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Neighbourhood House

3610

FREE

MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN

The Neighbourhood House Murchison

- The Preloved shop is open Monday to Friday 9am-3pm & Saturdays 10am-1pm
- Community Meals every Monday and Wednesday at 12pm, \$8 for courses
- Community Garden volunteers on site every Wednesday 9am-11am, New volunteers welcome
- IT Support continues fortnightly on Wednesday from 930am-230pm beginning 4th of February

Murchison Ladies Shed

- The Ladies Shed is now established with the next open sessions below, new faces welcome, come down and meet the ladies and learn new skills
- First session on the 10th of February 1030am-4pm
- 2nd Tuesday of every month 1030am-4pm
- 4th Tuesday of every month 430pm-9pm

The Men's Shed

- Wednesday 11th February at 1030am District Nursing information session
- Sunday 22nd February Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Shepparton
- Wednesday 25th March at 11am Dementia information session
- Wednesday 8th July at 11am Cancer information session (Lungs, Bowel and Prostate)

Murchison Swimming Pool

- The Swimming Pool is open (Season closure begins the 9th of March 2026)

Murchison Heritage Centre

- Open Saturday mornings 10-12
Group bookings please contact 0475 018 743

Murchison comes together for Australia Day Celebrations

Australia Day celebrations kicked off early in Murchison, with around 250 people arriving from 8am to enjoy a free breakfast, hot and cold drinks, and live entertainment by The Ludlow Twins at the Murchison Pool on Monday, January 26. The Murchison Men's Shed cooked sausages in bread and bacon and egg sandwiches, while King Billy Coffee kept the drinks flowing. Kids waved flags and wore Murchison badges, with many locals embracing Australia Day-themed outfits, creating a lively, relaxed atmosphere and a strong sense of community.

Murchison Australia Day Committee president Tino Catania officially opened proceedings, speaking about what makes Murchison a great place to live. City of Greater Shepparton councillor Paul Wickham, Mrs Cleeland and Mr Birrell assisted with award presentations.

After the formalities, the popular duck race saw kids dash to the pool to push the winning ducks to the finish line before the pool opened for a full day of celebrations. The event also featured the opening of a 25-year time capsule containing 62 items, including old newspapers and sealed letters addressed to individuals.



Margaret McMaster is presented with her Citizen of the Year award in recognition of outstanding service to the Murchison community.



Neighbourhood House Murchison manager Jessie Boer is presented with the Community Event of the Year award for Love Murchison by Cr Paul Wickham and Tino Catania.



Around 250 locals gathered at the Murchison Pool to kick off Australia Day celebrations with food, drinks and live entertainment.



Murchison Primary School students shine in the Australia Day competition.



Finishing off the morning fun with the duck races, followed by a day of swimming at Murchison Pool.



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Murchison Mens Shed

Once again our members were available to help out at the swimming pool for this years Australia Day Celebrations, manning the BBQ with a sausage sizzle and bacon and egg sandwiches, along side Billy's Coffee van. Sam Birrell and Annabelle Cleeland spoke well about the volunteers and the event was once again very well supported by the Murchison community.

A big thank you to the Bega Group in Tatura. Lily Botterill, an executive of the company paid us a visit recently to present us with a substantial monetary donation and Bega goodies, in appreciation for the work building outdoor tables and seating for the company.

Over the last few years, we have been working closely with GV Health nurse Michele Hanson, and we look like having an extensive Health and Well being program again this year. Our first event was a District Nursing Service information session, presented by nurses, Michelle and Saddle, and attended by 12 members. The session covered what care can be provided such as home help, My Aged care, Specialist wound care, Palliative Care service to name a few.

Some weeks ago, a lady enquired if the men's shed could make a wooden boot stand for her. The boot stand is finished but we don't have a contact number. Could you please contact us for pick up.

FOR SALE:
Numerous used air nail guns, hand tools, electrical bench saws, table saw, wood lathe, industrial fan, heaters, cross line laser, tins of nails, screws, drill bits etc. Low prices or make donation
For more information contact
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Further sessions appear in the coming event section and are open to members, their partners, neighbours, friends and any other members of the public, and will be followed by morning tea, coffee and biscuits.

