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BUXTON &amp; TAGGERTY

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## THE FINAL HURRAH

Well, the bushfires finally and fortunately dribbled out to a damp finale and the need for our regular 5:00pm updates from the Fires also concluded last Saturday. This with a bang rather than a whimper. Everyone bought loads of cakes, biscuits, dips, quiches, and a good feast was had by all. Kerry Livingstone offered up a HUGE multi layered very creamy sponge which left everyone with loads of cream on their hands and faces, there being a shortage of paper plates! There was also a shortage of glasses – which resulted in drinking champagne from paper cups – sacre bleu!

All the Buxton firefighters were there and I think we managed to convey our extremely heartfelt gratitude with quite a few hurrahs. Mark Somers did a wonderful job communicating quietly and confidently every night about the vagaries of the wind, weather and fires as they careered across the hills. He had a wonderful calming presence and panic was never the order of the day. Everyone thanked him enthusiastically, but it has been hard to express adequately the deep gratitude we all felt.

Our thanks go out to the Army boys and girls who so happily gave up their time to make us feel more secure.

That 5 o'clock trip to the Reserve became a pleasant routine punctuation. It seemed to give some reality to our rather formless existence. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with neighbours, to hug and kiss and listen to each other's story; to meet "new" people – people who have been quietly sharing our neighbourhood, and yet until now we had never met or shared the time of day with them.

We will I am sure all miss these gatherings, and maybe it is time now to consider ways and means of continuing to experience Buxton as a community.

Once again thank you Mark. You were the fulcrum and we all really love you.

*(this story by Margaret Rea – Buxton resident)*

### Dear Readers of The Triangle Newsletter,

My name is Margaret Rea and I am a psychologist and resident of Buxton. My partner and I were some of the "local luckies" whose property was spared the unbelievable rage of the fires of Black Saturday. It is almost impossible to grasp that a month has passed since this firestorm – in many ways I feel I have been living in a bubble – and talking to others it seems we all feel time has been distorted, that living was somehow gone on hold. The initial trauma may have passed but we are all now entering the phase of "what do we do now? Where do we go from here?" We have energy but frequently no focus. Some of us are probably suffering delayed shock or stress, remembering the sound of the firestorm or the horror of the approaching black cloud. As a psychologist I know that one of the best ways of combating stress and depression is EXERCISE. Yet here in Buxton we are surrounded in destruction. Walking trails are virtually non-existent and the rubble of broken trees and devastated houses is not very conducive to feeling uplifted.

So – here is an idea I would like to float for your consideration. I would like to suggest we approach the Reconstruction Committee to partner us in the formation of a gym. We have an ideal location at Buxton. We have a great many dislocated Marysville residents, who I am sure would like to vent their frustrations in some form of activity. We have a great many "older" residents who would benefit from some weight bearing regime. We have young people who are looking for some form of after school activity.

How about it. We could provide gym equipment to meet all of these needs. We could encourage classes of Aerobics, Gym, Tai Chi or Yoga – we have some great teachers of these skills in the Buxton/Taggerty area. It could become a community hub, where we could again meet each other, enjoy some positive healthy exercise, and feel that sense of community which the recent meetings at the Buxton Reserve with the Firefighters had been promoting and providing on a regular basis.

I would like to hear your views.

**Triangle News will provide a form for your comments at the Buxton General Store**

**If you have a good news story you would like to tell, please contact Monica on 5774 7336**

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 that are still lucky enough to be  
 here.

**What's on When at the Golf Course**

Monday 16th March - Memorial Service for Colin Paul at 11 am  
 Friday 20th - Free concert Carneval String Quarter 7.30pm  
 Sunday 22nd - Lions Community BBQ 4 pm  
 Friday 27th - Memorial Service for Kate & David Whittington 11 am  
 Sunday 29th - Lions Community BBQ 4 pm  
 Sunday 5th April - Lions Community BBQ 4pm  
 Mon/Tues 6th/7th - Royal Commission

A concert has been arranged at the Buxton Hotel featuring James Reyne, Jackhammer, Capeweed and another band (whose name escapes me) on Saturday 21 March from 3pm until late.  
 \$20 pp and all proceeds to Bushfire recovery.  
 Courtesy buses are being arranged

*Are you a business of Marysville and need storage space for those pallets of replacement goods for your house or business so that you can pick them up locally when you move back in?*

*I may be able to help; call Sam Hicks on 0427 723 227*

MMT Inc. and Lake Mountain invites advertisers to participate in the 2009/10 visitors map to Marysville, Lake Mountain, Buxton, Taggerty and Narbethong.

