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Council's fire preparation works well underway

Being Fire Ready is a priority for Murrindindi Shire Council with a range of preparations and works well underway for this bushfire season.

Council works collaboratively in developing its approach to being fire prepared and in carrying out a range of prevention works consisting of roadside spraying and slashing. Council's fire prevention activities are developed in consultation with the CFA and local brigades. The Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMP) also plays a pivotal role in reviewing Council's annual fire management program. A Fire Advisory Committee to the MFMP has also been created to collaborate directly with local CFA Groups and Brigades in fire management planning in the Murrindindi Shire.

Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council Margaret Rae said that Council's two designated Municipal Fire Prevention Officers (MFPOs) are actively inspecting residential properties across the Shire.

"Private property inspections commenced in November and Fire Prevention Notices are being issued to residents where fuel reduction works such as mowing and spraying are required," said Cr Rae.

Fire prevention works are being undertaken primarily on roadsides and include slashing, spraying, and tree maintenance. All fire access tracks are also being inspected and works such as grading are carried out as required. These works are done by a combination of Council employees and contractors.

The Murrindindi Shire Council and Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Municipal Fire Management Plan identifies a number of key roads as either 'Priority Access Roads' or 'Fuel Reduced Corridors'. These roads receive additional fuel reduction works to provide a safer corridor for travellers, and a means of establishing a control line for fire authorities.

"In addition to 'Fuel Reduced Corridors' and 'Priority Access Roads' the plan identifies a number of 'Fire Access Tracks/Roads', which are maintained to ensure safer entry and exit for emergency services vehicles, in the event of an emergency bushfire incident.

"Council is also taking measures to reduce fuel loads on a number of roads and properties that have been identified as high fire risk due to their location.

This generally relates to areas on the north/north-western side of townships where fuel loads are usually higher (for example Eildon), or Council roads within highly vegetated settlement areas (for example Flowerdale and Kinglake areas)," said Cr Rae.

Slashing works commenced in November and will continue into the New Year. Work is commencing from the north of the Shire and working south, in-line with variable weather and vegetation growth patterns in different areas in the Shire, and are predominantly undertaken by local contractors. Commencement of works usually starts as the

grass starts to cure/dry out as this reduces the need for further slashing to be done later in the fire season. However, as we have experienced in recent years, increased rainfall late in the season can produce more growth and a demand for further works.

"Council's Infrastructure Operations staff undertake mowing around the perimeters of a number of the townships within the Municipality. While it is acknowledged that this work is undertaken primarily for beautification and aesthetic reasons, it is also recognised that this work reduces fuel loads in these locations and hence also represents a fire prevention measure," said Cr Rae.

Roads that do not fall into either of the above categories are assessed throughout the fire season as part of the MFPO's routine inspection cycle or as a result of alerts from the community of a possible fire risk. All slashing works are assessed and prioritised on a needs and risk basis.

In 2013/2014, 472 Fire Prevention Notices were issued following 2000 property inspections (each property received two inspections resulting in 4,000 visits). Those that received a Fire Prevention Notice last year have received a reminder letter this season alerting them to their responsibilities in reducing fuel loads on their properties.

Residents who have concerns or questions about areas of potential fire risk are encouraged to contact Council's Local Laws Unit on 5772 0376.

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January 10 - Alexandra Swimming Pool Closed
January 17 - Alexandra Swimming Pool Closed
January 26 - Australia Day Parade in Marysville Main
Street—Themed "Your favourite Aussie Song"

Christmas Break

The Triangle News will be closed for a short break over
Christmas

The Final Edition for 2014 will be Friday, December 19

The First Edition for 2015 will be January 16, 2015

Deadline for the First Edition will be Monday, January 12,
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Murrindindi Shire Council advises the Alexandra Swimming Pool will be closed to the public on Saturday 10 and Saturday 17 January 2015 for the hosting of swimming pennant competitions staged by the Alexandra Swimming Club. Alternative pool facilities are available in Eildon, Marysville and Yea. They operate from 1pm until 6pm during **school holidays, weekends & public holidays.**

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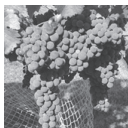
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MARYSVILLE GOLF REPORT

When staff to operate the Bunker Restaurant were being appointed it was not expected that their names would appear regularly on the golf results list. Over the last few months they have been enthusiastic participants in the Thursday nine hole competitions.

