

Five arts recovery projects assisting communities affected by the Victorian bushfires will share in State Government grants totalling \$10,000 through the Arts Recovery Quick Response Fund.

Arts Minister Lynne Kosky said the fund was initiated to assist communities affected by the Victorian bushfires and encourage local artists to contribute to the rebuilding effort.

"Speaking to local artists following the devastation of the fires, I heard very strongly the need for quick and flexible support to help them get projects off the ground. This program directly responds to these immediate needs, and I'm pleased to announce the first round of projects that will benefit."

Applicants funded in the first round of the program are:

- **Nilumbik Shire Council** to work with a local artist to create letterboxes for a survivor group of up to 60 bushfire affected families in Strathewen (\$2500);
- **Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House** to launch and grow membership of the Kinglake Phoenix Choir and provide musical relief, entertainment and interaction with surrounding communities and choirs (\$2500);
- **Berry Street** for *Meet, Meld, Merge II* a forum in Yea to explore the ways in which artists and communities affected by the fires can utilise the arts as a recovery tool (\$1,000);
- **Dederang Rural Fire Brigade** to produce a photographic and text record of the Black Saturday fires and the effect on the local community, with photographs and stories provided by members of the community (\$1500); and,
- **Yarra Ranges Film Society** for outreach activities in secondary schools in the Yarra Ranges to encourage and enable students submit short films on the theme "*My Place, My Family, My Environment*" in the context of bushfire recovery and healing. To be presented as part of Warburton Film Festival (\$2500).

Grants of up to **\$2500** are available to support local artists to work in their communities on projects that contribute to the recovery effort. Applications close on the 1st of each month until September.

The Arts Recovery Quick Response Program is funded by the State Government and managed by Regional Arts Victoria.

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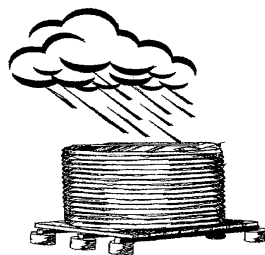
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As we go further down the recovery road, and head towards the end of the financial year, it's a good time to have a look at Business Recovery. If you run any type of business and need some help or guidance, or even some simple tax advice, the Murrindindi Shire Council, in association with the Rural Finance Counselling Service and Regional Development Victoria are running Information sessions. In attendance will be representatives from the Rural Financial Counselling Service, CPA Australia, Insurance Council of Australia, Legal Aid and many others. Following the successful kick off of these sessions at Kinglake on 26 May the remaining session times are as follows:

- ✓ Marysville/Narbethong/Buxton and surrounds - Tuesday 2 June - 7 pm - Black Spur Inn, Narbethong
- ✓ Taggerty/Buxton/Eildon/Thornton – Tuesday 9 June - 7 pm - Taggerty Hall
- ✓ Yea – Wednesday 10 June – 7 pm - Yea Golf Club
- ✓ Alexandra - Tuesday 16 June – Mount Pleasant Hotel

Each evening will finish with a light supper, so please book yourself in – on 5772 0341 or email kgannon@murrindindi.vic.gov.au . We look forward to seeing you there.

Also, for information on rebuilding the Building Commission has been running seminars to bring people up to date on the new building standards and bushfire protection. Again the sessions began in Kinglake on Tuesday 26 May at the National Park Hotel at 6.30 pm and the Commission will be at the Marysville Golf Club on Thursday 28 May at 6.30 pm. To book please call 1300 360 320.

The Burn Survivors Network would like to invite our shire's burn survivors and their families to "Camp Phoenix" at Anglesea from 23 to 26 August. The free camp,

supported by Rotary and other philanthropic organisations, offers great respite and a breath of fresh sea air. To get further information and register have a look at the website www.kidsfoundation.org.au or call 1300 734 733.

As mentioned last week, council attended the opening of the Marysville Temporary Village last Sunday, 17 May. A great day was had by all who attended and it was encouraging to see so many families moving back into the area. If you are still considering moving back, into the temporary village, call 5793 6400 or email leo.ryan@dhs.vic.gov.au for further information. We all welcome you back!