Advertising is open to any tourism related business that is a fully paid member of Mystic Mountains Tourism. We look forward to your participation in this popular map and touring guide for our region. Your application has been emailed or sent via post, please let our office know ASAP if you have not received. Phone Pat on 5963 3446 for any further inquiries.

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**MONDAY 16th MARCH 2009**

**Update on Community Health**

Great news!! Establishment of Marysville Community Health Services into a temporary location in Buxton on the corner of Maroondah Highway and Buxton-Marysville Road is progressing extremely well.

Some minor modifications to the building are well underway and we have been delighted with the response from many companies who are donating equipment for the building. We anticipate officially "opening for business" within the next week.

In the meantime, Dr Fraser's medical clinic is continuing as advertised from this location (appointments can be made at the Buxton General Store) and the District Nursing service is continuing to provide visiting nursing services to the area. If you require assistance from a District Nurse, please contact 0418 589 131 (Monday to Friday mornings).

Heather Byrne  
 Chief Executive Officer / Director of Nursing  
 Alexandra District Hospital

## 'THE BLACK SATURDAY BUSHFIRES'

have had a dramatic social and economic impact across the Shire.

This devastating event has had far reaching consequences effecting the vibrant nature of our communities and businesses.

Many businesses will be under significant financial pressure throughout 2009 and beyond and the flow on to business viability and job security could be significant.

### YOU CAN DO SOMETHING

Right now you could consider:

- Buying more 'local' products and services
  - Comparing prices and products
- Giving local businesses an opportunity to quote a price
  - Saving money on travel costs

Consideration costs nothing

Think local  
Buy local  
Keeping \$'s local keeps local jobs

Help to rebuild vibrant communities and vibrant businesses



**Murrindindi**  
Shire Council

## Public Meeting

To be held at the Golf Course

11.00am

Saturday 14th

Main speaker is

Ms Christine Nixon

This will be followed by a free lunch to those who are able to stay

### TAGGERTY ODD JOB SERVICES

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Mt Cathedral Baptist Church  
will hold a Service every Sunday at Taggerty Hall at 10 am

### Disaster Relief Assistance For ASG Members

The Board and staff of the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) extend their heart-felt condolences to all those families who have lost loved ones or had their homes destroyed by the recent bushfires and floods.

As a not-for-profit friendly society specialising in children's education benefits, ASG is also concerned about the children affected by these terrible events, who may need their school uniforms, books and other school equipment, as well as favourite toys, replaced.

ASG seeks to inform its members affected by these events that up to \$100,000 is committed to assist ASG families.

This assistance is available in addition to ASG's existing initiatives to support cases of family hardship and will be paid to members from a special fund, not from members' benefits or scholarship pools.

With more than 176,000 current Australian member parents and 45,000 students receiving ASG education benefits during their secondary or post-secondary years, ASG encourages the community to share this information to promote the availability of its Member Disaster Relief Assistance initiative so as many children as possible can be helped.

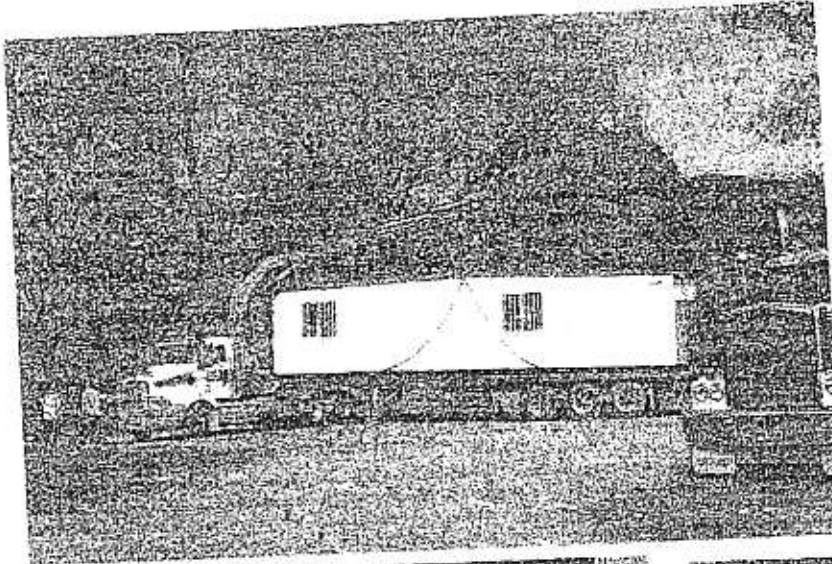
More information about how ASG members can access this special Disaster Relief Assistance is available on the ASG website at [www.asg.com.au](http://www.asg.com.au).

