay higher rates than someone living in the concrete jungle, we get the benefit of living in a far more liveable environment. As I sit here having a morning coffee I am watching a variety of birds flitter in and out of our back yard. Crimson Rosellas, Sulphur Crested Cockatoos, Eastern Rosellas, King Parrots, Kookaburras, Finches and Thrushes are all regular visitors, mostly daily. Sometimes we are even privileged to have Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos and some of the rarer birds drop in. The variety of native plants close by is also extraordinary. Apart from the gums and wattles, there are untold numbers of other native species growing within metres of where I am sitting. These have not been planted, they just live here.

Our rate notices are imminent. But before you feel the need to voice a complaint, think about the positives that living in Murrindindi offers. Surely it's worth paying just a little extra in our rates for those advantages.



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Pans on Fire Update..

Bonjour Campers, I'm sending this from Moissac in the South of France... we arrived in Barcelona early Monday morning and immediately loaded the Pans and ourselves onto a tour bus bound for France. Barcelona is a city noted for its architecture but the drab industrial suburbs we travelled through on the motorway didn't impress me too much. We have 3 nights here before we fly out so we'll experience the the real city then.

Once in France we turnoff the Motorway onto a narrow road into the Pyrenees, we, were taken for lunch to a tiny village called "Cucugnan" high in the mountains, the bakery still has a working windmill grinding flour for their bread. France is a paradox, the country villages are very traditional and simple, functioning as they have for generations, while the major towns are as modern as anywhere in the world. Overlooking the town is an ancient castle, the hardy in the group walked the steep trail to see it up close, not me, that's what zoom lenses are for.

Our hotel for the night was in Rennes le Baines, another picture book village famous for its thermal waters, our room had a balcony overlooking the stream. Georgeous! Dinner on the terrace was a great introduction to French Food. Next we travelled to a hilltop City fortress called Carcasseronne, just the name sounds intimidating - it was amazing. Dating back before Roman times the huge castle had evolved over the centuries as each new conqueror came to power. We took the walking tour and a delightful young French girl, her accent made the stories of the construction sound all the more interesting.

Glenys and I went our own way and found a lovely shady courtyard for lunch away from the crowds where we shared a pizza and a small carafe of wine. A great day except we lost one person who had also almost missed the connecting flight at Singapore, someone to watch on future outings.

We made eventually made it to Moissac, our home for the next three weeks, the house is charming - three stories high and we are on the top floor overlooking the canal. Dinner was ready when we arrived and twenty or more sat in the grand dining room for a welcoming home cooked meal. A couple of French guys turned up to tune the pans and decided to drink and talk loudly until 3.00am. I snored though, the touring had finally caught up with me.

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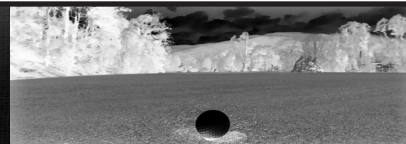
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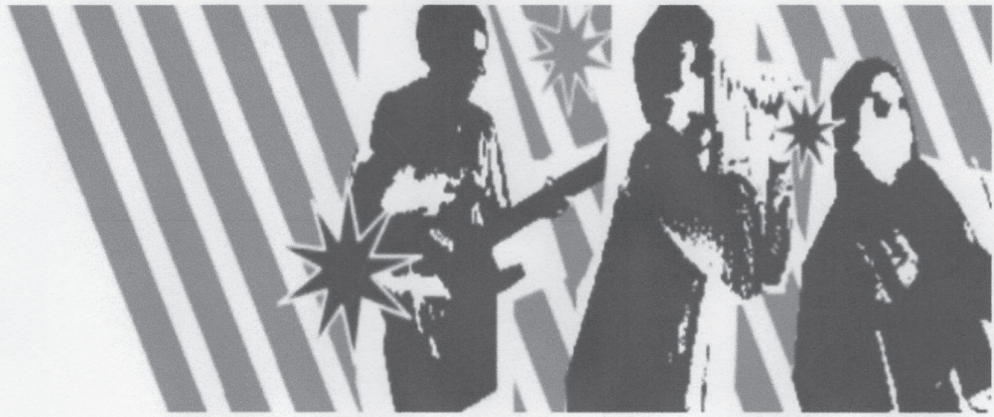
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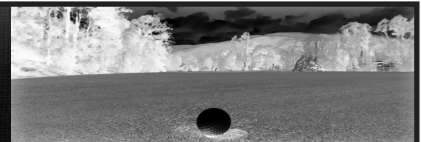
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We are now in Moissac settling into our new home, *Maison de la Rose*, which has turned out to be like a back packers hostel for us mature age travellers. There are a couple of natural organisers in the group who just love get the white board and the butcher's paper out to create a perfect duty roster. Unlike normal share housing, the meals have been fantastic, everyone pitches in. Fresh food from the market every day - the French bread and cheese is amazing. The numbers vary from 14 to 16 but at dinner we have had 20 or more sit down for a meal.

