

# MARYSVILLE AND TRIANGLE REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

The connection of the townships of Marysville, Narbethong, Taggerty and Buxton, known locally as the Triangle, is home to a 36 kilometers road ride. Located at the base of the Great Dividing Range, 98 km north-east of Melbourne via Healesville and the Maroondah Highway, Marysville and surrounds is home to the remotest part of the Yarra Ranges National Park and state forests.

## NORTH CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT

### HAZARDS

The main hazards identified by the community include bushfire, isolation, extreme weather events, extended power outages, road crashes and riverside flooding.

### IMPACTS

The major perceived impacts are loss of communication, potential injuries, include loss of life, emotional and psychological distress and damage to properties as well as critical infrastructure that supports community resilience.

## SKILLS AND CAPACITIES



Establish a community committee to coordinate emergency preparedness and recovery efforts.



Encourage younger residents to join emergency agencies, like CFA and SES.



Promote emergency preparedness planning across the community.



Participate in a Grants Writing workshop. Promote identification of grant opportunities and grant submissions.

## BUSHFIRE PLACE OF LAST RESORT



### Marysville Community Centre

Gallipoli Park, 31 Falls Rd



Radio ABC  
774 AM



Radio UGFM  
98.5, 106.9 FM



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Vic Emergency App  
[www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

## COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION



Establish a system for reliable emergency communication, including satellite phones at CFA stations and SES HQ.



Advocate for backup power mobile networks towers.



Implement community-wide communication tools (e.g., Facebook pages, community noticeboards) for reliable emergency updates.



Leverage community platforms like the local progress associations and the Triangle News newsletter for emergency updates.



Consider the need for a multilingual approach to emergency preparation and signage



Establish a network of businesses with backup generators (e.g., Duck Inn) and ensure public access to charging points for phones and medical equipment.

## TOURISM



Promote better preparedness for tourists, including information on local emergency services and evacuation plans.



Collaborate with accommodation providers (B&Bs, holiday houses) to ensure tourists are aware of safety procedures.



Enhance communication with tourists via an Information Centre and road signage.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Lack of community interest and awareness regarding preparedness plans.



Limited resources for IT support, food storage, and disaster recovery.

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## RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

					
Advocate for the installation of EV charging stations and generators to ensure continued operation of critical infrastructure.	Encourage alternative communication systems (e.g., satellite phones, community noticeboards, free-to-air radio and TV) to ensure emergency information flow.	Advocate for infrastructure upgrades, including more emergency signage, external power points, and reliable water supplies.	Extend existing reticulated water supplies to Taggerty and Narbethong and establish strategic hydrants between Marysville and the other three towns.	Explore helicopter accessibility to critical locations (Gallipoli Park oval, Buxton Reserve) for evacuation or supply drops during isolation.	Explore helicopter accessibility to critical locations (Community Centre, Buxton Hall) for evacuation or supply drops during isolation.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

							
Foster a stronger sense of community by organising more frequent community gatherings.	Encourage newcomers and visitors via MiRA and community groups.	Encourage neighbourhood connection through Hello Neighbour cards.	Implement a buddy system for vulnerable individuals, ensuring they have the support needed during emergencies.	Establish a communication tree to check on vulnerable neighbours during emergencies.	Engage businesses, schools, and local groups in emergency preparedness initiatives are shared for the benefit of the community.	<b>Future Actions:</b> Organise regular community meetings and workshops to raise awareness on topics such as food handling in emergencies, the creation of Go Bags, and family emergency plans.	Support local Progress Associations in their emergency preparedness initiatives.

## RESOURCES TO DEVELOP YOUR PLAN



**First 72 Hours**  
[murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Community/Safety-and-Emergencies/The-First-72-Hours](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Community/Safety-and-Emergencies/The-First-72-Hours)



**Resources Redi Plan**  
[redcross.org.au/globalassets/cms/downloads/pdfs/disaster-plan/easy-english-rediplan-accessible.pdf](http://redcross.org.au/globalassets/cms/downloads/pdfs/disaster-plan/easy-english-rediplan-accessible.pdf)



**Your Bushfire Plan**  
[cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan)



**SES**  
[ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/at-home](http://ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/at-home)



**Murrindindi Shire Council**  
[murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Explore/About-Our-Region/New-Resident-Kit](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Explore/About-Our-Region/New-Resident-Kit)



**LEAP**  
Further information on Local Emergency Action Plans (LEAPs)