Coming Events

- Sunday 22nd February Sausage sizzle at Bunnings Shepparton
- EFPTOS available, Stall from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
- Sunday 1st March Clean up Australia Day
- Wednesday 4th March Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Peter Harrington
- Wednesday 25th March Understanding Dementia @ The Men's Shed 11.00 am
- Wednesday 11th April Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Peter Cutcliffe
- Saturday 25th April ANZAC DAY
- Wednesday 6th May Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Bob Maitland
- Wednesday 3rd June Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Ian Tavener
- Wednesday 1st July Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Rob Cornelius
- Wednesday 8th July Cancer info session –
- Lung, Bowel and Prostate 11.00 am

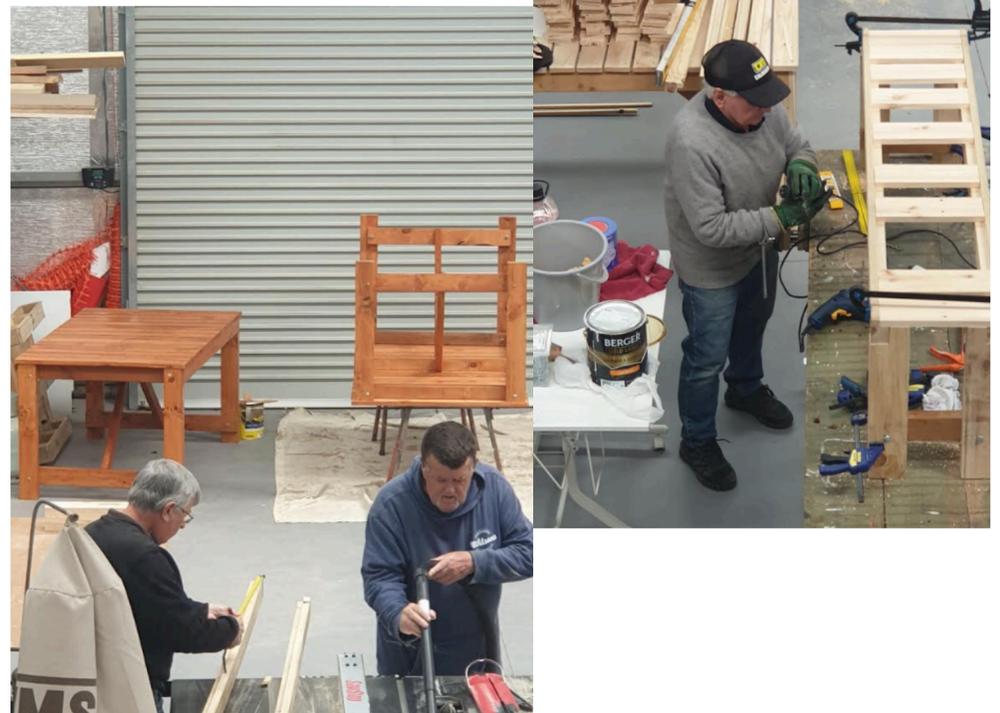


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Understanding Dementia

Waranga Community Health invites community members to join the Murchison Men's Shed Dementia Information session.

Dementia is not a normal part of getting older. The effects of dementia vary from person to person, but generally, dementia affects mood, memory, thinking and behaviour.

When: Wednesday 25th March, 2026

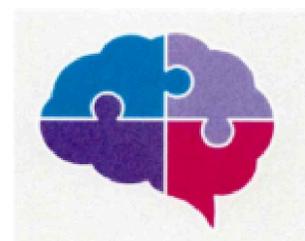
Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Murchison Men's Shed

10a Watson Street, Murchison

Guest speaker: Olivia Tenace

Dementia Support Specialist, Dementia Australia



CFA MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE

By Bob Langford

Readers may be interested in some statistics that have recently become available concerning the wild fires that have swept Victoria in the last few weeks.

More than 435,000 ha of land has been burned in what has been the longest duration heatwave event Victoria has experienced since 2009.