ASG members affected by these events can also telephone the ASG Member Services Team who can provide more information. Phone: 1800 338 237 (for Members outside the Melbourne metropolitan area) or (03) 9276 7777 (for Melbourne metropolitan Members).

### Triangle Advertisers

We have resumed some of our regular advertising and hope to hear from or contact all others in the next week or so, it would be appreciated if you could advise whether or not you wish your advertising to be included at this stage. My preferred method of contact is via email: [delice.guscott@bigpond.com](mailto:delice.guscott@bigpond.com) or fax to 5963 3353 or in the short term only, you may phone 5963 3342 and leave a message if no answer

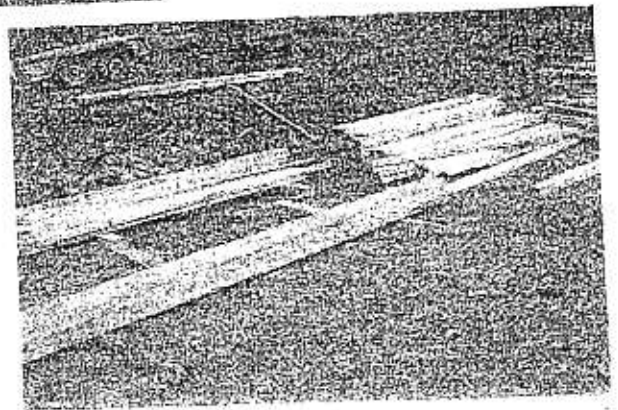
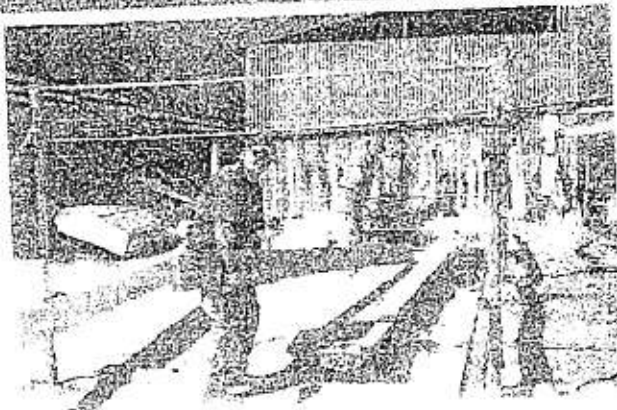
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Left, the new portable Community Hub, DHS, and associated amenities block, have arrived and are on site in the ESA grounds opposite the Golf Course.

Below left Lions Neil and Norman milling fallen timber from Black Saturday, and right, timber milled to order for construction of a storage shed at the Golf Course.



## Help where it is needed

### Bikes and Helmets Distributed

With the dedicated assistance of Paul Herbert and other Bashers we have travelled to several schools to present children with new Bikes and Helmets. To date over 100 bikes have been presented. Children who are identified as a recipient but do not have a current permanent residence will be receiving vouchers enabling them to collect a bike when their circumstances permit.

### Sunshine Coaches

To assist with transporting children who have been displaced to new schools, Variety have provided a Sunshine Coach to Wallan Secondary College and Chum Creek Primary School have a Sunshine Coach on the way. Marysville Primary have also been approved to receive a Sunshine Coach. Other Sunshine Coach applications are currently being reviewed.

### School Uniforms

Many children have lost everything. Variety has provided school uniforms to restore a sense of normality to children's lives. By providing school uniforms, children affected by the bush fires are returned to routine and inclusion, which is very important in minimising long term stress.

### Dylan's Buggy

Dylan aged 17 from Upper Plenty has Cerebral Palsy. The buggy that he used to get around the property and be independent was destroyed in the fires. Variety has provided Dylan with a new buggy to get around in.

