

## MURCHISON AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Murchison locals Gathered at Murchison Pool on 26th January 2023 to acknowledge the regions finest citizens – those who continue to put countless hours into volunteering and community projects to keep organisations, committees and the community ticking along – and to pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the land and their continued connection to culture, land and water.



16-year-old Denni Bathman was awarded Murchison Young Citizen of the Year for her outstanding efforts within the community. Denni also was awarded Greater Shepparton Young Citizen of the year. Not only a fantastic achievement but a great ambassador for the whole region.



Gordon Newton received the Citizen of the Year Murchison, award for celebrating his 5 decades of service to the community through involvement with local clubs and organisations such as Murchison Lions Club, Cemetery Trust and Uniting Church to name a few



Aaron Niglia received the Sports Award after an amazing year on the Soccer field. Aaron took out the Central Victoria League youth competition Best and Fairest while playing for Tatura in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League.



The Murchison Historical Society was awarded the Community Event of the Year for exhibiting artwork for the late Liz Ewart. Over 500 people came along to "Lizzie's Legacy" to view these amazing art pieces (pictured is Kay Ball, president of the Murchison Historical Society).



#### SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER MRS WENDY STOPS PICTURED CENTRE WITH CR. SEEMA ABDULLA AND AUSTRALIA DAY PRESIDENT BRUCE SMITH

Wendy grew up in Dhurringile on the family's dairy farm, attending Dhurringile Primary School and later the Shepparton South Technical School before heading to Melbourne to attend the Caulfield Institute of Technology (now Monash University), graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Information Technology).



Wendy is currently the Chair and Non-executive Director of Blackmores Group, a Non-executive Director of Coles Group and the not-for-profit Fitted for Work, and a Deputy Chancellor & Council Member of The University of Melbourne. In addition, Wendy is the Chair of the Industry Advisory Board for the Centre for Business Analytics at the Melbourne Business School, a member of the AICD's Governance of Innovation & Technology Advisory panel, and a member of Chief Executive Women's Leaders Development Committee. Wendy was previously a non-executive director of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Altium, and a member of the Digital Experts Advisory Committee for the Digital Taskforce in the federal government's Department of Industry, Science & Resources.

Prior to taking up her Director career, Wendy was an information technology and management consultant, spending her 32+ year career with global leader Accenture. During her final years with Accenture she had been in various regional and global senior management leadership positions including Director of Operations (COO) – Asia Pacific; Global Senior Managing Director, Outsourcing – Quality & Risk Management; Global Senior Managing Director, Technology - Quality & Risk Management; and finally as Senior Managing Director, Technology - Asia Pacific. Over her career with Accenture Wendy worked across multiple industry sectors and operated across multiple countries (including living in New York, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur). Wendy is also a member of Chief Executive Women and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

## MURCHISON SWIMMING POOL

Murchison Swimming Pool is owned and operated by the community and is the place to be in the heat of summer. Drop in for some lap swimming, water aerobics or just to cool off.

Check out the Facebook page for more information about activities and events.



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#### 3610 MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER IS A PROGRAM OF NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE MURCHISON (VIC) INC.

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## MURCHISON SELF-SERVE LIBRARY LOCKER LAUNCH FRIDAY 17RD MARCH, 10:30AM



Goulburn Valley Libraries has installed a self-service Library Locker at the Murchison Heritage Centre and it is now open for business.

Goulburn Valley Libraries will Launch the new Locker on Friday 17 March at 10:30am.

The people of Murchison and district will be able to search the library catalogue, and collect and return books, DVD's and magazines at their very own Library Locker.

Goulburn Valley Libraries will be conducting demonstrations and staff will be available to help patrons learn how to use the Locker. Morning tea will be available.

Goulburn Valley Libraries CEO, Mr Kevin Preece said, "Murchison is one of the busiest stops for our Mobile Library, but only gets a visit once a week for a couple of hours at a time."

"The Library Locker will be available 24 hours a day every day. Library members will be able to search the library catalogue and order and place reservations for books, DVD,s magazines and audiobooks at the locker.

"Members can also pick up any items they have reserved and return any items they have finished with, any day and anytime."

"The locker has 24 drawers that can contain books for pick up or that are returned and is very secure, has lights and CCTV cameras to help with security."

"The Mobile Library will continue to visit Murchison and will fill and empty the locker when there."

President of the Murchison Historical Society, Ms Kay Ball said, "This is great for Murchison. We are a growing community and we are delighted that we will get a new library locker to support the Mobile Library, located at the Heritage Centre."

"Instead of two hours a week at a time that may not suit, we will be able to drop off and pick up our books anytime, seven days a week. This is a marvelous improvement, especially for our children, who benefit for their whole life when they have easy access to library services and develop a habit of reading."



