

## Notes from the MATDG meeting Sunday 25th October

The fortnightly MATDG Community Meeting was held on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Key points from the meeting were:

- Responses from the **Urban Design Framework** have been collated and are available on line ([marysvillecommunity.net](http://marysvillecommunity.net)). This document will now go to the Section 86 committee of council. A special meeting of this committee for final verbal submissions is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> November, after which the recommendations will go to the committee to be finalized on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- The proposed **Performing Arts Centre** has been included in the UDF and a feasibility study is underway on this
- Community Recovery Committee projects are on line at <http://www.marysvillecommunity.net/>. See under 13<sup>th</sup> October for the spreadsheet.
- A significant amount of money has been put towards these projects - see the funding announcement on the VBRRRA website. Booklets are also available at the hub.
- VBRRRA and specifically **Megan Lancaster** were thanked for their hard work on the UDF and CRC project list.
- A delegation led by the MATDG committee is travelling to **Canberra** on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and will meet with the **Prime Minister**. The intention is to publicly thank the people of Australia for their generosity following the Black Saturday fires, and privately to raise issues of ongoing concern such as the slow pace of recovery and small business issues.
- The **nursery** at Maryton Park is being set up to give plants to people of the Triangle area. At the moment the infrastructure is being established, and some money that has been given to the community for specific projects is being put towards this.
- There are some exciting proposals being put forward, most recently from a Buxton resident **Prof Kevin Hindle**, Chair of Entrepreneurship, Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurship Innovation and Community.
- Other issues raised at the meeting:
  - People living at the Village are well supported and moving on with their lives, (following a comment from the floor about the lack of support)
  - As part of next year's Melbourne Food and Wine festival there is a proposal from the Thai Culture and Food Festival to hold an event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March with food, drink and entertainment.
  - Circus OZ is working with the children of the area and will be putting on an event at Buxton
  - **Part time residents** have been notified by the **Bushfire Appeal fund** they will not be receiving any funding towards rebuilding. The issue is a Federal one due to taxation laws.
- **Lyn Gunter** then ran a workshop for participants to reflect on what has happened since the fires, what could be done better. The ideas generated by this session will be consolidated and sent back to MATDG for distribution

### Coming Events

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Marysville Marathon [www.marysvillemarathon.com.au](http://www.marysvillemarathon.com.au).

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7:30pm MOCA Monthly Meeting in Melbourne

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7pm MATDG Community Meeting @ the Golf Club