### Variety and The Shane Warne Foundation Bushfire Relief Fund

#### We still need help from those who can

Variety has been inundated with requests for assistance. We need your help now to ensure the funds are available to provide children with the services they need to return to a sense of normality as soon as possible.

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### Congratulations Marysville Bowlers!

The closest I ever get to lawn bowls is washing the whites....and I have to admit that I don't particularly enjoy that either!

However I have to admire the Marysville Bowls Club members on the huge job of getting to the grand final of pennant....next week, if all the bowls are placed well, the Club will win the flag....and the title of 'Yarra Valley Champions'.

I know that it has been a very difficult four weeks for all members of the Marysville Bowling Club. Many have lost everything and all members are struggling with the loss of the oldest member, Collin Paul, the youngest member, Dalton Fiske and past member, Len Postlethwaite. They have all had many issues to deal with.

If it weren't for the many Bowls Clubs around Australia and the generous support from Bowls Suppliers then the members wouldn't have been able to get in and play. It is with the memories they have for the missing members that has driven them all....for those missing faces they have all given the best that they can.

I wish them all the best on Saturday, when Marysville meets Warburton at Warburton....to bring home the flag would be wonderful....but I know that you have already achieved so much and made your fellow members proud!

Web: [www.usab.bigpond.com/ghyana.mylpage](http://www.usab.bigpond.com/ghyana.mylpage)  
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 Chin up Triangle!  
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 Thanks to all who have supported us in reopening

Our thoughts are with those who have lost family, friends and property. I have worked on plans for many homes in the Triangle area over the last thirteen years or so. If you would like duplicate plans for your records, I would be happy to provide these wherever possible, at no charge to you, in some cases I may have photos of your home.

Please contact Heather Moss, View-point Design, (03) 5774 7459 or email [vudesign@activ8.net.au](mailto:vudesign@activ8.net.au)

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**OTHER HELP**

**Dr Margaret Miller** will be seeing people on Saturdays 9-10.45am in Buxton (for now, as no one has been making appointments for Sundays).

**Dr Lachlan Fraser** will see patients Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 - 4pm.

Phone Buxton Store to make an appointment with either Doctor on 5774 7301

RACV & CGU Insurance representatives are available at the Marysville Golf Club AND Buxton Reserve.

Buxton CFA - Information Update Meeting  
Daily at 5.00 pm  
In the Army Tent at Buxton Reserve  
Until further notice

Fuel is available at the Igloo Roadhouse

New & Secondhand clothing and small household items are at time of printing still available at Buxton Hall - also available at Narbethong at the Black Spur Inn. Watch this space for updates.

Support from Far & Near:

Another large consignment of donated goods from N.S.W. have arrived and again, will be available as soon as these can be sorted.

Free Food and drinking water is available in the building at the corner of Buxton-Marysville Rd & Highway - also available at the Black Spur Inn, Narbethong. Watch this space for updates

Anyone needing hay delivered, call Andrew Embling on 0418 266 038

Marysville/Narbethong/Granton Mail is currently held at Healesville, 18 Hunter Street. Mail can be picked up from there, or re-direction forms are available from Buxton PO (free re-direction to wherever). Roadside deliveries have resumed where possible and previously available. Contact Buxton store on 5774 7301.

**Drinking water should be boiled for all Buxton and Marysville residents.**

**FIRE RELATED ENQUIRIES****DPI RURAL RECOVERY CENTRE - 5761 1528**

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- Farm dams
- Stock containment areas
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RACV Wildlife Connect 13 11 11

**RUBBLE CLEARING**

Victorian Volunteer Hotline 1300 366 356

**DANGEROUS FIRE TREES**

Shire of Murrindindi Recovery 5772 0333

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VicRoads Website [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au)  
VicRoads Bushfire Road Closures 1800 240667

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**There is someone to help!**

The Victorian Bushfire Case Management Service is available now to help you.

The Victorian Bushfire Case Management Service is providing all Victorians affected by the bushfires with the support they need to access assistance with matters including accommodation, finance, personal assistance, employment, education, counselling, health and legal services during this difficult time.

Call the  
**Victorian Bushfire Case Management  
Service Line**

**1800 050 400**

or speak with staff at recovery centres

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## Meeting Report

The meeting of local business operators which was held on Monday 9th March and convened by MATDG, and was chaired by Kim Wilkie was attended by approx 100 people.

