

## MATDG Community meeting notes 23<sup>rd</sup> August

The fortnightly MATDG meeting was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at the Marysville Golf & Bowls Club. Key points from this meeting:

- Presentation from Brad Winthrop (Vic Forest) on proposed logging in 3 coupes down Lady Talbot Drive. Massive quantities of mountain ash has been burned, but some can be salvaged. In addition to timber losses 3 timber mills burned and timber stockpiles were destroyed.
- Salvage coupes are run under DSE environmental guidelines and only "prescribed" timber can be taken.
- Some of the timber salvaged will trucked through Marysville, although the majority will go through Buxton to Alexandra. This will be the equivalent of the level of activity prior to the fires- 6 to a maximum of 12 trucks per day.
- There is a code of practice for the trucks- 40 km speed limit and prescribed operational times.
- In the medium term the annual cut of VicForest will be down 10% to maintain sustainable levels
- Mountain ash is destroyed by fire, and much of what was burned is regrowth following the 1939 fires. The affected areas have been reseeded by air.

On other issues:

- The Federation Square "Big Screen" is being delivered by LinFox. It is hoped to have it in place prior to the start of the football finals. It will go next to the car museum and there is a committee in place to develop content
- Business return is slow and it is hoped the occupants of the car museum can be in place as soon as possible. Expressions of interest to Kim Wilkie
- The village Kitchen is open. This is for the whole town to use, so if you are in town working on your block and need a place to rest and prepare food, the kitchen is available. Date for the "official" opening to be announced soon.
- Internet access:
  - Buxton Igloo has a machine for community use
  - Taggerty general store has a computer and a couple of printers
  - Black Spur Inn has a community computer
  - There are 7 computers set up in the village- internet access soon.
- Meeting of MATDG, CRC, VBRRRA, council, Federal and State representatives has been held. MATDG, CRC, council will meet again to discuss the issues from this meeting and ensure all are working together.
- There is no food at the material aid outlets as it proved too hard to administer when tried. Ring Berry St for assistance with food.
- The ABC gardening show is coming to Marysville on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. 11 am-3 pm. Ring 02 80622918 to book
- More information on the Urban Design Framework proposals will be available for community consultation soon. Dates to be announced when available
- Questions to follow up for the next meeting:
  - Where is the police station going, and how can be obtain an increased police presence in Marysville
  - Update needed on the progress of the school/kinder rebuilding.
  - Is the VBRRRA "rebuilding building" still going ahead?

Next MADTG Community meeting will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Marysville Golf and Bowls club at 3-5 pm (sausage sizzle to follow)

Go to [www.marysvillecommunity.net](http://www.marysvillecommunity.net) for more details of coming events, notices, minutes of MATDG meetings, contact names and other information. To contact MATDG email: [vmoritz@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vmoritz@optusnet.com.au)