On January 9 th CFA attended almost 200 grass and scrub fires, including in support of Fire Rescue Victoria , with more than 80 strike teams dispatched to support these incidents.

Between 7 th and 27 th January 2026

■ CFA responded to 3,300 individual incidents.

■ There were more than 7,000 individual vehicle responses to these incidents utilising over 1,800 appliances from more than 780 brigades.

■ CFA's response was supported by over 400 strike teams, requiring more than 2,000 appliance deployments, made up of over 1,000 appliances from 650 brigades.

■ Across these incidents, there has already been in excess of 23,000 member turnouts recorded in completed fire reports (note – these are total and many members will have turned out numerous times)

Murchison Brigade attended the Longwood fires as did many other brigades, as part of daily strike teams made up for the duration of the emergency.

At no time was Murchison left undefended during this period.

Some people ask what part CFA plays in Emergency Response and I hope the following will help put things in context. CFA is a volunteer service responsible for fire suppression, rescues and response to other accidents and hazards across most of Victoria.

Established in 1945, CFA plays a critical role in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery of fires and other incidents. The authority is controlled by a board and falls under the portfolio of the Victorian Minister for Emergency Services.



Come and join us ! CFA welcomes interest from those members of the public who understand the concept of volunteerism and are willing undertake specific training in order to contribute to the community. Call into the fire station on Robinson Street, Murchison any Sunday morning between 9 and 1pm and have a chat with our members.

MURCHISON FIRE STATION – is about to benefit from an upgrade, hopefully commencing this month. Residents might note building activity on site while renovations are undertaken but these activities will not affect Brigade response to emergency situations.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD – remember that Fire Danger regulations are still in force and will be until further notice. Please be careful!

In case of emergency please do not call the fire station, we do not live there ! Dial 000 and when answered speak clearly giving your name and the nature of emergency and help will be dispatched as soon as possible.

Stay safe !



AED Unit accessibility locations in Murchison

- Neighbourhood House Murchison
- Murchison Mens Shed
- Wybalena
- Murchison Bowls Club
- Murchison Golf Course
- River Road Caravan Park
- Murchison Swimming Pool
- Murchison Community Hall
- Murchison Football-Netball Club
- Murchison CFA
- Murchison SES
- Murchison Police Station

Murchison Historical Society

SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT

Before there were department and hardware stores within a reasonable distance, visiting salesmen known as hawkers, traversed the countryside and brought with them a wide variety of goods to sell, which was a great service for remote towns and isolated farms. It is said they helped to develop the country by bringing needed supplies to the people.

A large number of the hawkers came from India in the 1880's, and the men supplied linen, rolls of material and haberdashery, cooking utensils and a lot of useful household items.

Many had a horse drawn wagon loaded with their wares, others called foot-hawkers carried their goods in a huge parcel on their back. They travelled an established circuit and were greeted warmly by the farms and towns they supplied.

Murchison resident Helen Newton remembers the local hawker named Goolam Hassan who regularly came to the family farm surrounding Dhurringile Mansion. Goolam and his horse drawn wagon also served him as a home away from home but was so loaded with supplies stacked on shelving that he had to sleep underneath the cart! The cushion pictured, was purchased from Goolam in about 1952 by Helen's mother. The cushion decorated with a scene from India, was in use in the family living room for many years, a treasured possession from a bygone era.

Helen has donated the cushion to the Murchison & District Historical Society and it is on display at the Heritage Centre beside an accurate model of a hawker's wagon very similar to the one Goolam had.

The wagon is part of the Historical Society's Collection of model horse drawn vehicles skilfully constructed by Peiter Spruit of Drysdale. Peiter trained as a blacksmith in Holland and had his own Engineering Business after migrating to Australia. As a hobby he cleverly created these impressive models very accurately in the scale of either 1:10 and 1:12.

An excellent travelling exhibition about the history of hawkers in northern Victoria is currently on display in Avenel, at the Community Hub open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 – 12.30, (best check if actually open by phoning 5796 2043 before travelling there) and located in 23 Queen Street. Entry is free and it will be there for the next few months.