The Hazeldene Bridge repair project is currently the subject of community consultation to discuss the community's needs and possible options for the upgrade works. Please call Council on 5772 0333 or visit the Hazeldene General Store for further details.

Last week, we celebrated Volunteer's Week. Council held a number of wonderful luncheons and presentations day on 13 May to say thank you to our dedicated volunteers who so strongly and selflessly support our aged and disability services. Sadly, I couldn't attend the events due to prior commitments but all reports indicate the days were just terrific and a lot of fun was had. My greatest appreciation to Maree, Cassie and all other council staff involved in organising these luncheons and again thank you to our volunteers for their year round dedication.

Councillors this week have completed the following activities: Kinglake Memorial Reserve meeting, Regional Waste Audit Committee meeting; the Flowerdale Community Meeting, ABC Kinglake/UGFM and 774 Radio spots and Jarara Centre meeting.

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Anne Wilson, CEO of Kidney Health Australia launching the 2009 Kidney Health Week campaign under the banner of 'Making a Noise About the Silent Killer' said protein is found in the urine of 2.4 % of the Australian population and is an indication of the kidneys not functioning correctly.

"It is four times higher in people with diabetes and five times higher in those people with high blood pressure which affects 1 in 4 Australians. 50% do not have blood pressure managed to target levels.

"High blood pressure is found in 80% of patients with failed kidneys, and is a major contributor to Chronic Kidney Disease which kills 40 people a day in Australia.

"High blood pressure in people with Chronic Kidney Disease managed in primary care was controlled to the treatment target in only 37% of cases, in one recent large Australian study."

Kidney Health Week this year will focus on the critical issue of controlling blood pressure and also target obesity which is a major risk factor for kidney disease. More than 2.6 million adult Australians are considered to be obese.

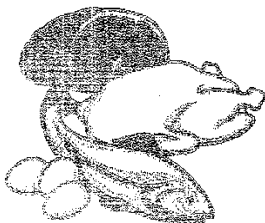
The major part of the battle against Kidney Disease is awareness as people can lose up to 90% of their kidney function before experiencing any symptoms and within a few days can find they are on dialysis, hence the name 'The Silent Killer'.

(Information from **Kidney Health Australia**)

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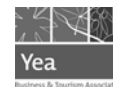


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In attendance at these sessions will be representatives from the Rural Financial Counselling Service, CPA Australia, Insurance Council of Australia, Legal Aid, Regional Development Victoria, and many others. The sessions will consist of a few short presentations, and a Question & Answer session followed by time to speak one on one with the various agencies and organisations and collect specifically relevant advice and information.

Area	Date	Time	Location
Kinglake Ranges/ Toolangi/ Flowerdale/ Strath Creek/ Castella	Tuesday 26 May	7.30 to 9.30 pm	Kinglake West Mechanics Institute Hall, 1055 Whittlesea - Kinglake Rd, Kinglake West
Marysville/Narbethong/Buxton	Tuesday 2 June	7pm to 9pm	Black Spur Inn, 436 Maroondah Hwy, Narbethong
Taggerty/ Buxton/ Eildon/ Thornton	Tuesday 9 June	7pm to 9pm	Taggerty Hall, Cnr Maroondah Hwy & Taggerty – Thornton Rd, Taggerty
Yea/ Murrindindi/ Limestone/ Glenburn & district	Wednesday 10 June	7pm to 9pm	Yea Golf Club, Racecourse Rd, Yea
Alexandra & district	Tuesday 16 June	7pm to 9pm	Mount Pleasant Hotel (Up Stairs), 90 Grant St, Alexandra

A light supper will be served at the completion of each information session. If you wish to attend one of these sessions, please RSVP for catering purposes with your name and selected session to kgannon@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or phone 5772 0341.



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It means that in most cases, people will be able to rebuild on the same property with less red tape. A planning permit will not be required and a new streamlined process will be put in place to approve siting plans.

