



ANNUAL REPORT

2017 - 2018



MARYSVILLE
AND TRIANGLE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

1 WELCOME



Chair's Report

It is a great privilege to present this Annual Report on behalf of the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation (MTCF).

The continuing support from the Board of Directors of the Foundation has helped ensure the progress of the MTCF projects, which have made a difference to our communities, and I thank them. Each member of the Board has willingly donated their time and expertise and attended monthly meetings where grants for community groups, marketing and communications, community development, fundraising and investing for the ongoing future of our communities, are thoroughly discussed.

Over the last twelve months the MTCF provided \$139,450 in grants from the Bushfire Recovery Fund, and \$47,494 from the Triangle Community Development Fund for projects. The projects funded include, mental health support for Alexandra Secondary College, a community fitness program in Toolangi, support for our local radio UGFM's new outdoor broadcast vehicle, and solar panels at the Marysville Golf and Bowls Club.

The MTCF was pleased to again be involved in the FRRR Back to School Vouchers program. This program provides assistance to families who need a helping hand with their back to school costs.

I would like to thank our Executive Officer, Robyn Hill, for all of her hard work in keeping the MTCF operating.

We are pleased to have appointed a new staff member, Sasha Barrow. Sasha joins our office team and will provide additional support to the MTCF Board.

We look forward to continue working with our communities into the future and to build the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation.

Tony Thompson - Chair



Executive Officer's Report

This annual report highlights our activities through the 2017/2018 reporting year.

We have worked hard on key components of our vision to build a legacy for a vibrant, healthy and resilient future across the communities of the Murrindindi Shire.

During the year, we have had the pleasure of working with a range of community groups across Murrindindi Shire. It has been great to see projects come to life through the hard work and commitment of volunteer community members.

Some of these projects are highlighted in this report.

We have also further worked on developing relationships with our key stakeholders and are increasing our profile across the Shire.

Together with our communities we are preparing to have started to work with our communities to prepare for the tenth anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires in February 2019. This anniversary is an important part of our recovery journey and a significant milestone.

I have been grateful to have the support of the dedicated members of the MTCF Board of Directors who volunteer their time and energy to deliver the vision and mission of the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation.

Robyn Hill - Executive Officer





2 MISSION AND VISION

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 Vision

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



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.



3 THE TEAM OF MTCF



The MTCF team is made up of our board members and two part time staff members.

Our board members are Tony Thompson (Chair), Clive Clayton (Deputy Chair), Richard Rogerson (Secretary/Treasurer), Jennifer Wood, Mike Fleming, Sandy Keath, Howard Paix, Colin Davies, Steve Coker and Paul Denham.

The part time staff are Robyn Hill, Executive Officer and Sasha Barrow, Administration Officer who work out of the Marysville office.

MTCF board members.
From the top:
Jennifer Wood
Mike Fleming
Clive Clayton
Richard Rogerson

MTCF board members.
From the top:
Steve Coker
Paul Denham
Colin Davies
Howard Paix
Sandy Keith



Administration Officer: Sasha Barrow

4 THE YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS – OUR IMPACT

Victorian Bushfire Appeal Funds

The Bushfire Recovery Fund, was established with \$1 million received from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF) and has been our key focus. The Bushfire Recovery Fund is set aside to provide assistance to those affected by the 2009 bushfires in the Murrindindi Shire, and is for medium to long term recovery projects.

The Bushfire Recovery Fund is open to receive requests for grants from February to November, and applications are approved on a rolling basis at the regular monthly MTCF board meetings.