It is professionally put together by the Australian Indian Historical Society with some rare historic photos and stories. I recommend a visit to see it – it is something a little bit different. Good places to have a coffee close by too - Daily Dose and Fowles Winery!

Kay Ball, Murchison & District Historical Society.



Goolam pictured with farm worker Bill Miller and Jack Lowry, Helen's father.



Cushion purchased from Goolam by Mrs. Jack Lowry and model hawkers wagon.

Murchison Historical Society Australia Day Awards

GROUP OF PAST AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



MARG MCMASTER MURCHISON'S AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2026



PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND THE TABLE COLLECTING TIME CAPSULE ENVELOPES



BETH BRISBANE, ANOTHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER AND PAST AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNER COLLECTED HER FAMILY'S TIME CAPSULE ENVELOPE

Generosity from above

Gaye De Mouire and Lenny just keep on giving even from the heavens above. In January 2026 Isabelle, Gayes daughter wanted to express her gratitude for the Neighbourhood House Murchison by donating \$2500 to go towards our organisations needs and wish list. This contribution will be utilised to certify our new kitchen volunteers in Food Safety and First Aid. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity
 Jessie - NHM



Free Blood Pressure & Health Assessments (Adults 18+)

HEALTH HUBS MURCHISON Murchison Neighborhood House

23 Impey St, Murchison VIC 3610

HEALTH HUB DATES

Monday 5th January 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm	Monday 19th January 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm	Monday 2nd February 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm
Monday 16th February 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm	Monday 2nd March 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm	Monday 16th March 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm

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Direct collections from:

- Wybalena Units, Impey St
- Murchison Caravan Park, River Rd,
- Harriman Point Road, Waranga Shores
- Channel Inlet Road, Waranga Shores.

We won't be door knocking individual homes around the town. Further details will be advised in the next 3610 Newsletter. If you need any assistance with how or where you can donate this year, please contact Annie 0418 322 769.

Please Give That They May Grow!

On behalf of the Good Friday Appeal Volunteers, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter!



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Community Art Project open to everyone.

Goulburn Valley Libraries have a new community art project open to everyone. The project, Fabulous Farms in Fabric & Fibre, combines small artworks representing our community into a single artwork. This large fabric and fibre mural depicts scenes representing farming communities across the Goulburn Valley.

Each community member is welcome to contribute an artwork depicting what the Goulburn Valley means to you. While the format of artworks is not prescribed, they must not exceed 10cm x 10cm in size, and must be able to be attached to the large fabric background. We encourage you to be creative - in shape, form and material.

Contributions are welcomed from community members of all ages. While the work will primarily be of fabric and fibre, we encourage creativity and a variety of materials. Use your imagination and don't be afraid to think outside the box. A crocheted flower, a tiny painted canvas, even an artwork in metal or timber can be included.

Need inspiration? Maybe when you think about the Goulburn Valley you think about crops, orchards, cows or sheep. Maybe you think about the rivers, lakes, the land and the animals that live here. Maybe you think of parks, gardens or landmarks. It could be a sport, a school or group you are a part of, your family or a person you believe has had an important impact in the area.

Workshops are being offered at Tatura Library, Mooroopna Library, Shepparton Library and three Mobile Library stops, with materials and support provided. When the Mobile Library visits Murchison and Merrigum on 20th February it will host a drop in workshop. Tatura Library will host a workshop on Friday 20th March from 10.00am to 2.00pm (with a break for lunch). If you would like to make the item at home, please deliver it to your local Goulburn Valley Library by Wednesday 18th March. Project leaders will bring the artworks together before the launch event at the Shepparton Library at 6pm on 26th March. The artwork will then be exhibited throughout April. If you're looking for more information or you would like to check out how things are progressing, check out the Goulburn Valley Libraries website www.gvlibraries.com.au. Not sure that what you have in mind is suitable? Call Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765 or email gvlibraries@gvlibraries.com.au

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Murchison Cricket Club

".....Before we start, the members of the Murchison Cricket Club would like to congratulate ESTHER EWART for winning the Junior Athlete of the Year award for Murchison at least Australia Day awards last month for her great achievements in not only Cricket, but Netball & Athletics as well.