The Council will put in place a process where a site plan can be approved at the same time as building permits are issued.

The information required on the site plan includes such details as property boundaries and dimensions, location of any damaged or destroyed buildings, the proposed location of replacement buildings etc.

Whilst the changes to the planning process are designed to aid a speedy rebuilding process, landowners will still require a building permit to ensure structural safety and implementation of the new bushfire requirements.

All fees associated with the approval process including building permit fees are waived as part of this government initiative.

Complete details of the changes to the planning process together with planning consent forms are available at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au or by contacting the planning department on 03 5772 0317 for further assistance.

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Re: Footy at Marysville

There have been quite a few encouraging developments and conversations over the last few weeks. Thought an update would be timely. Please feel free to forward this on to anyone who is not on the list and may be interested.

SUPPORT FROM EXISTING COMPETITIONS

I have spoken to the following people in the last 2-3 weeks:

Stephen Walter, CEO Yarra Valley Mountain District Football League

Rob Sharpe, CEO Eastern Football League

Michael Sholly, CEO Victorian Amateur Football Association

All were extremely supportive towards the idea of locating fixtured games to Marysville when facilities become available, and the possibility of an additional venue for pre-season and possibly a final (YVMDFL) was welcomed.

The Amateurs have clubs in the Albert Park precinct and have a need alternative venues over the Grand Prix period.

The EFL includes Clubs such as Coldstream, Sth. Croydon, etc and Rob Sharpe felt confident that games could be arranged.

Stephen Walter also expressed genuine interest in the formation of a 'Triangle Football/Netball Club' comprising Marysville, Buxton and Narbethong. We agreed that this was a longer term project which would require serious feasibility studies and active Community support. Stephen advised that a solidly based plan and co-ordinated approach would be given full support and assistance.

AFL/VFL/VCFL

Discussions have taken place with John Hook (CEO VFL) and Shane Ward from the VCFL (Vic Country Football League). The VCFL have programs in place to assist football development in fire affected areas and I have arranged a meeting with Glenn Scott (CEO, VCFL) and Shane Ward at Marysville next Tuesday to discuss this in more detail.

Shane has indicated that as well as funding possibilities, there may also be some assistance available with design advice on football facilities.

Andrew Demetriou's office will also be sent this update.

GALLIPOLLI PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL

The key factor in bringing any form of Football back to Marysville is obviously the re-development of facilities at Gallipolli Park. The new Community Centre which Russel Crowe and Luke Longley have generously contributed to, would need to be located at the oval and incorporate Football/Netball facilities in order to attract funding from the VCFL, etc.

Nat Morandi and Delice Guscott have been very helpful in areas of Committee administration, Council roles, etc. and will need to be involved in all ongoing discussions.

Michael Chesworth, from the Murrindindi Shire Council is aware of this proposal and will forward this communication on to the relevant people.

Timing wise, it would be great to see something commence in 2010, but obviously that would depend on building schedules, Council approvals, etc.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDRENS TRUST/MEDIA

CEO David Kenley mentioned the possibility of assisting with some media coverage, given the Russel Crowe/Luke Longley contribution towards construction of the Community Centre. This would need to be accompanied by a definite announcement relating to the overall project.

On the media issue, I should also mention that Mike Sheahan and Eddy Maguire and have both been advised of the Football initiative. As a result, Mike Sheahan is keen to be kept posted on developments and Collingwood Football Club has been in contact and shown interest in some involvement. This correspondence will be forwarded to both parties.

SUMMARY

Given the 'In Principle' support from the larger Football community so far, it would appear that we can be successful in bringing Footy to the area, if we can provide the facilities. The Community Centre at Gallipolli Park will need to become the core for these facilities, but additional funding will be required.

Equally important is local community support. The community has become fragmented since the fires and many people have extreme personal and financial issues to contend with. Hopefully, in the future, catching up with friends at local football can be one step in their re-building process.

Any comments/suggestions are welcome.

Best Regards,

John Phillips - PH: 0412 487842