



# MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## 2019 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

As we spiral towards the end of 2019, it's timely to reflect on the year that's been.

The year started in the same way that 2018 ended, busy with preparations to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Black Saturday fires. An amazing group of volunteers were supported by the Foundation to organise a "Thank you" day in Alexandra. This event was important to the communities of the Marysville and Triangle area to acknowledge the support that was received from other communities, and to take the opportunity to show that appreciation, ten years on.



The commemorative event was held in Marysville on 7 February; it was carefully planned based on the feedback received about how this event should be respectfully remembered. The commemorative event was designed so that people could choose how they would like to be involved, or not to be if that was the case. It was an emotional time, and the commemoration an important milestone. Surrounding these events was an enormous amount of background work with the an enormous amount of background work with the media, politicians, mental health support services, state government and other key stakeholders. The Foundation managed the grants process around a number of community projects, and has finally finished the administration processes around this.



In March we opened our grant rounds for 2019, and closed them again in November. Some interesting grants processed through the year include Signing for the Soul (a community singing workshop in Alexandra), Marysville Jazz and Blues Weekend 2019, community garden at CHaT (Community Hub at Taggerty), Marysville Marathon Festival, and sponsorships for local events.

At the same time, the Foundation commenced a recruitment process, calling for Expressions of Interest from people with specific skill sets. We farewelled long standing board members Jennifer Wood and Clive Clayton, and more recent recruit Howard Paix. Their presence on the Board and the impact of their work with the Foundation will leave a lasting legacy. In October, we welcomed new Board members David Hall, Charlotte Bisset, Brian Swersky and Melinda Burgess.

Our work with the Boston Consulting Group started in August, preparing a brief and working together to develop the concept of a renewed strategy for the economic recovery of the Triangle area. This report would reflect back on the original report prepared by Boston Consulting Group in 2009, which was subsequently reviewed in 2011. The Foundation believes it is important to consider the current economic prosperity of the Triangle, and to look at strategies to reinvigorate it. We look forward to the release of the report in early 2020.

The Foundation worked with local emergency services to hold a "Get Ready!" day in Marysville in early November. The concept was all about enabling accessibility to information to help prepare for the summer ahead, from bushfire safety; to managing heat health, snake bite and how to use a defibrillator; SES live car cut demonstration and safety information; Forest Fire Management information and Murrindindi Shire Community Safety and Community Planning display.





We know that the best way to recover quickly from an emergency is to be prepared beforehand. Emergency preparedness includes accessing the right information so that you can put together a plan for your household. A big thank you to the emergency services groups who contributed to the success of this day.

We wind up the year looking forward to 2020 and beyond. The Foundation is in a transition phase, as we move from bushfire recovery to a broader community development role. Our future focus will be fundraising so that we can continue to deliver our vision for a vibrant, healthy and resilient future for the communities of Murrindindi Shire.

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