Also, congratulations to WALTER EWART & CASSIN COOK (MTFNC U15's) for representing Cricket Shepparton at the recent Junior Country Week cricket tournament.

Walter had some handy performances with bat and ball, while Cassin showed his skills in the field with a few catches and good ground fielding.

For our D-Grade, we are currently in 4th place (as of the 14th of February) with two away games to come against Bamawn-Lockington United & Colbinabbin.

In order to make finals, we have to win at least one of these games to qualify, something that the club hasn't done in several seasons.

Whether happens, we can be proud of what we've achieved in our first season in the Goulburn Murray Association and hopefully we can build upon this for future success in long term. "



MTFNC SOCIAL CALENDAR 2026

Round	Date	Team	Event
	Sat 21 March	Tatura Practice Match (H)	Bar/BBQ @ Murch
	Sat 28 March	Katamatite Practice Match (H)	Pre-Season Launch Rodeo Night @ Murch
1	Sat 11th April	Merrigum (A)	
2	Sat 18th April	Longwood (H)	Raising Premiership Flags Past Players & 1966 Reunion Players Auction
3	Sun 26th April	Avenel (A)	Sunday Game - No social function
4	Sat 2nd May	Undera (H)	Mothers day Raffle Ladies Day Junction Hotel
5	Sat 9th May	BYE	
6	Sat 16th May	Lancaster (A)	
	Sun 17th May		Reverse Raffle \$5k Draw @ Murch
7	Sat 23rd May	Violet Town (H)	
8	Sat 30th May	Rushworth (A)	Junction Hotel
	Sat 9th June	GENERAL BYE	Kings Birthday Weekend
9	Sat 13th June	Stanhope (H)	Function @ Murch - Details TBC
	Fri 19th June		Junior Ball @ Toolamba Hall
10	Sat 20th June	Nagambie (A)	
11	Sat 27th June	Girgarre (H)	
12	Sat 4th July	Shepp East (A)	Black Tie Ball @ Murch Hall
13	Sun 12th July	Merrigum (H)	Sunday Game - No social function
14	Sat 18th July	Longwood (A)	Bus Trip - End at Junction
15	Sat 25th July	Avenel (H)	
16	Sat 1st August	Undera (A)	Mooroopna Pizzeria
17	Sat 8th August	BYE	
18	Sat 15th August	Tally (H)	Sponsors Day Goods and Services Auction
	Sat 12th Sept		KDFL Grand Final
	Fri 25th Sept		Little Legends vs. Parents Game @ Toolamba Rec. Reserve Junction Hotel
	Sat 3rd October		Senior Presentation Night @ Murch Hall
	Sun 4th October		Junior Presentations @ Murch Clubrooms



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Publication will be the last week of each month.

Please email your article to 3610ourplace@gmail.com
Subject line: Your Name/Organisation name

- All articles are subject to publisher/Management approval.
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- Please submit Images as jpeg.
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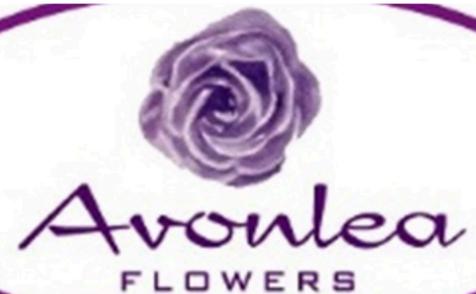
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(Please note: Programs/Activities don't operate during school holidays or public holidays)

Our purpose: To nurture inclusive, welcoming, and safe spaces where every member of the Murchison and District community can engage in diverse activities, build meaningful connections, and feel a true sense of belonging

PRELOVED SHOP

Murchison Preloved Shop
Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm
Saturday | 10am - 1pm
Preloved goods at very low prices
Clothing, Toys, Kitchen goods, etc

Community Book Store
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Food Share Program
Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm
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9am - 11am
\$5 Coffee & a home made sweet or
\$3 for just a coffee or tea

