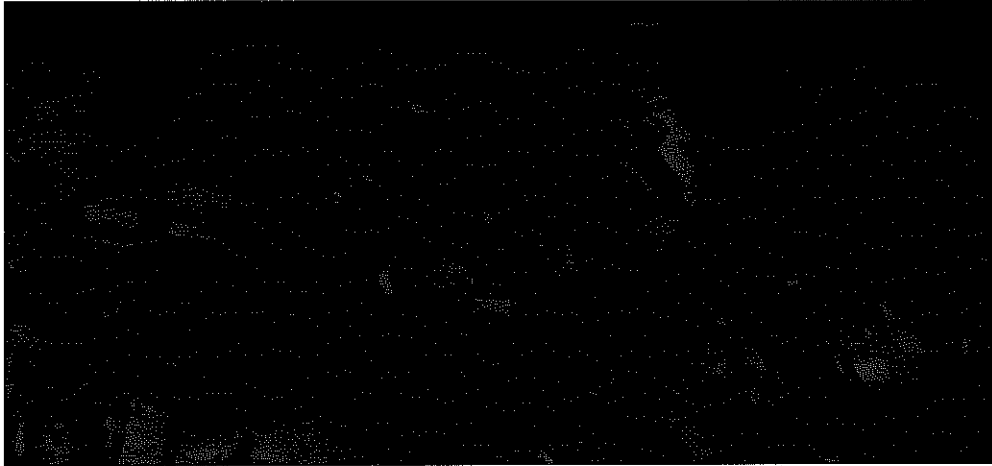




MATES OF MARYSVILLE



From Gayne Emblin

I would appreciate you taking a moment to read this simple letter. My name is Gayne Emblin, my parents names are Jan and Bob. Some years ago my parents retired to Buxton/ Marysville which is a rural area located in the sub Alpine region of Victoria. My parents were welcomed by the local communities as only country folk can. My parents raised their three sons to be active members of their communities, so true to their word they soon engaged their new community. My mother is the President of the Marysville Lions Club, of which my father is a member. My father actively works with the local police in mentoring programs for the local children. They both work on the Australia day and Anzac day committees

and provide much need assistance to many additional local community organizations. Their stories are not unique. Good Aussie folk, like all country people will help out whomever and when ever.

My parents and my family have never asked for help or assistance with anything, today I am asking for your help and support.

As you are aware, the communities of Marysville/Buxton/Nabethong no longer exist. The township of Marysville (about the same size as Cooroy) has been completely destroyed with nothing left. Many fine members of the community died trying to protect their properties. In many cases their children (our futures) died along side their mothers while their fathers were fighting to save other properties. Those who survived have nothing, even now since the clothes on their backs have been changed to clothes donated to the cause" they have nothing of their own". Their sense of self worth has been taken from them in such a violent manner. Their community has been taken from them. No schools, Police station, shops, and pub it's all gone.

The plan, my/our aim is to raise enough funds to purchase a catering van including tables, chairs and portable shelters and pass this onto the Marysville Lions so they can use it to help establish a centre so as to unite the community. To provide somewhere for mums, dads, mates, kids to gather to laugh to cry to plan for the future. From small beginnings grows great plans and even greater communities.

"If we start it the Aussie spirit will make it happen".

I have established an operation simply called "Mates of Marysville" An account has been established **BSB- 633000 Account- 136239563 Bendigo Bank Cooroy.**

Your support would be greatly appreciated

Humbly yours Gayne Emblin

Please pass this onto to your network everything will help

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