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MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



A FEW CHANGES COMING TO MURCHISON NEWS

The Murchison Community Newsletter - **the "3610"** - will be going through a couple of changes in the coming months. It might look a little different, but should make it easier to both sign up for and contribute to. We're excited and can't wait to build on the great work that you all do to make the 3610 possible.



BREAKING NEWS

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE MURCHISON ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH 3610 MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

If you're intersted in writing, photography, editing, designing or publishing - or just want to be more involved in the community - we need your help.

Please contact Louis on [03 5826 2373](tel:0358262373) or at manager@murchison.org.au to find out more.

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MURCHISON COMMUNITY PLAN CONSULTATION DAY

When: Sunday 28th May 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Where: Community Centre - Senior Citizens Room

What Is Your Vision For Murchison?

We Want Your Input!

Please come and discuss our draft Community Plan and have your say on shaping the future of our wonderful little community.

You're all invited to meet the Murchison Community Planning Group, and have your say, into our future.

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If you wish to receive a copy of the draft plan prior to the meeting please email: murchison.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Murchison River Road Caravan Park Inc

Notice is given of a Public Meeting

To be held at The Railway Hotel, Murchison East,
On Thursday 1st of June 2023 at 6pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than 3, or no more than 9 persons as the Committee of Management for the Murchison River Road Caravan Park Inc. for a term of at least three years. The current Committee's term will expire on the 5th of June 2023. Nominations from all people, including those of diverse gender, Aboriginal people, people living with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in local projects, be a part of a progressive and supportive team and contribute to one of our community's much needed facilities.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office, or at the meeting.

All welcome, for further enquiries, please contact Juliet Palmer on 0400 073 475.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2023



The Murchison RSL Sub-Branch would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Dawn Service, it was a great turn out with estimates ranging from 150-250 people with 20 wreaths laid in memory of the fallen by various service & community groups and businesses.



The Dawn Service could not be held without the support of the community, the RSL members, Murchison Supa Value Centre, Murchison Bakery, The Railway Hotel (The East), with thanks to Blooming Buckets for stepping in to do our wreaths & Sargent Spotswood and the Catafalque Party, It was great to have them back again.

The money raised for the ANZAC Appeal this year was exceptional. We greatly appreciate the support of the community, staff and inmates at Dhurringile Prison as well as the many visitors passing through our beautiful town over the Easter weekend. We would also like to acknowledge the time members contributed manning the stalls.

The SES, Lions Club & Mens Shed did a great job for the school and community providing breakfast after the service, the funds raised will help the students attend an excursion to Melbourne and the Shrine of Remembrance. The bacon and eggs were generously donated by The Railway Hotel, milk and bread by Murchison Bakery.

All funds raised from the ANZAC Appeal go directly to supporting Veterans and their families though-out Victoria with 50% remaining within the local area.

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MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD

Winter. That awful word we dread is not far away now. With winter coming a lot of fire hazards will emerge and these are usually associated with the warming of personal space which could include the use of electrical, gas or solid fuel heating. Please ensure all precautions are taken when using a heating medium. A good start would be an annual pre-season service by an authorised representative, flue cleaning where applicable and a smoke alarm check.

Heaters are a major cause of fires, especially during the winter months. Ensure all electrical appliances are turned off before going to bed and remember when drying clothes '1 metre from the heater' !

Kitchens! The kitchen is the room where most fires occur in the home. Do not leave cooking unattended - 'Look when you cook'! Check all appliances are off before leaving home or going to sleep. Never use water to extinguish an oil or grease fire. Ensure a dry powder extinguisher and fire blanket are at hand.

Get a a copy of the CFA Booklet 'HOME FIRE SAFETY' - available free from the Murchison Post Office, Pharmacy, Bakery, Supa-Value store, Garage, Neighbourhood House and of course, Murchison Fire Station.

Let the CFA help you, to help yourself!

So far since our last contribution it has has been a very busy month at CFA. Here are some of the highlights.

Anzac Day: On the morning of April 25th CFA Members attended the local RSL service held in the Murchison Memorial Gardens. A CFA wreath in memory of the fallen was laid by Comms Officer Bec Catania and 3rd Lt. Alex Wright, LEST WE FORGET !

Brigade Elections: May 1st saw the biennial for Officers and successful candidates were returned or appointed as follows:

Captain - THANIEL MEYER | 1st Lieutenant - TINO CATANIA | 2nd Lieutenant - ALEX WRIGHT
3rd Lieutenant - XAVIER REILLY | 4th Lieutenant - ANDREW GELL
Community Safety - BOB LANGFORD | Communications - BEC CATANIA
Secretary - JILL WRIGHT | Treasurer - IAN (SARGE) MACAULEY

Congratulations to Ian (Sarge) Macauley for having completed 35 years as Brigade Secretary/Treasurer. A fantastic effort ! With Jill's appointment as Secretary Sarge is able to now 'downsize' to a single role as Treasurer. Andrew Gell and Jill Wright are new appointments to Brigade Management and we know their life skills and experience will only benefit an already strong team.