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE SERVICES

-Commercial Kitchen Hire
-Room Hire
-Private Office Hire
Please contact the
Neighbourhood House Manager
for availability and prices on
58262373

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUPPORT
Every Friday | 2pm - 3pm | FREE

Community Computer
Computer Available & WIFI | FREE
Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm
Printing, Photocopying, Scanning |
Fee's apply

Laundry Services Available
Washing | Drying
\$3 Per Wash or Dry

3610 Community Newsletter
Published Monthly | Contact the
Neighbourhood House Manager if
you'd like to help on 58262373

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Housing for the Aged
Action Group**
Providing housing assistance to
seniors who need help

**Primary Care Connect
Paramedic Program**
Free health assessments, blood
pressure checks, diabetes checks

Community Calendar of Events
Neighbourhood House Murchison
plans multiple events for all
members of the Community to
join such as Fund Raising
Activities, Town Events, Christmas
Carols and more
To get involved or to find out
whats happening please speak
to the Neighbourhood House
Manager on 58262373

Got an Idea!!!
Please reach out to the
Neighbourhood House Manager
to share your idea or to start up a
Community Activity on 58262373

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Murchison Walking Group
Tuesday & Thursday | 9:30am
FREE | Departs from the
Neighbourhood House

Community Garden
Wednesday 9am - 11am | FREE
19 Impey St, Murchison
Embrace the community spirit by
helping to create a garden to be
shared by all, everyone welcome

Murchison Gardening Group
4th Wednesday of the month |
\$1 Per Person

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Murchison Readers Group
Last Friday of the month |
10am - 11am | \$2 Per Person
Enjoy the pleasure of each others
company while discussing books

Sewing Group
Friday | 11am - 2pm | \$2 Per Person
BYO | Anyone is welcome to join

Art and Craft Group
Monday | 10am - 2pm |
\$2 Per Person
Create your very own
masterpiece

SKILLS AND TRAINING

IT Support
Wednesdays | Fortnightly
9:30am - 2:30pm |
Gold coin donation
Bring your own device

Skill Building Workshops
Workshops are planned monthly
and published through
communication channels, social
media and flyers

Further Neighbourhood House's supporters





Resilience after the Flames

The Longwood fire has left a mark on our community that's hard to describe unless you lived it.

Like many locals, I packed the car, watched smoke roll over familiar paddocks and wondered if we'd have a home to come back to.

That awful uncertainty is something families across our region are still carrying.

But alongside the loss, I saw something I'll never forget.

I saw volunteers run toward the flames while the rest of us drove away.

I saw neighbours check on each other before themselves.

I saw kitchens turn into relief centres and paddocks turn into logistics hubs.

And within hours, our community had fodder, feed and supplies moving, because waiting wasn't an option.

That's who we are.

From our CFA crews and captains who spent weeks on the fireground, to the locals cooking meals, delivering hay and quietly making sure families had clothes, food and water, this recovery has been led by everyday people stepping up for each other.

We lost so much, so quickly, and the grief is real. But so is our strength.

I'll keep fighting to make sure support actually reaches the ground, that recovery is practical and that no family is left to navigate this alone.

We rebuild together, because that is who we are.



Labor must end delays on three major Shepparton intersection upgrades

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria has demanded that the Allan Labor Government end the constant delays on three long overdue intersection upgrades on Numurkah Road and order construction to begin immediately.

Labor has failed to start construction for three major intersections along Numurkah Road/Goulburn Valley Highway, even though full funding is available for all three: the Graham Street intersection, the Hawkins Street intersection, and the Ford Road/Wanganui Road intersection.

The worst delay concerns the Ford Road/Wanganui Road intersection, which was allocated funding in the 2017-18 State Budget as part of a \$10.2m package to prepare for the Shepparton Bypass. \$7.6m was set aside for preconstruction works and an upgrade of the intersection at Ford Road and Wanganui Road that was reported to include a roundabout.