Projects funded include:

Improving Mental Health

Continuing our Craft Journey

Girl Link Transition program

Acheron Mechanics Institute – upgrade of facilities

Community Fitness - Toolangi Castella District Community House

Growing our Community - Outdoor Broadcast Vehicle (UGFM)

Telling Our Story - Alexandra Football and Netball Club

Murrindindi Bush Fire Memorials

Rivers and Ranges Community Leadership Program

Back to school vouchers Program – FRRR

Sponsorship – Triangle Emergency Services dinner

Sponsorship – Marysville Art Show



THE YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS – OUR IMPACT

Girl Link transition program

Girlink is a transition program for Grade 6 girls from the Cathedral Cluster of primary schools in Alexandra, Marysville, Buxton and Eildon. The program was a two day residential camp facilitated by staff and Year 11 students from the Alexandra Secondary College. The aim of the camp was to build social bonds and resilience in the girls before starting secondary school. The girls were supported to create new social connections and a strong sense of belonging. They were also given support in developing confidence and self-efficacy through challenging themselves and gaining new skills. The girls gained confidence and resilience, encouraging them to be engaged and motivated.



Continuing our craft journey

Within this project assistance was given to members of the Creative Triangle to attend a workshop to advance their skills. The Creative Triangle was formed in the aftermath of the 2009 bushfires to create a space where women could gather and connect and share their recovery journeys. Creative connections contribute to the confidence and the personal wellbeing of the women and to their collective wellbeing. Following the workshop, the creative works of the members were showcased at a community event in October 2017.



Alexandra
Quilters display
thier craft

Acheron Mechanics Institute – upgrade of facilities



The upgrade of the only recreational facilities in Acheron was this project's objectives. The recreation areas that were developed at the Acheron Mechanics Institute hall, included the installation of a safety fence around the sport courts, the erection of a viewing and storage shelter, the installation of a basketball ring and landscaping. The upgraded facilities are open to the community and help promote health, improve community connectedness and enhance wellbeing.



Improving mental health

This project supported the students of Alexandra Secondary School by providing an on site counsellor. A counsellor worked with students and their families to improve their mental health and day-to-day functioning. By helping young people to develop positive mental health their learning outcomes and contributions to community capacity and personal resilience are improved. Increasing the counselling and support options for young people is in line with several of the key priorities highlighted in the Murrindindi Shire Council Plan 2013 - 2017, and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017.

THE YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS – OUR IMPACT

Community Fitness - Toolangi Castella district community house



The aim of this project is to increase the fitness and stamina of the participants in the Toolangi Castella District Community House fitness group. Physical fitness is associated with lowered stress levels, improved mood and reduced anxiety leading to improved resilience in both the mental and physical well-being of people. Attendance in the class encourages friendships and support of the participants through the good and the bad times. The sharing of fruit between the attendees at the end of each session, and the accompanying conversations, lead to closer cross community information sharing. One of the benefits of information sharing has been the increased attendance by residents at the Toolangi Community dinners from the nearby area including Kinglake and Glenburn. This project has also increased community volunteer involvement.

Growing our community - outdoor broadcast vehicle (UGFM)

With the help of funding from MTCF, Murrindindi's local radio station UGFM, purchased a Ford transit van to fit out as a mobile studio (outdoor broadcast vehicle) to support, strengthen and promote community events and activities across the Shire. UGFM is a volunteer based community organisation and is a designated emergency services broadcaster. The outdoor broadcast unit will enable greater flexibility for UGFM to broadcast directly from community events. UGFM played a key role in broadcasting the fire status during and after the 2009 bushfires. This new outdoor broadcast vehicle will provide additional capacity for crucial information distribution to the community in future emergencies and disasters.



Rivers and Ranges Community Leadership Program



The overall aim of the Rivers and Ranges Community Leadership Program (RRCLP) is to increase the capacity and resilience of communities by strengthening local leadership. The funding from the MTCF provided the assistance to support two individuals from Murrindindi Shire to attend the RRCLP program. The program develops community leadership capacity by providing opportunities for emerging leaders to build their skills and confidence. It also helps to facilitate a network of community leaders, to support emerging leaders who can be instrumental to community change.