Bob Elkington, Economic Development officer with Murrindindi Shire Council, addressed the meeting outlining their current focus.

They are currently assessing the effect of the fire on all businesses directly and indirectly.

Working with Government re funding for businesses indirectly affected by the fire

Seeking assistance for businesses that made premises etc., available for Refuge, Relief & Community Need.

He encouraged everyone where possible to buy local.

He also stated that there are Events Grants and a Talent Bank that can be accessed via the Shire website.

There are significant volumes of goods stored in Alexandra for Recovery as we go forward.

A question was asked regarding the past unwillingness of MRTA to communicate with MMT.

Graeme Brown responded that it is a totally new game and the MRTA represents the whole shire. Looking to a new future, MRTA & Council will support local business.

Terry Donovan from Marysville asked the very relevant question, "Can we obtain a guarantee from Government and Insurance companies that insurance premiums post fire will not be prohibitive before people rebuild?"

A question was asked "will the bigger business rebuild?"

Paul Tirant indicated that Foodworks, Service Station and Newsagent are keen to re-establish.

Tools for Tradesmen are available, whilst grants of \$5,000 and \$20,000 are available for trades people.

Go to [ions.toolsfortradies@gmail.com](mailto:ions.toolsfortradies@gmail.com) for information, and has been accessed by some local tradesmen.

Also call Hotline 1800 346 325

Tools for Employees Ring 1800 180 213

What support from Government for help in retaining quality employees through the recovery until normal trade recovers?

An answer to this question will be sought out. Bill Shorten advised that there are now 28 categories of grants available. A quick response from Marysville & district Lions Club had printed copies for distribution after the meeting.

Bill Shorten stressed that we should not factionalise community—stay united whilst the committee is formed of a group of concerned people, it is working for the benefit of the whole community in a voluntary capacity, doing an incredible job.

He also advised at this stage the Fire Appeal stood at \$264 million of which \$50 million has been spent. There are exciting prospects for the future.

Community Centre: Andrew Watt on behalf of Russell Crowe, Luke Longley, Coffs Harbour Community are working hard to bring to fruition a community centre for Marysville, multifunctional, what the community wants. Communication with Gallipoli park Committee of Management has commenced.

Andrew Forrest (Fortescue Metals), supported Bill Shorten regarding unity and respect for other views.  
*If two people always agree, one is a waste of time.*

*Every set back creates its own opportunity.*

He advised that support from all over Australia including Greg Norman and Kate (?) (sorry), were waiting for invitations to support our community.

Andrew profusely apologised for his late arrival, due to insufficient fuel in the chopper to come from Kinglake, so had Marysville staff pick him up and bring him to Marysville.

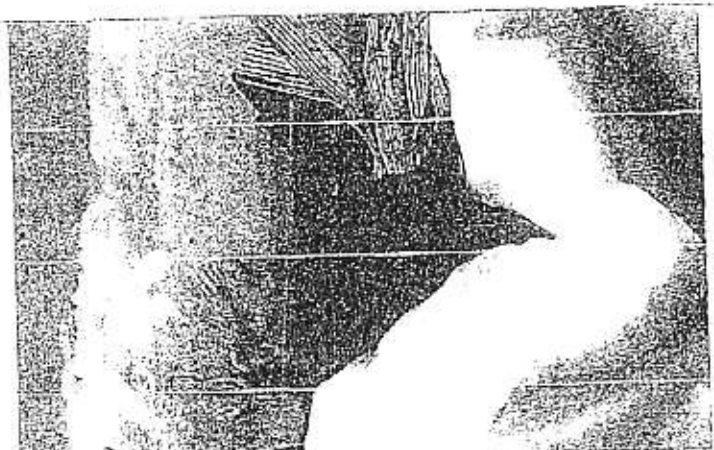
The meeting, whilst heated at times, was well chaired by Kim Wilkie and everybody would have benefited from the debate.

# Bushfire clean-up

More than 80,000 tons of debris needs to be cleared from areas affected by recent bushfires.

Clearing properties is the first step toward rebuilding. To ensure this happens, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments are funding a coordinated, voluntary clean-up and demolition program.

People who own property which has been affected by recent bushfires, are eligible to have their property cleared for free.

