

## Marathon fundraising presentation

The Marysville Marathon Festival was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 with the intention of raising funds for the local emergency services. It surpassed all expectations with \$20,000 being raised. Lachlan tells me planning is now under way for the 2010 Marathon on November 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

At the MATDG meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January, the funds raised were presented to the SES (\$10,000), CFA (\$6,000) and Kingbilli Wildlife Refuge (\$6,000). Georgina Beach from Kingbilli gave the meeting an overview of the activities of the refuge, the efforts of volunteers and the above average success rate in saving animals affected by the fire. Of the 53 animals rescued, more than half survived, where the success rate is generally around 10%. The money will enable a Wildlife Ward for more intensive rehabilitation. More information on Kingbilli online - <http://www.kingbilli.com.au/>



Other key points from the meeting:

- Plantaid is now open for registration of gardens and collection of plants
- With the loss of the native beauty the town needs an event calendar and events facility "Iconic building" to bring tourists. Tourism operations are currently running at 20% only
- Al Kanah will start building shortly- 75 beds
- For those wishing to access mental health practitioners (particularly psychiatry) funds are available for gap payments. Contact Jim Roenfeldt or Vicki Moritz

- MATDG will be working with VBRRA for more open meetings and community driven outcomes in 2010.
- Some discussion on acquittal of the VBAF funding- the meeting was assured it is not being spent on VBRRA salaries.

Next MADTG Community meeting will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Marysville Golf and Bowls club at 4-6 pm

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)