

MATDG NEWSLETTER

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Special Meeting on Marysville Reopening This Saturday

Latest reports to hand from authorities is that Marysville will officially reopen to residents ONLY from this Saturday 21st March.

Marysville residents in particular are urged to attend the special meeting where senior members of the Victoria Police will discuss the reopening process.

Christine Nixon, head of the Victorian Bushfire Recovery And Reconstruction Authority will also be in attendance to provide information about the authority, its role and how it will work with local communities.

When:
Saturday 21st March 1 p.m.
Where: Marysville Golf And Bowls Club

Temporary Village at Marysville

As a result of your committee's actions, construction of a temporary village for Marysville has commenced.

The site for the temporary village is on the ESA land adjacent to the Marysville



The first of the temporary Chalets being placed on the ESA site

Golf and Bowls Club. Progress has been fast tracked by a number of weeks or months and the first portable chalets, sponsored by Andrew Forrest, have arrived.

At this stage there will be 10 four-bedroom chalets with a portable kitchen, mess, laundry and cool room which are expected to be on site shortly. Some recreational facilities are also planned.

Up to 40, 2 bedroom, flat pack houses which have self catering and private facilities are also in the pipeline. It is intended that construction of these will begin as soon as they are received.

The accommodation should be available as soon as we can arrange for the installation of the facility also anticipated to be early next month.

The Department of Human Services are also locating their community hub in the car park of the ESA site. It should be fully operational by the start of early next month.
*Bruce Ackerman
MATDG Reconstruction Committee 0418171754*



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Expressions of interest for accommodation at the temporary village can be sent to info@matdg.com

or call MATDG Coordinator Kim Wilkie on 0407513245 or Billy Hawes, Australian Children's Trust 0408926970

Business Adviser

Bruce Macky (Ex Banker and business owner) of the Australian Children's Trust has volunteered his expertise as a Business advisor.

Bruce is offering to help people prepare their business plans and submissions for reconstruction assistance & loans.
Call Billy Hawes 0408926970.

**Meeting with
Christine Nixon**

**Victorian Bushfire
Recovery And
Reconstruction Authority**

**When:
Saturday 21st March 1 p.m.
Where: Marysville Golf And
Bowls Club**

Christine Nixon, Chair of the Victorian Bushfire Recovery And Reconstruction Authority invites residents in the Marysville, Granton, Narbethong, Buxton, Taggerty, Lake Mountain areas to join her and 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 the communities. This forum is the first step towards building a close working relationship with communities.

Commencing at 1 p.m. 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 of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Advisory Panel.

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



Christine Nixon, inspects the site for the temporary village in Marysville with MATDG committee member Bruce Ackerman

**Storage
Containers**

Available

MATDG now has available storage containers for affected residents who need a secure storage facility.

The containers are fully secure and will be delivered at no charge to your property in the Triangle area. The containers are available free of charge for up to 12 months.

If you would like to apply for a storage container please send an email with your details to info@matdg.com or call Cherie Bell 57747421.

**Point Leo Surfers
Lend a Helping Hand**

The Point Leo Surf Lifesaving Club, who have been hard at work rebuilding the golf course bridges, have generously offered free accommodation for fire affected residents of the Marysville & Triangle Area.

Situated at the beach, there is room for up to 40 people with both bunk rooms and a four bedroom flat. Showers, loos, commercial kitchen, change rooms, TV, and Million Dollar Views are on offer.

The offer is open to anybody who fancies a break away - Contact Andrew on 0407332264

Free Internet Cafes

Internet cafe's organised by the MATDG and sponsored by Telstra Commonwealth and National banks are available in the triangle area for free use by affected residents.

In Buxton you will find Internet sites at the Buxton Hotel, the Igloo Road house, and the Buxton General store. In Taggerty at the Taggerty General

store, in the Narbethong Black Spur Inn and in Marysville at the Marysville Golf And Bowls Club.

**Marquee for
Memorial Services &
Funerals**

Thanks to the support of the Victorian Health Minister, funding has been provided to assist in the provision of a special large marquee for a temporary chapel. It will be located adjacent to the car park of the Marysville Golf & Bowls Club. The marquee will have a floor, heating and seating for up to 250. It will be available to all, call Bruce Ackerman on 0418171754 Chairman Marysville Cemetery Trust

In addition an organ has been also donated by the Australian Funeral Directors Association (AFDA) for use by the community for funerals and memorial services. It will be located at the Marysville Golf and Bowls club meeting room.



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LINFOX Fire Relief Available

Linfox have advised that some 90 truckloads of goods are available for Triangle residents affected by the bushfires.

Food, toiletries, clothing, home wares, furniture, household appliances, cots and strollers are just some of the good available at their Clayton centre.

Call Samantha on 0402097097 for details.

Books Books Books

Thanks to Dymocks Books and assorted publishers in Adelaide we have around 20 boxes of books available.

There are multiple copies of The Celebutants on the Avenue, by Antonio Pagliarulo, a novel suitable for women readers. There are multiple copies of "The Appeal" by John Grisham, and a wide range of other titles. There is at least one box of children's books and even one diary if anyone needs it.

Thanks also to author Gwen McNaught for supplying four boxes of her book "Anonymous One" - A Collection of Anonymous & International Quotations"

The books are available at the Marysville Community Golf & bowls Club.



Work commences on the temporary village in Marysville

MATDG RURAL RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

A team working with Bruce Ackerman consists of :

- Keith Rae (Marysville)
- Lew Gianforte (Buxton)
- Brian Worcester (Buxton)
- Ray Eastaugh (Narbethong)
- Jim Roennfeldt (Taggerty)

Farmers from Euroa Lions Club Help

Euroa Lions Club met with MATGD to discuss their support and assistance. Urgent tasks for a small team on Sunday 15 March were considered to be the erection of 150 metre of fencing at a farm in Buxton and the containment cattle in Narbethong.

A number of Euroa teams (3-5 members per team to work directly with landowners) could be available to start this week

They will seek to bring much of the required machinery, but may need additional tractors etc.

If you are interested in assistance on your farm property please email info@matdg.com with your details and Bruce Ackerman 0418171754 will be in contact

The Triangle needs you We need you !

The Marysville and Triangle Development Group Inc. (MATDG) was formed in the first couple of weeks after the fires. It was greatly assisted by The Hon. Fran Bailey MP, Ben Hardman our State Member of Parliament and Major General John Cantwell, the then Acting Head of the Victoria Bushfires Reconstruction and Recovery Authority.

The Group's purpose is to assist the process of reconstructing Marysville and the Triangle communities. It will form an integral conduit between the community and the Reconstruction Task Force to make possible the provision of services and resources from Government and business.

MATDG needs the community support. Accordingly you are warmly invited to become involved.

Sub Committees are being formed which will plan, design & deliver services and resources into our community in a timely and effective manner.

The Sub Committees are:
 1. Finance
 2. Storage and Distribution
 3. Communication & Consultation
 4. Economic Development
 5. Employment & Reconstruction – (i) Marysville (ii) Rural & 6. Community Wellbeing

Send your expression of interest together with a brief resume to: The Secretary, Marysville and Triangle Development Group Inc (MATDG) C/O 41 Dyes Lane, Buxton 3711

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