<p>People who would like the government to clear their property for free or who have cleared their property and want to apply for reimbursements can contact:</p> <p><b>1800 136 762</b>  <a href="http://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-cleanup">www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-cleanup</a></p>	<p>Licensed contractors who are interested in taking part in the government funded clean-up and demolition program can contact:</p> <p><a href="mailto:filecleanup@groccn.com.au">filecleanup@groccn.com.au</a></p>
<p>The key steps of the clean up process are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Coroner with the Victorian Police will approve access to the property.</li> <li>The area will be assessed for risk and any risk, such as buried gas bottles, dangerous trees or unstable chimneys will be removed.</li> <li>Property owners will be given the opportunity to visit their land and recover any possessions.</li> <li>The property will then be cleared and cleaned by Groccn or their appointed local contractors.</li> </ul>	



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## Mayor's Chair

Construction works for the temporary housing has started in Flowerdale. In other bushfire affected areas, the communities are working with council to get sites arranged and plans of what these temporary villages may look like.

The Bushfire Recovery Reconstruction Authority has been visiting the area and talking with community groups as well as council.

We will not forget those we have lost. We will however rebuild remembering their strength, recognising the importance of community and what it means for all of us.

It is really important to know and understand the grieving process and how it will affect each of us in different ways and at different times. Try to be patient and understanding knowing we all have different needs each day. By supporting each other and working together we

will achieve a new strength. The importance for all of us is to listen and understand, and find a 'solution' as we need to be solution focused.

The council's Recovery Committee met last week and will meet again on Thursday 12 March. We are also looking at establishing Community Recovery Groups for each of the bushfire affected areas so if you haven't considered this, then please put your application in for consideration on these important committees.

Until next Week – "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it" Michael Jordan

Cr Lyn Gunter  
Mayor

## Marysville & District Lions Club

would be interested to hear from people affected by the bushfires who believe that there are areas/types of assistance that have not yet been provided or addressed by any of the organisations.  
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## GRAND OPENING

We would like to invite all community members to the opening of our Community Health Service and Marysville Medical Centre at its temporary location.

When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 2.30pm

Where: Corner of Maroondah Hwy and Buxton-Marysville Road, Buxton.

Special guest: Minister for Health Hon. Daniel Andrews.

Afternoon tea and refreshments provided.

All welcome

RSVP to: 5772 0800

## BUXTON COMMUNITY HALL

The Buxton Progress Association being the management committee of the Buxton Community Hall advise that the hall is presently being used as a distribution centre for clothing and other goods to assist those affected by the recent fires. It is anticipated the hall will not be available for general use for some time.

All enquiries regarding future use and hire of the hall should be directed to the President, Clive Clayton 57747076 or the Secretary, Karen Morrison 57747155.

## Local Community Recovery Reference Groups

Expressions of interest are invited from people who would like to volunteer for Local Community Recovery Reference Groups for each of the fire affected communities - (Cluster 1: Kinglake, Kinglake West and Toolangi Cluster 2: Flowerdale, Glenburn and Strath Creek Cluster 3: Buxton and Narbethong Cluster 4: Marysville).

Applications are invited immediately and will be assessed on experience, skills and community involvement.

Bushfire recovery will be enhanced by collaboration between local communities, government agencies, volunteer groups and the corporate sector. If you would like to be an integral part of the recovery process, please forward your expression of interest to email: [eholles@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:eholles@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or PO Box 138, Alexandra VIC 3714.

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## Meeting With Christine Nixon

**When: Saturday 21st March @ 1pm**

**Where: Marysville Golf & Bowls Club**

Christine Nixon, Chair of the Victorian Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority invites residents of the Marysville, Granton, Narbethong, Buxton, Taggerty, Lake Mountain, and areas to join her at a community meeting on **Saturday 21 March 2009**.

A key goal of the Authority is to ensure that local people have a chance to be actively involved in the process of recovery and rebuilding in their communities and this forum is the first step toward building a close working relationship with communities.

Commencing at 1pm with a light lunch, the community meeting will provide information about the Authority, its role and how it will work with local communities. The meeting will also include some information from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund advisory panel.

**The meeting was originally scheduled for 14th March but has been changed out of respect for a memorial service scheduled for that date.**

Ms Nixon and her team will be visiting around 20 bushfire-affected communities to hold similar discussions over the next few weeks.



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