The 2025-26 budget papers show that \$5.2m remains to be spent on the project in this financial year, with a slated completion date of quarter 1 2026-27. However, it seems impossible that the project will finish on time, because construction has not even started, and the completion date is only a few months away. The Graham Street intersection serves as the access road for ambulances and cars to approach the hospital, and it is vital for the safe movement of ambulances and other traffic that this intersection is upgraded as soon as possible.

Funding has been available to upgrade and signalise the Graham Street intersection with Numurkah Road since the state government provided \$700,000 for the project in the 2022-23 state budget, followed by \$2.2m from the Commonwealth government in the 2024-25 federal budget.

The Minister for Roads said in 2024 that construction was expected to take place in 2025 – yet it is now 2026 and work has still not started.

The Hawkins Street intersection with Goulburn Valley Highway received \$5 million for an upgrade from the Federal Government in March last year, and yet there too, work has not started.

Ms Lovell spoke in parliament this week to slam the Allan Labor Government for its constant delays, and demand that the Minister for Roads order construction to begin immediately.

YOUR ONE NATION TEAM

Victoria's firefighters left dangerously under-resourced

One Nation Victoria calls on the Allan Labor Government to urgently address the critical under-resourcing of the Fire Emergency Services as firefighters face another dangerous bushfire season.

Frontline firefighters continue to struggle without adequate equipment, staffing, nor support necessary to keep Victorians safe, leaving both emergency personnel and communities at risk.

With the CFA having issued a statement of potential catastrophic outcomes for the first time since the Black Summer bushfires, and with evacuation notices already being issued across the state, the Allan Government has serious questions to answer with regard to where the funds raised through the controversial Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) are going.

Under its predecessor, the ESVF raised \$1.3 Billion in 2024-25, figure projected to increase to \$1.6 Billion. Yet, Victoria's firefighters are facing a fire truck and equipment crisis that leaves them with old, unreliable, and unsafe equipment.

"This tax does not seem to be about funding emergency services, but about trying to fix the economic black hole that this financially irresponsible Government has put our state in", said Bianca Colecchia, State Secretary for One Nation Victoria. "This is simply unacceptable, especially while firefighters are putting their lives on the line. They are screaming to be heard."

"It is not good enough. Victorians deserve better, and frontline workers deserve to have the proper equipment to safely perform their job and keep our communities safe. Where are these funds going?"

One Nation Victoria urges the Government to immediately allocate the necessary resources to emergency services, while calling for transparency and accountability on the collection and allocation of the funds raised through the ESVF tax.

Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell MLC

Member for Northern Victoria Region



Tyrrell seeks explanation into 'concerning' CFA command decisions

The One Nation Member for Northern Victoria Region Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell has used the first sitting week of State Parliament for 2026 to question some operational decisions by CFA

command during the last month's devastating bushfire events in Northern Victoria.

In a constituency question to the Minister for Emergency Services Vicki Ward, Ms Tyrrell raised concerning examples of CFA crews being ordered by commanding officers away from fire scenes, leaving residents to fight fires by themselves, using their own equipment.

"In the face of catastrophic bushfires, affected communities joined together to help save each other's homes and livelihoods with great courage and resilience," Ms Tyrrell said.

"Once again our brave CFA members came to the rescue, continuously fighting fires for days on end to save properties and lives."

"In the wake of the fires however I have been told stories by my constituents of CFA crews being ordered from fires by commanding officers, leaving property owners to battle the fires alone with their own equipment," Ms Tyrrell said.

In one instance a constituent told Ms Tyrrell their family was battling fire on their property outside of Yarck when a CFA tanker arrived, drove into the paddock and immediately left, the crew ordered to return to the command centre where they sat unused. The family saved their home but sadly not their herd.

In her contribution, Ms Tyrrell said similar incidents were experienced by residents at Koetong in the northeast and at Mt Tenneriffe near Locksley.

"No-one is questioning the commitment of CFA personnel to keep Victorian's safe but reports of decisions by commanding officers to stand down units on the frontline, leaving residents alone are extremely concerning," Ms Tyrrell said.

"I have asked Minister Ward to enquire into the circumstances surrounding these decisions because my constituents affected deserve answers."