Band Leader Rita Seethaler has had band working hard - practising in all week at a local gymnasium in Moissac and yesterday played their first gig at *Chateau Gaudanes* at Les Cabannes in the Pyrenees, close to Andorra and the Spanish border.

The setting was stunning - straight out of the *Sound of Music* with huge mountains all around. We travelled nearly 3 hours in convoy from Moissac to get there and met Dr Lachlan Fraser who also played, joining the group at the Chateau after detouring into Spain to run 80kms in a gruelling endurance run. Chateau Gaudanes is now owned by an Australian couple from Perth, who won the tender in February last year when everyone else pulled out. The history of this crumbling castle dates back to the 12th Century but the early fortifications are now hidden by the Grand Chateau.

The home had fallen into disrepair and even after a year of rescue work by specialist tradesmen has only just been saved to a point where the real work begins. The Pans on Fire brought new life to this empty castle yesterday with a rousing performance of Bohemian Rhapsody, everyone was blown away with the amazing sound coming from the pans up the grand stairway. The whole village of Les Cabannes turned up for an afternoon performance and drinks on the terrace. The Marysville Triangle Community can be very proud of the achievements of their own Steel Pan Band, they were brilliant... **They really were "Pans on Fire"**. Au revoir

Bob McNamara the Twobobtraveller



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The trail follows bush roads and tracks and the majority is off road or dirt tracks, aside from sections of paved road in and out of towns. There is some serious climbing and descending over the trip, with the highest pass crossed being nearly 13000ft or nearly 4000mt. Over the course of the trip we will cycle the equivalent of sum-miting Everest 7 times from sea level to summit... on dirt tracks.

Bonnie and I are on mountain bikes with front suspension and carry all our gear, food, water, spare parts, camp-ing gear, bear spray!

We have passed through some of the greatest concentrations of Grizzly Bears in North America as well as camping for up to 4 nights in a row with out passing through a town. We have had hot windy weather and stormy, cold, wet days where the temperature has struggled to get over 8 degrees. We will spend days over 8000ft (Australia's highest mountain, Kosciuszko, is 7200ft approx).

The trail takes us through some towns and parts of the country that not many tourists will see, we meet locals who are astounded at where we are from and what we are doing in their back yard. One thing that is consistent is the open friendly and generous people we have met and continue to meet.

The folklore of the trail says that if you can make it through Montana then you have a good show at making it to the end. We left Montana last week and just crossed through Idaho and into Wyoming yesterday. We still have Colorado and New Mexico to go.

So far our biggest issues have been:

My pannier rack snapped less then 100km into the trip. We were on a trail 25 kilometers from the nearest road and 65kms from the nearest town. Dumb luck, a guy road past us not 20 minutes after it broke with the exact rack size that I needed and he was willing to give it to me!

Hot weather and trying to carry enough water for 3 meals, drinking and washing up.

Cold, wet, weather in Idaho and Wyoming, storms, washed out roads, flooded roads, hail, and generally misera-ble cycling weather.

On the plus side the food is good, the people friendly and the beer cheap.

We are raising money on this trip for Cystic Fibrosis Victoria. Bonnie's sister lives with Cystic Fibrosis, so apart from being a worthy cause, it is one that is close to our hearts and surprisingly, as it is the most common con-genital disease, one that is not very well known. Our aim is to raise \$1 for each kilometer cycled, so far we have raised over \$1300 and we hope to raise closer to \$5000 by the time we finish. The money goes directly to Cystic Fibrosis Victoria and will be used for patient support, education and research. The site we have set up for donat-ing to Cystic Fibrosis Victoria is <https://65rosesvic.everydayhero.com/au/tomandbonnie>

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