Telling Our Story - Alexandra Football and Netball Club – production of communication material



ALEXANDRA SHOWGROUNDS AND RECREATION RESERVE: MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY FACILITY

Funds from the MTCF assisted the Alexandra Football and Netball Club (AFNC) to tell their story, in order to attract funds to help construct a multipurpose community facility at the recreation reserve. The recreation reserve was the main staging area for fire fighters during the 2009 fires and the facilities are in a poor state. The Alexandra township and the regional community were struck hard by the 2009 bushfires and the roles of community clubs such as the AFNC were crucial to social recovery. Clubs such as the AFNC are essential for people to join and to share in common interests and assisted with resuming the normality of life post fires.

The new multipurpose building would be used as a safe place assembly point in the event of a community emergency. The communications material developed as part of this project formed a package to present to potential funders for the community multipurpose facility.

Back to school vouchers program – FRRR

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's (FRRR) annual Back to School program comprises \$50 vouchers which are given to families to support students, and has been operating since 2005. During that time the FRRR program has distributed over \$5 million to over 90,000 children across Australia.

The MTCF distributed \$16,450 in Back to School Vouchers to students at primary and secondary schools in Marysville, Buxton, Eildon, Alexandra and Yea in the last financial year. The FRRR provided 129 vouchers and the Marysville Triangle Community Foundation funded an additional 200 vouchers. In total 329 vouchers were given to families who need a helping hand with their back to school costs and were used to purchase school supplies and uniforms for individual students.

The Back to School Program is a practical and positive program that can make a real difference to the lives of children by improving their confidence and self-esteem. Assisting kids helps them to participate fully at school and to continue with their education.



THE YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS – OUR IMPACT

Murrindindi bush fire memorials

Bushfire memorials provide reflective, respectful public spaces that acknowledge the loss experienced by communities affected by the 2009 bushfires. Murrindindi Shire Council formed the Bushfire Commemorations Working Group in 2009 to provide community input on the design of six bushfire memorials across Murrindindi Shire. The project funds were used to complete the construction of the Marysville and Narbethong memorials.



Memorials at
Narbathong
(above) and
at Marysville



THE YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS – OUR IMPACT

SPONSORSHIPS

Triangle Emergency Services dinner

The MTCF sponsored the Triangle Emergency Services dinner. This dinner brings together volunteers from Marysville SES, Marysville CFA, Taggerty CFA, Buxton CFA and Narbethong CFA who come together in emergency situations operating in stressful environments. The dinner provides an opportunity to develop relationships outside of an emergency scenario which enhances working relationships for individuals and their teams.



Marysville Art Show

The annual Marysville Art Show is a highly regarded local event acknowledged throughout the region. The MTCF provided sponsorship for the hire of the venue for the Art Show which assisted in the reduction of the operating expenses, and also sponsored a named art prize.



THE YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS – OUR IMPACT

TRIANGLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The Triangle Community Development Fund was established from funds received from the Victorian State Government.

These funds are dedicated to supporting recovery and community projects in the Marysville and Triangle region.

Projects include:

Marysville Jazz and Blues Weekend 2017



The Marysville Jazz and Blues Weekend consists of a number of jazz and blues music events in Marysville. The project funding assisted with providing free entertainment over the event and some of the festival's organisational costs.

Community festivals such as this make a significant contribution to mental health and wellbeing at the individual, organisational and community levels. The Jazz and Blues Weekend provided an opportunity for social participation and recreation, and a sense of belonging. Not only were the locals involved in the organisation of the festival, but they also performed. The weekend was organised by a group of dedicated volunteers and with the support of the Marysville Lions.

The grant covered free activities (entertainment in Settlers Park and the Street Parade), as well as some of the costs associated with running the event (ie: audio equipment hire and artists costs for free events).



Solar panel power and lighting project - Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club

The Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club Incorporated is a community organisation run by a committee of management. The club facilities were substantially renovated after the 2009 bushfires, as it had been used as a focal point for the Triangle communities. The facilities are utilised by community members and organisations for meetings, training, social gatherings, family gatherings as well as by golfers and bowls clubs.