Last Friday Russell Cohen, Brodie Arnott, Wayne Healy and their friend Paul won the 4 person ambrose competition played as part of Tradies Day. Tradies Golf Day is an annual event played at Marysville and organized by Leigh Jowett ably assisted by Janette and Sally. Twenty seven tradies took time off work and had a thoroughly enjoyable day on and off the golf course. Thanks to the organizers, the sponsors, the golf club management and the Bunker caterers for being part of a very successful day.

The Thursday nine holers played stroke on the front nine holes and the winner was Geoff Ferguson with nett 34 followed by Rob Christie with nett 37. Rob also won the putting with 12 putts and the nearest the pin prize went to Bob Emblin. The Thursday nine hole competition will resume on January 8th. All the Thursday nine holers are invited to play in an Irish Foursomes event next Saturday followed by the presentation of the 2014 trophies.

Last Saturday the winners of the 2014 monthly medals played off for the title of Medal of Medalists. The ladies winner was Sabrina Stow (23) with nett 73 followed closely by Gail Leigh (10) with nett 74. Gail was also the daily winner and Jenny Coleman (21) was the daily runner up with nett 75. After a play-off with Ray Jones, Adam Littlejohn (20) was declared the men's Medal of Medalists with nett 74. Geoff Ferguson's good form continued and he was the daily winner with an excellent nett 66 followed by Nick Williamson (10) with nett 67. The nearest the pins were won by Nick Williamson, Ray Jones, Ming Kuan and Joe Tricarico. John Trathen won the putting with 26 putts.

For their Christmas break up on Friday the ladies will play a 3 person ambrose game before having lunch in the Bunker.

As mentioned previously next Saturday will be an Irish Foursomes game with a shotgun start at 9.30. This will be followed by \$5 a head finger food in the clubhouse and presentation of the 2014 trophies.

At the conclusion of another golfing year all members would like to thank Rob Christie, Kellan Fiske and the volunteers who keep our beautiful course in such good condition; the club management committee for the hours they spend managing the club and the office bearers and the catering team for making the club the community asset which it is.

Happy Christmas and a safe a Happy New Year to all golfers and community members.

Lesley Rundle.



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24th December

**Mid night Service – Buxton –
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Christmas Day - Marysville 10.30am.

MAYOR'S CHAIR

COUNCILLOR MARGARET RAE

In writing this last column for 2014, my thoughts naturally turned to all the events that are taking place over the holiday period. Already we have had the Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Carols will be taking place (Alexandra and Yea - 19 December, Marysville - 21 December) which I look forward to each year. These will be followed rapidly by New Year celebrations, the Yea Carnivale and Australia Day commemorations to mention just a few. Also, as many of you know, we are starting to plan for Alexandra's 150th birthday which will take place from December 2016 to March 2017 with many individual events over that time.

All these events and many others take a great deal of planning and commitment, not to mention money, so it is worth remembering that while, as a Council we don't have much in the way of spare cash, we do have resources that are available to you.

Small grants are available through our Community Grants Program which runs three times a year. Other grants may also be available and this is where our Grants Coordinator can help you with information on grants that you may be able to apply for, as well as assisting you with the application. In some instances, you may be able to apply in your own right; in others we may be able to help by auspicing the application for you. In addition, the actual running of an event can feel daunting and this is where Council's Events Coordinator can help you. You can find out what the mandatory requirements are; what, if any, permits are required; and good general advice on how to plan an event. Much of this information is on our website but please feel free to contact Council's head office on 5772 0333 for assistance.

