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ANNUAL REVIEW



RETROSPECT: A LOOK BACK AT LAST YEAR

What an extraordinary year 2019/2020 has been.

Whilst the year started out as business as usual, several significant events occurred that impacted on the Foundation and the broader community.

The Black Summer bushfires raged across much of country particularly in the south east of Australia. By the end of summer some 18 million hectares of land had been burnt. It was a challenging time for many. Having been through similar challenges 10 years ago, the Foundation was able to connect and support other community foundations that were directly impacted by these bushfires.

No sooner had the fire season ended we were thrown a new challenge of a global corona virus pandemic. Working from home became the new normal.

Amidst these challenges, the Foundation continued to remain active and committed to its vision of fostering a vibrant, healthy and resilient future for communities within the Murrindindi Shire.

We were able to facilitate the donation of a ride on mower to the community of Lucyvale in NE Victoria. The town was directly impacted by the Black Summer bushfires and put a call out for a ride on mower for their community hall. A generous donor within our local community offered a mower, and delivery to Lucyvale was arranged. The Lucyvale community were very grateful for this

kind gesture.





NEW BOARD MEMBERS

After an extensive recruitment process, the Foundation welcomed four new directors to its board in September 2019.

These new directors bring a wealth of knowledge and experience which complements the existing skill set of current board members.

The Foundation warmly welcomes David Hall, Charlotte Bisset, Melinda Burgess, and Brian Swersky pictured here with the Foundation's Chair Tony Thompson (centre).

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DURING EMERGENCIES

Supporting communities to be prepared for emergencies such as bushfires is important when living in rural areas.

The Foundation supports communities to be prepared by coordinating an annual "Summer Safety - Get Ready" event in Marysville. This is the fourth year this event has been run.

The multi agency event provides opportunities for community members to engage with local emergency service organisations, ask questions and be involved with hands on activities. It is a great way to increase education and awareness and make sure people have the latest information to be best prepared for Summer.

Participants included CFA, DELWP, SES, Murrindindi Shire Council, Ambulance Victoria, Local radio UGFM and the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation.



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

TONY THOMPSON

It is a privilege to present this report on behalf of the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation.

The last twelve months has been challenging, the interruption of COVID disrupted our lives and had a significant impact on our programs.

The Foundation started a new strategic planning process, with a focus on the future. We also launched the

Marysville and Triangle Economic Development strategy in February 2020, and are working on implementing key recommendations.

We were pleased to recruit four new Board members, bringing a diverse range of skill sets with them. We look forward to continue working with communities across Murrindindi Shire.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Foundation manages two grant streams; Bushfire Recovery Fund and Triangle Community Development Fund.

Since 2014 we have distributed over \$700,000 to over 30 different community groups across the Shire of Murrindindi.

Key grants awarded in 2019/2020 include:

Bushfire Recovery Fund

Flowerdale Sports Club Inc. - This project enhanced social cohesion, physical and mental wellbeing for the Flowerdale community by upgrading the recreation reserve amenity to provide modern, gender neutral, up to date facilities accessible to all. This infrastructure upgrade will increase community participation and social opportunities, thereby enhancing community connectedness.

Triangle Community Development Fund

Buxton History Group - The Buxton History book project is essentially a collection of individual stories by former and current residents, woven into a readable and informative narrative. This grant funded stage 1 of the project which involved editing the individual stories, photos and material collected over the past five years, into a coherent single copy. This book will capture community knowledge and lived experiences, foster communication and strengthen inter generational ties.

Marysville Marathon - The Marysville Marathon is an annual trail running event, that was started after the Black Saturday bushfires and has played an important part in the community's recovery from the 2009 bushfires through financial donations and community involvement. The Foundation provided costs towards free entertainment for the participants, family and friends of the festival.



MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2019

In 2019 the Foundation, in partnership with Regional Development Victoria, contracted Boston Consulting Group (BCG) to refresh the Marysville and Triangle economic development strategy that was developed post the 2009 fires.

BCG and the Foundation worked together to define a new economic development strategy for the Triangle region. This process included a series of workshops with community, industry and government stakeholders which resulted in a strategic document identifying a series of focus areas with initiatives and actions to deliver a sustainable future for the region.



30+

Workshops attendees at two community workshops



10+

Interviews with Triangle business owners/managers



2x

Community drop-in sessions in Marysville and Buxton



100+

Survey respondents from across the Triangle Area



15+

Interviews with community and Government stakeholders



2x

Alignments with Murrindindi Shire CEO & Councillors

Marysville Art Show

The Foundation was proud to again support this local art show through sponsorship to assist with venue hire and contributed towards a named art show prize.

This event is run by the Triangle Arts Group and is a highlight on the local community calendar.



Triangle Emergency Services Dinner

The purpose of this dinner is to grow a sense of community, foster connections and strengthen relationships among local emergency first responders. Agencies involved includes CFA, SES, Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria.

This dinner is held annually. The Foundation has sponsored the dinner for the past three years, and is proud to recognise and respect the contributions of local services to keep our communities safe in difficult times.

OUR VISION

The Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation builds a legacy for a vibrant, healthy and resilient future across the communities of Murrindindi Shire

OUR MISSION

The Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation is a philanthropic organisation that enables local people to contribute to the long-term benefits of our region by addressing local needs through grant-making and encouraging philanthropy

OUR PURPOSE

1. Partner with communities of Murrindindi Shire to enable them to grow and thrive
2. Provide philanthropic grants for community benefit
3. Fundraise and provide a local means to contribute to community wellbeing
4. Responsibly manage the Foundation's funds for community benefit
5. Act as a leader and advocate on behalf of the communities of Murrindindi Shire

The Marysville and Triangle Foundation acknowledges the traditional owners of this land.

We acknowledge that we live and work on Taungurung Country and respect and celebrate the history and living culture of the Taungurung and their unique role in the life of this region.



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