Murchison Mens Shed: CFA Members attended the official opening of the newly built building. We wish the Murchison Mens Shed every success in it's aims and endeavours and look forward to a close working relationship to mutual benefit in future years



MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD



Murchison CFA at the MCG: On Saturday 13th May three Murchison Brigade Members attended the above mentioned Round 9 at the MCG created to honour our Vic. Emergency Services. CFA members took part in a guard of honour, motorcade and a lap of honour along with other Emergency Services agencies, celebrating the incredible work Emergency Services personnel provide to their Communities. Murchison Fire Brigade was represented by husband and wife duo 1st Lt. Tino Catani and Comms Officer Bec Catania together with 3rd Lt. Alex Wright. Well done guys, you did Murchison proud.

Days Mill Open Day: Mothers Day Sunday 14th May. Murchison crew were in attendance at this Murchison landmark, with the Ultra Lite Tanker to provide first line support in case of emergency. A Brigade run sausage sizzle was popular and the CFA Community Safety stand was well attended by the public. The weather was good and the day enjoyed by all. Good work all involved.

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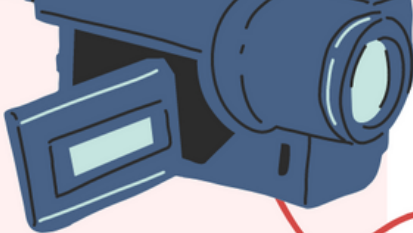
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Xavier Reilly: Melbourne Stair Climb Challenge 2023. Our Murchison Member Xav Reilly has enlisted in the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb Challenge to be held on 2nd Sept next. Proceeds are for Charities and this is Xaviers story:

“Hello ! My name is Xavier Reilly and I am a member of the Murchison Fire Brigade. I have been a member now for over 14 years starting with Murchison Juniors and moving up to an active firefighting role where I currently hold the office of 4th Lieutenant. From 1st July I will move into the role of 3rd Lt under the Brigades recently introduced succession planning system. In my time as a firefighter I have experienced a lot both mentally and physically, watched colleagues often struggle with one problem or another. After helping a mate complete a charity ‘Spartan Race’ in QLD last year it inspired me to do something similar so I have entered the Melbourne Fire Fighter Stair Climb challenge. This entails climbing 28 floors of a Melbourne building whilst wearing full Protective Clothing and Breathing Apparatus. Not a small feat I can tell you !

My charitable causes are Cancer Research and Mental Health Support. Both areas I feel strongly about. In this I am asking the good people of Murchison and District to support me in this challenge. Any donation towards my personal target of \$1,000 before I climb would be very welcome, in fact awesome !

I have provided a copy of the poster for the event and there is a QR code that may be scanned for donation, or just use the link to copy into Google.

If you have any questions feel free to wander into the fire station on a Sunday morning and try to catch me there.
Sincerely, thank you for your time.

Xavier Reilly – Murchison Fire Brigade CFA”

Great causes to support and we wish Xav well in his fundraising effort. Murchison CFA are right behind him in this.



HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES IN MURCHISON

PRESBYTERIAN/UNITING CHURCH

BY KAY BALL, MURCHISON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



From 1859 the Rev. A. McNicol was the first Presbyterian minister at Rushworth, travelling to Murchison and to Whroo to conduct services there. A building made of slab walls and a shingle roof was built in Murchison as the church, close to where the present-day Uniting Church stands now. The Presbyterian congregation used the building for social gatherings and a day school as well. After Rev. McNicol moved to Wallan in 1861, Murchison was without a long-term Minister and by 1870 the Presbyterian community worshipped with the United Methodist Free Church, swelling the numbers there considerably.

The Methodist minister was Rev. T.B. Swift at that time. In 1873 Rev. Swift fell out of favour with the Methodist Elders and a move was afoot to transfer him to another area. However, the Presbyterian Church reformed and approached Rev. Swift to minister to the Presbyterians and he accepted the position, much to the disapproval of the Methodists!

By October 1876 the building of the brick church commenced, designed by notable architect Charles Webb. William Brown, the town's Saddler and active community member, laid the foundation stone in November 1877. In April 1878 the church building was completed and officially opened by Rev. James Nish, Clerk of the General Assembly.

Rev. Swift proved a popular Minister and when he moved on in 1882, he was presented with a farewell gift of 200 sovereigns - a very large amount of money at the time. During the years he cared for the Presbyterian flock in Murchison, he also established churches at Tatura and at Mooroopna. He was replaced by Rev. William Matthew and then after two years, Murchison became attached to Tatura where Rev. Chambers was the Minister. By 1901 Murchison and Goulburn Weir joined together to become a distinct charge.

The Presbyterian Manse was built at No. 3 Stevenson Street in 1902 and the weatherboard Hall constructed next to the Church in 1926.