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#### EXCITING 2023 UPDATES OF INCREASED AVAILABLE APPOINTMENTS FOR BOTH NEW AND EXISTING PATIENTS HERE AT MURCHISON MEDICAL CLINIC.

Murchison Medical Clinic is excited to welcome a lovely new face to our growing team.

Dr Rashmi Ramanath will be starting at Murchison Medical Clinic on the 6th of February and we are very excited to welcome her to the team. She will be taking on new and existing patient appointments now.



Dr Rashmi Ramanath is a general practitioner registrar with special interest in child and adolescent health, Neuro-developmental disorders and Chronic disease management.

Dr Rashmi Ramavath commenced general practice training with Murchison, following her hospital training experience at Mercy Health and Western Health. This included Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Rehabilitation medicine, Palliative care and Emergency medicine.

She graduated in 2002 from Bangalore in India. Since then, has successfully worked in Health Informatics, Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Research. In 2010, she moved to South Australia and was introduced to the Australian healthcare system through her work in Refugee Health. Eventually, she moved to Victoria and joined Monash Health to work for the Victorian State Trauma Registry (VSTORM). Where she then started her hospital training experience at Mercy Health and Western Health.

In her free time, she enjoys non-fictional reading and watching fictional thrillers. Rashmi is also fluent in three languages English, Hindi and Kannada.



## We also welcome Dr Matthew Cardinali back for another exciting year here at Murchison Medical Clinic.



Matthew Cardinali - Matthew commenced general practice training with Murchison, following 3 years at the Northern Hospital in Epping.

He is excited for a career in rural general practice. His interests outside of work include hiking camping and four-wheel driving. Areas of interest include Men's health, chronic disease management and paediatrics.

### Are you up to date with your preventative care?

Book in with a Nurse and your GP for a Care Plan/Review, Health Assessment or Healthy Heart Assessment.

Other services that can be booked with a Nurse. Immunisations (Adult and child) COVID 19 Vaccination.

## HotDoc

Appointments available NOW, book today for an on the day appointment. You can book online now via Hot Doc app today.

If you haven't used these before, please ask one of our friendly staff members for a demonstration on how easy and convenient it is.

Alternatively, you can make a booking or have any enquiries call the clinic on 03 58262575.

From all of us at MMC, please be kind to yourself and each other. We are here to help you in your health and wellness journey!

If you need assistance

#### Murchison Flood Recovery Centre

at Neighbourhood House Murchison 23 Impey Street I 5826 2373

- Food Care Packs
- Material Aid and Support
- Information from Council
- Assistance with Emegency Relief Grants



If you were affected by the 2022 floods, Neighbourhood House Murchison can help. We can provide assistance with emergency relief grants, information about various services and who to talk to, and food and material support. Generous people from the community - and from organisations all over Victoria – have donated loads and loads of clothing, blankets, toiletries, cleaning products, hygiene products and much more, and it's available for those in need.

Get in touch with Louis on 03 5826 2373 or at manager@murchison.org.au if you need anything.





## **MURCHISON MEN'S SHED INC**

#### INC No. A01097471; ABN 47749064930; ATO, DGR 23 Impey Street Murchison Vic 3610

#### Values: Respect, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Community Focused, Integrity

It's been a long struggle since the administration debacle, then COVID, then delays with the building, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately, the shed is still not completed but it is edging closer to hand-over day.

We still don't have a definite date for completion, although Karen Tidd from the council has been in daily contact with us and the builders.

We recently welcomed four new members to our shed, and also have potential members waiting to see what our future brings.

Once we receive the keys, we will need all hands on deck to help move equipment, furniture, benches, racking, timber etc, to the new shed. If you are available on a weekend to help move, or just make tea and coffee for the workers, please let us know.

We appreciate the support received from many people. The Greater Shepparton Council, especially Josh Lee and Karen Tidd who have remained positive and supportive throughout the last 12 months.

Once again we must thank Guido and Sandra Vazzoler of Longleat Estate Winery who have allowed us to use our small Men's Shed rent free for the past two years or so.

We have also during this time enjoyed support, and established working partnerships, with the SES, the CFA, Murchison Lions Club, Bunnings Shepparton, Mitre 10 in Tatura, the River Road Caravan Park, Neighbourhood House Murchison, the Murchison Bakery and Swimming Pool, and we thank them for their support.

Murchison deserves and aims toward having an active men's shed, where men's health is our primary concern. Regardless of age or background men are welcome to be involved in community projects, or just socialise and communicate with other men over a coffee.

We look forward to the continued support received from the numerous residents who have requested restoration and other projects in the past and hopefully in the future.

