



MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2020 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

What an extraordinary year 2020 has been.

The year started with the Black Summer bushfires, that raged across SE Australia. 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.

We were also 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. The Foundation was able to source a used mower and arrange delivery to Lucyvale. The community were very grateful for this generous donation.

In March we launched the Boston Consulting Group Final Report. The report provides strategies to create opportunities for economic development of the Triangle area. The report is available on the Foundation's website. We will continue to work on initiatives identified in the report in 2021.

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. The Foundation office closed in late March and reopened again in late November when Covid restrictions had eased.

Despite the new covid related challenges the Foundation adapted and still continued to deliver it's core work including 2 grant rounds.



Our first grant round opened from March – May. A second grant round was made available from Aug – Oct. This was the final year of grants being made from the Bushfire Recovery Fund.

Successful grants this year included:

- Christmas in Marysville. Funding new Christmas decorations to bring festive joy and promote community spirit in Marysville.
- Purchase of a defibrillator at Narbethong. This is a asset that is available to the whole community.
- Publication of a Wildflowers of the roadsides of Marysville booklet. A local guide to wildflowers that will be available for purchase from the information and regional arts centre in Marysville.
- Purchase of an Ipad to enhance mapping, weather and other fire information on board the Acheron CFA Tanker.
- Supporting the youth space in Marysville to finish essential works to allow the space to open.
- Upgrading Christmas decoration in Buxton.
- Creation of a fire-resistant demonstration garden at Flowerdale Primary School to educate on fire-wise landscape design.
- Support a two day camp for Grade 6 girls across the Cathedral cluster (eastern side of Murrindindi Shire) as part of the transition to secondary school.
- Purchase an automated external defibrillator and remote access lighting system for the Thornton CFA tanker.

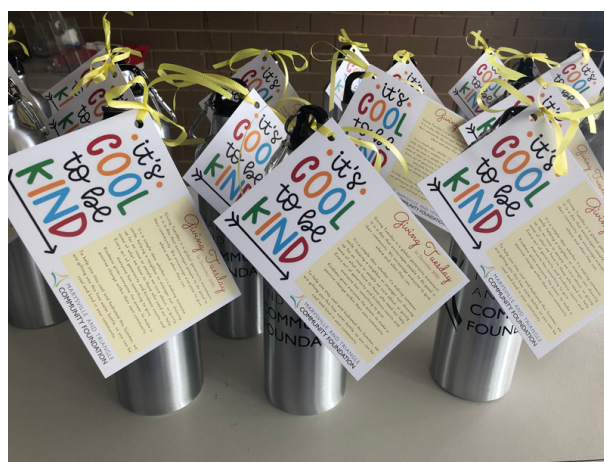
We congratulate all the successful grant applications and look forward to seeing the impacts and outcomes of these funded projects in our community.



We were fortunate to undertake some strategic planning once covid restrictions eased in November. We are at a pivotal point in the development of the Foundation and the facilitated strategic planning session was essential to assist with clarifying the transition from a fire recover focus to a broader remit to meet the many challenges and needs of the communities across the Murrindindi Shire. We look forward to sharing with you in 2021 a new name and branding to reflect this transition of the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation.



Giving Tuesday is a global day to promote kindness and generosity in the community. It happens annually on the first Tuesday in December. Giving Tuesday encourages people to show their generosity in a variety of ways whether it's helping a neighbour, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving to causes. Every act of generosity and kindness counts and everyone has something to give. Kindness gives everyone the power to make a positive change within their own community. To celebrate Giving Tuesday, the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation hosted a pop up stall in the main street of Alexandra and gave out free water bottles. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about what the Foundation does and also to encourage everyone to give where and when they can.



To find out more about the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation, or to make a donation, contact Executive Officer Robyn Hill at robyn@marysvilletrianglefoundation.org.au



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