In June 1977 the Presbyterian Church at Murchison became part of the Uniting Church. Rev. W. Higgins was inducted as the first Uniting Church Minister and moved into the new manse which had been built in Meteorite Street.

The current minister, Rev. Brian Spencer, lives on his own property out of Colbinabbin.

The Parish, known as Waranga Uniting Churches, now consists of preaching places in Colbinabbin, Rushworth, Tatura and Murchison. Sadly, the Stanhope, Goulburn Weir and Toolamba buildings have closed and congregation members now join with Rushworth, Murchison and Tatura.

Today to keep up with modern technology the Church Services are presented via Zoom to each Congregation from the Host Church, which rotates around the Parish weekly. These services are also viewed on line by folk who live outside the Parish.



MURCHISON SES

BY JO SAPWELL



Murchison SES are proud to announce that there is an AED now available from Murchison Supa Value at 33 Stevenson Street Murchison. Murchison SES handed over the device on the 22/04/2023

Thanks to the wonderful donation from our Driver Reviver program. The money was able to help the community with this life saving device.

DRIVER REVIVER AT CALDER WOODBURN REST STOP



Murchison SES will be holding a driver reviver at Calder Woodburn rest stop on the **09/06/2023** for the Kings birthday long weekend. We will be there from 1pm - 7pm. Look out for our Visual Message Board 1km from site. We provide FREE coffee, tea, milo and hot chocolate and an assortment of biscuits along with a BBQ of sausages and onions with your chose of bread, not only that we cater for your 4-legged fur babies. We have a limited amount of showbags that will keep the kids entertained on your travels. We do have soft drinks which are a \$1.00 per can everything else is FREE.

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TEN YEARS IN THE MAKING

Over a hundred Murchison residents and friends celebrated the opening of the new Murchison Men's Shed on Saturday the 6th May 2023.

The chairman of the Murchison Community Planning Committee, Mr Glen Thomas, opened proceedings and invited the Deputy Mayor of the Greater Shepparton City Council to acknowledge the traditional land owners and officially declare the shed open. It was pleasing to see the support and attendance of ex and current council employees, Josh Lee, Renee Scott, Karen Kidd, Paul Newcombe, and Steve Varcoe who all played a major role in reaching our goal, as well as Sam Birrell, National Member of Parliament for Shepparton and Liz Tatai from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

Paul Sladdin, President of the AMSA, and Derek O'Leary, CEO of the VMSA both spoke of the importance of Men's Sheds. More than ever before, men are looking towards men's sheds as a safe and welcoming environment to talk about their problems and seek companionship, learn new skills and gain self esteem.

Its not only the men that benefit, but also the community in which they live, and this was evident by the number of residents and members of other shed who attended the opening. It was pleasing to meet members from Katandra West and District, Violet Town, Shepparton, Tallygaroopna, Stanhope and Shepparton East Men's Sheds adding their support on the day.

In the final speech, Murchison Men's Shed President, Dennis McCullagh gave a short history lesson about the shed over the past 10 years, and thanked the Shepparton Council who supplied the land and the building, the Longleat Winery owners, Guido and Sandra Vazzoler, for allowing us to use our old shed rent free since the liquidation of the nursing home.

It was also good to see members of the SES, CFA, Bowling Club, Lions Club, Caravan Park, Police, RSL, Neighbourhood House all present and supporting our day.

The day finished with a fantastic spread of a variety of sandwiches, cakes and fruit platters which was arranged by members of the Murchison Bowling Club.

The highlight of the day was possibly the members shoot which included the reunion of founding and life member member, Wal Harrison, from Tatura, founding member, Ken Mair, who travelled by train from Melbourne, and Alan Munro, stalwart and life member who also travelled from Melbourne.



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TRAINING WITH MURCHISON TOOLAMBA FOOTBALL CLUB AND THE MENS SHED OPENS

Sam recently was given the honour of being name the number 1 ticket holder for Murchison, Toolamba Football Club.

He accepted the honour after training with the team. Sam is aiming to train with as many clubs as possible in his first term as an MP. The training allows him to engage with locals as well as shine the spotlight on the need for funding for local sporting club infrastructure. Sam has spoken about the need for the Government to providing funding for all types of sporting clubs in Parliament and used Murchison Football Club as an example.

Sam also attended the opening of the Murchison Mens Shed building and birthday celebration. A fantastic day celebrating with the community the work of the Mens Shed. Sam said it was important to have a modern facility in Murchison for men to use and socialise in. He thanked the community for their contribution and efforts to make the shed possible.



LISTENING POSTS IN MURCHISON

It was a privilege to be in Murchison at the end of April, setting up a mobile office and holding a listening post in the public gardens.

I plan on hosting another of these in the winter to make sure I catch up with anyone who is interested, while also getting to spend some more time in the beautiful town.

I also had the joy of meeting the school leaders at Murchison Primary School recently.

We conducted a mock election, where Olympic champion swimmer Ariarne Titmus was elected as the class's favourite athlete in a fun-filled day.

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