Many of the events we celebrate form part of long standing tradition – others are new but, in time, become part of that tradition. Nowadays the recording of our traditions and culture is increasingly through visual and electronic media, but the written word still plays an important role in passing this down through the generations, spanning cultures and belief systems. We usually say 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' to everyone but, given that both of these happen at different times for different cultures I thought, as well as that traditional wish, I would like to share with you some words that have stood the test of time, though their author has long been forgotten. It is known as the:

DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly, and listen to others, even to the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

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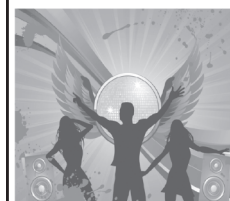
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It was on again
Jers's
Tradies - Golf Day 2014
East Friday 12th December



Last Friday started wonderfully – with fine, warm and beautifully sunny conditions.

An assortment of tradies and their mates and one very brave lady – Debbie – Teed off on the annual Tradies Golf Day. Numbers were noticeably lower than last year, hopefully we can still make a good donation to the Marysville and District Football & Netball Club, once all our overheads have been paid.

Arranged by Leigh Jowett – aka Jers and his partner Jeanette with a very dedicated and forever helpful Sally – the day began in a flurry of golfers running all over the course – starting at many different holes and all eager to have a great fun day.....some putting aside competition in favour of simply enjoying the fantastic course and a few quiet tinnies on the way around.

Finally after – an epic 6 ¼ hrs – longest recorded 18 holes of golf on a Tradies Day by one wayward group.....we considered getting the SES out to search for them - - - - all the teams were back and had a terrific lunch catered for by the Bunker Restaurant. These guys know how to serve up a scrumptious meal and a to-die-for-dessert.....yummo.

Then it was on with the awards.

- In First Place – The Bunker Boys – Russell, Brodie, Wayne and Paul
- Runner Up - Drinkers – Travis, Nathan, Kellan and Simon
- Last Place - Gun Barrells – taking 6 ¼ hrs – Peter, Rob, Rod and Christopher
- Best Score off the Stick Hackers – Rob, Bob and Lloyd.
- Nearest the Pin - 4 Rob
- 9 No-one made the green
- 11 Russell
- 18 Bob
- Longest Drive - 3 Kirk
- 8 Kirk
- 14 Fish

And to finish off the prize winning part of the day – we ran a raffle and 15 lucky winners all got to take home a fantastic prize.

Many thanks to our amazing sponsors: Major Sponsor was Vibe Hotels Marysville for 3 accommodation vouchers – Along with Black Spur Inn and The Buxton Hotel for fabulous dinner vouchers. Marysville Food Works donated very generous gift vouchers and 4 excellent bottle of wine. All received with much applause and excitement.

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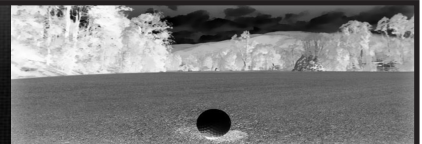
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Planning and Environment Act 1987

MURRINDINDI PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of Approval of Amendment

Amendment C43 (Part 1)

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C43 (Part 1) to the Murrindindi Planning Scheme.

The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Government Gazette.

The Amendment implements the 'Murrindindi Shire Heritage Study 2011' by amending strategies, introducing new policy guidance, applying the Heritage Overlay to 75 individual places and 5 precincts and introducing an incorporated document to provide for Heritage Overlay exemptions.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure website at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/publicinspection and free of charge, during office hours, at the offices of the Murrindindi Shire Council, Perkins Street, Alexandra.

MARGARET ABBEY
Chief Executive Officer

Campfire safety a top priority in Hume region this summer

Fire authorities are urging campers and visitors to the region's parks and forests to show extra care this summer when lighting campfires.

The warning comes after new statistics confirmed that campfires and/or barbecues accounted for more than 40 per cent of the 171 fires on public land across the Hume Region last fire season.

Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) Regional Manager Fire and Land, Shaun Lawlor, said: "DEPI and Parks Victoria firefighters responded to 71 fires last season which were caused by campfires or barbecues."

