

# MATDG community meeting

notes from Julie  
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It was Father's Day and the footy finals were on, so numbers were a little down on usual at the Marysville and Triangle Development Group's (MATDG) fortnightly community meeting at the Marysville golf club on Sunday 6 September.

A special presentation was made by Sue Hodges of Sue Hodges Productions (SHP) whose group is offering pro bono services to determine what the people would like in the form of fire museum and maybe a heritage trail, to encourage tourist visitation and record the events and experiences of 7 February. More on this later.

MATDG president Graeme Brown reported an excellent turnout at the previous day's Men's Breakfast at Taggerty's Old Woolshed. Forty seven men, 13 young people and a magician created a lively breakfast at the session, which had been sponsored by Mitchell Community Health.

Graeme said that MATDG will have a 21 week lease for the big screen which is now in operation on the Marysville museum building.

The Marysville Golf Club is working with the MATDG for a great AFL

grand final celebration. You should book early for your place at this annual fundraising event.

Graeme also updated the group on the different functions of MATDG and the community recovery committees (CRC). He said an arrangement had now been reached with agreement that the two different entities had complementary roles; would adopt a unified approach to communication in accordance with an agreed communication plan; and membership of both groups would be considered in an effort to make it more representative, maybe with the inclusion of someone from Marysville One Community Association (MOCA) and Mystic Mountains Tourism.

The Urban Design Frameworks (UDF) for Marysville and Triangle has now gone to council and, when approved, will be put out for the community consultation process. The UDF should be on public display in the Marysville tent soon.

People who are keen to make a start on reestablishing their gardens now have the opportunity to access some of the 500 plants presently being stored at Maryton Park.

The Australian Tax Office will be at the Marysville community hub to

discuss any taxation matters whatsoever, including lost documents, on 16 and 17 September. Appointments can be made through the hub.

## Community concerns

Graeme Brown explained that a call had been put out for projects and the list of 120 projects received had to be prioritised; and that the final decision was not up to the CRC, but was passed through the project control group then to the Section 86 committee.

Barbara Muir, a Marysville resident presently living in the temporary village, said the residents in the village were a group of people rebuilding their lives and they would like to be treated like grown up human beings, not displaced persons. As for rebuilding "Who is in charge?" she asked.

Graeme Brown empathised and said that the message needed to get out that many of these residents in the temporary village were successful business people in a transition stage, ready to rebuild their lives.

Jenny Pullen added that businesses were falling through the cracks and that Christine Nixon needed to know.