The project included the installation of solar panels on the roof of the club facilities and upgraded safety lighting to the club car park. The installation of the solar panels assisted the club to reduce its operational costs and therefore the cost of the use of the facility to community members.

The car park lighting has allowed increased use of the facility in the evenings and has increase safety when accessing the area.



Marysville Jazz and Blues Weekend 2018

Following on from the successful grant for the Marysville Jazz and Blues Weekend 2017, the organising committee (a subcommittee of the Lions Club of Marysville and District Incorporated) applied for a grant to again support this event.

The 2018 project funding assisted with providing free entertainment for the festival and the production and sound costs for free events.

The Jazz and Blues Weekend was also an opportunity to showcase the newly opened Marysville Information and Regional Artspace (MiRa), another project supported through the Triangle Community Development Fund.

5 THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

The Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation is based in Marysville.

The Bushfire Recovery Fund encompasses the whole of Murrindindi Shire.

The Triangle Community Development Fund is specifically committed to the communities of Marysville and the Triangle townships (Buxton, Granton, Narbethong and Taggerty).



There are two grant programs facilitated by Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation. The Bushfire Recovery Fund must be expended by 2022.



The challenge for the MTCF over the next few years will include the creation of a corpus in order to ensure the longevity of the MTCF. This will involve a fundraising program which may include community events, a bequest program and an increased focus on donations.

The MTCF will also undertake further consultation regarding the best use of the funds within the Triangle Community Development Fund. Key stakeholders in these areas will be the communities together with Murrindindi Shire Council.

MTCF will continue to maintain knowledge of the needs in our communities to ensure we are informed as to the key priority areas.



7 SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION – DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS





The MTCF encourages individuals and corporate donors to make donations to the MTCF which will then be used to support the local communities.

Donors are encouraged to make their gifts in a number of ways depending on their aims:

- **Bequests**

People can make a gift as a bequest in their will. A bequest is a meaningful way that an individual can benefit the local community. The bequest can be recognised by name if the donor wishes or it can be an anonymous gift.

- **Tax deductible gift**

Donor gifts are tax deductible. FRRR processes these donations on behalf of the MTCF.

- **Open a bank account**

Open a bank account with Bendigo Bank at the Upwey Branch using the MTCF's agency referral number. Income is provided to the Foundation from the bank's margin, and there are no costs to the donor.

Contact us for more information to give where you live.



8 FINANCIAL REPORTS (ABRIDGED)

MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LIMITED

Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2018

Income	2018	2017
Consulting fees	\$265	\$301
Donations	\$1546	\$0
Interest	\$21,444	\$25,109
Total income	\$23,255	\$25,410
Expenses	2018	2017
Operating expenses	\$35,472	\$29,618
Wages	\$57,424	\$55,620
Grants	\$47,494	\$16,678
Total expenses	\$140,390	\$101,916

Balance Sheet

Assets - Current	2018	2017
Cash assets	\$936,900	\$993,128
Other	\$12	\$0
Current Assets	\$936,912	\$993,128
Assets – non current	2018	2017
Plant and equipment	\$66	\$133
Other	\$0	\$0
Non Current Assets	\$66	\$133
Liabilities	2018	2017
Current Liability	\$7,113	\$4,809
Equity	2018	2017
Retained profits	\$929,865	\$988,451
Total Equity	2018	2017
Total	\$929,865	\$988,451

MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TRUST

Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2018

Income	2018	2017
Grant Funding	\$0	\$1,700
Interest	\$9,688	\$14,480
Total income	\$9,688	\$16,180
Expenses	2018	2017
Grants	\$132,851	\$135,307
Projects	\$5,000	\$9,128
Sponsorships	\$1,600	\$0
Total Expenses	\$139,451	\$144,435

Balance Sheet

Assets	2018	2017
Cash assets	\$338,160	\$526,472
Equity	2018	2017
Contribution by settlor	\$10	\$10
Undistributed income	\$338,150	\$526,462
Total Equity	\$338,160	\$526,472

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