"Alarmingly, many of these illegal campfires were found on days of Total Fire Ban," Mr Lawlor said.

"When you consider that we live in one of the most bushfire prone areas of the world, this is cause for considerable concern. Hot-spots for unattended campfires include popular camping and recreational areas along the Goulburn and Murray rivers near Shepparton, Cobram, Yarrawonga and Barmah.

"While the majority of the 71 fires caused by campfires or barbecues were kept small due to many being detected by compliance officers on routine patrol; the potential for unattended campfires and barbecues to escape into the bush on days of Total Fire Ban is of real concern. Campfires are not allowed on a day of Total Fire Ban and it is your responsibility to check if any declarations are in place before you light one.

"Firefighters have already extinguished unattended campfires this summer while undertaking patrols.

"It beggars belief that some people think it is okay to light a campfire on public land, in summer, and leave it unattended.

"Knowing how to properly light and maintain a campfire is vital to ensure it doesn't escape.

"Together with Victoria Police, fire agencies will continue to take a zero-tolerance approach to anyone who is found to have placed the community at risk through deliberately lighting fires. Co-ordinated compliance activities will be held on Total Fire Ban days and public holidays during the Christmas and New Year period.

"Last year on the Australia Day long weekend around 100 people received infringement notices for a variety of offences related to campfire regulations under the *Forests Act* and *National Parks Act*.

Penalties for lighting fires illegally include large fines and possible imprisonment."

Information on when and how to construct a campfire on public land can be found at <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au>

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To celebrate Yea Arts Carnivale (16–26 January) and World
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1. Birds and insects

- Junior 17 years and under
- Senior 18 years and over

2. Wetlands landscapes

(Prizes sponsored by the Yea Wetlands Committee of Management)

- Junior 17 years and under
- Senior 18 years and over



Competition opens 1 December 2014 and last entries must be submitted by 5pm on 9 January 2015.

Prizes:

Junior winner in each category \$100

Senior winner in each category \$250

Winners announced at the Arts Carnivale official opening on Friday 16 January. All entries will be displayed at the Y Water Discovery Centre from 16 January until 2 February.

The winning photograph from the 'Wetlands landscapes' senior category may be developed into a postcard for sale at the Y Water Discovery & Information Centre (all royalties to the centre).

Members of the public can vote on a **People's choice award** during the display period. The winning photo will be announced on 2 February, World Wetlands Day, at an event to be organised by the Wetlands Committee of Management.

Entries:

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Council to trial re-use of disposed materials

Murrindindi Shire Council will trial a new system allowing the public to take some materials from two of the Shire's Resource Recovery Centres at no charge..

Mayor Margaret Rae said that the trial follows on from an action plan in Council's Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy that was adopted in July 2014.

"Council wants to find a way to improve the efficiency of recycling, including by allowing re-use and re-purposing of materials dropped off at the Shire's Resource Recovery Centres.

"While we fully support the saying that 'one person's trash is another person's treasure' when it comes to taking items from our Resource Recovery Centres there are risk and safety issues that need to be addressed.

"People wishing to take items from our RRCs will need to sign a one-off agreement and abide by certain conditions that will include wearing heavy duty footwear and gloves. The agreement will also set out other safety measures such as prohibiting climbing over stockpiles", said Cr Rae.

Council's Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy prioritises re-use and recycling ahead of disposal to landfill and outlines a number of strategies and actions to achieve this.

During the Strategy's public consultation period in June 2014, over 300 people completed a survey about what they expected of Council's waste services.

"People wanted better infrastructure for recycling at the Resource Recovery Centres, and the chance to re-use some of the great material that is currently thrown out in landfill or sent out of the Shire for recycling, like construction timber and steel," said Cr Rae.

The new trial will commence on Saturday 19 December through until 30 June 2015 and will apply at the Alexandra and Yea Resource Recovery Centres. Materials that can be recovered include metal, timber, green waste, tyres, couches and mattresses.

"We would like to extend the opportunity to re-use discarded materials to all of our RRCs but we need to see how this trial goes first. By limiting the trial to just two of our Centres first, we can better monitor what is working and what isn't so that we can make improvements to the system before it is rolled out across all our sites", said Cr Rae.

New Government; New Opportunity - Council looking forward to working with new Cabinet

Council is looking forward to discussing with the new Victorian Government a range of issues of importance to the community of Murrindindi Shire.

Mayor Margaret Rae offered her congratulations to the new Government and said she looked forward to getting to know and work with members of the new Cabinet, especially those dealing with local government and regional issues.

Cr Rae added that, in particular, Council was looking forward to working with the new Government as Council considers its options in overcoming its funding challenges which arose after the 2009 fires.

Mayor Margaret Rae said Council has been talking with the community about its situation for a long period and, when the previous Government informed Council it would not provide funding assistance, Council wrote to rate-payers in August 2014 to talk to them about the options Council was considering to overcome this problem. The community was also invited to provide its input into the process.

Cr Rae added "Council received over 150 responses from the community, via email, online forms, phone calls, letters, Facebook comments and letters to the media. It was heartening to see the level of engagement on this issue and we received some really well considered and thought out responses which have certainly helped shape our thinking".

Cr Rae said there was a clear preference expressed to avoid a substantial increase in residential rates. "We heard loud and clear from the community in relation to a possible large increase in residential rates. We are making every effort to keep rate increases to no more than 6%, as Council has previously committed to do. Our specific focus is looking at the options of land sales and at reviewing existing management arrangements and responsibilities for our public facilities, as these actions received the strongest preference from the feedback that we received".

"Our focus in discussions with the new Government will be around strengthening the Shire's broader position in relation to the needs of the community and the economy of the area."

"In particular it will be useful to talk to them about the achievements that have been made despite the difficulties, to discuss the specific challenges facing Murrindindi Shire and to highlight the opportunities that exist".

"In this context, we see the election of a new Government as a new opportunity and will be seeking to talk to relevant Ministers at an early stage. We will work positively and constructively with the new Government to find ways in which we can work together to address the challenges we face in order to support the community of Murrindindi Shire in a positive and collaborative way to unlock the potential for a strong future," said Cr Rae.

Media Release

16 December 2014 | Media contact: Alice Plate 03 5430 4417 | M: 0418 293 419

Festive video wraps up Victoria's Climate Outlook for 2014

Featuring Hawaiian shirts and a Brownlow Medal count, the latest summary of Victoria's climate outlook on video has been published by Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI).

The 'Very Fast Break', produced by DEPI's Seasonal Risk Agronomist Dale Grey is a seasonal climate update that's easy to understand and a bit of fun.

"We like to think we're delivering important and complex information in a format that's easy to digest, and the feedback so far has been great," Mr Grey said.

"The video features commentary with graphics of ocean temperatures, air pressure, cloud and model forecasts to give our audience a comprehensive snapshot of the seasonal climate outlook.

"At the same time we aim to give people a bit of a laugh, so there's always a comedic summary at the end.

"In the latest video we've incorporated festive outfits, an award ceremony and seasonal climate information all in under five minutes.

"The final Very Fast Break for 2014 provides a review of this year's climate conditions, an outlook for summer and a summary of which climate forecast models were most accurate.

"We started this season off with a great autumn break, then part way through winter and spring the rot set in and there's been a disappointing end in some regions.

"We also take a look at the outlook for summer which is expected to be slightly warmer but the predictions for rainfall are split between drier or average.

"But my favourite part of the outlook is the Brownlow count, where we handed a medal to the climate forecast model with the best performance for 2014.

"I spent hours validating these results so I encourage people to watch the video to see which model comes out on top."

The Very Fast Break can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mR2OQ_LBVsq&feature=youtu.be

DEPI also provides climate and seasonal information advice in two more newsletters [available online](#):

- The Break – Seasonal climate and risk information for Victorian cropping regions.
- The Fast Break - Oceanic and atmospheric climate driver activity over the last month and summarises three month model predictions for the Pacific and Indian Oceans, rainfall and temperature for Victoria

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