By increasing our membership and applying for grants we can obtain tools and machinery needed for wood and metal working, restoration, gardening, exercising and any other project, members are willing to undertake.

We are hoping to have an open day before the end of March and look forward to having as many people as possible attend.

Contacts Dennis McCullagh (President) | 0428 148 210 | murchisonmensshed@gmail.com Con Scarvelis (Secretary) | 0421 525 665 | conscar2019@gmail.com

Future Events Wednesday March 1st - Free lunch for members at the shed Thursday April 6th - Sausage Sizzle at Murchison Pharmacy | 8am - 2pm









We have had a 50% increase in our student population and have a new staff member. We warmly welcome all of our new members of the Dhurringile family. Ms Cook is our new Mental Health and Wellbeing leader as well as sharing the teaching with Mrs N.

Each morning before school, our students get to choose several different play items that they would like in our play stations in the undercover area. Students are able to use the stations in their break times. Mindful colouring, kinetic sand and domino track building have been the favourites in the past two weeks.

Our Italian teacher is not available this year to offer virtual lessons, so we have decided to change to Auslan and have joined with Harston school to share their new teacher. We are going to have a fortnight rotation of face to face and virtual lessons. Our students have already had one lesson at Harston which they loved. Getting to renew friendships with the Harston students over recess, was 'the icing on the cake'. Our teachers are also learning Auslan alongside the students, so it will be interesting to see who is able to incorporate Auslan into classroom discussions quicker.



During the holidays, further progress has been made to our outdoor learning area and kitchen garden. The shade sail is now installed for the learning area. The ground through the learning area and garden has been scraped and levelled, then mulched to incorporate the 2 areas. The raised garden beds have been put into place, ready to be filled and then planted. Our old hot house has been moved into the kitchen garden area and will look fantastic when it gets new shade cloth.

At the end of 2022, we found out that we had received an Active Schools grant to install a bike path and sensory play area. Throughout 2023, we will construct the path and a new sensory area. The students have been discussing with Ms Cook some of the things that they would like to have in the sensory area. Once available, the bike path and sensory play area will be open for the community as well as for the Dhurringile students.

Enrolments for 2024 will open in term 2 2023, as per a new Department of Education state-wide Foundation (prep) enrolment timeline. If you have a Foundation student for 2024 or 2025, I would love to show you around Dhurringile Primary School. Our school is open for all primary students, not just those who live in our designated zone. Give me a call on 58266222 or 0418 383 064 to find out further information or to arrange a visit.

Lisa Wilson Principal @ Dhurringile Primary School



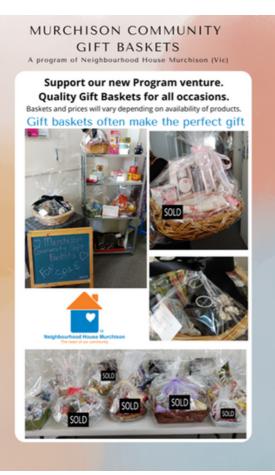
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### HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES IN MURCHISON BY MARGARET LOCK, SECRETARY, MURCHISON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



In 1873, The Rev. H.T. Bradbee, Catholic Priest of Heathcote, advised Catholics in the Murchison district of his willingness to travel by horseback to celebrate Mass, christen infants and explore the possibility of building a church. Assisted in 1875 by Father Bassetto, they travelled long distances to cater for the spiritual and social needs of Roman Catholics in the Murchison area.

For the next 27 years, Murchison Catholics came to celebrate Mass in various venues which included Barratt's Assembly Room, Murchison Hotel and the Mechanics Institute.

Meantime, in 1876, Rev Father Tom O'Connell from Tatura had a vision to build churches in Murchison and Rushworth and a Parish was eventually formed in 1889. In 1900, St Mary's Murchison was officially opened by Rev Dr Reville, Coadjutor Bishop of Sandhurst. The small wooden church situated at 4 Impey Street, cost £600 to build, which also included furnishings, a two-stall stable, coach house and picket fence, on land gifted by Mr Martin Cloney. All the construction was carried out by 'day labour' under Father O'Connell's supervision.

Father O'Connell continued to travel to Murchison until 1918 when St Mary's Parish, centred in Rushworth, provided a resident Parish Priest for the Murchison congregation. A Presbytery was then established in Rushworth for the new Priest, Father Tehan.

While the Rushworth Parish included both Murchison and Cornella, it is thought that around this time, St Mary's Murchison came under the patronage of St Brigid, with the Murchison church becoming known as St Brigid's Catholic Church.

Many weddings, baptisms, confirmations and funerals have been conducted at St Brigid's and social occasions such as dances and balls were provided through the church for the district's Catholic community.

Generous gifts of time and materials saw the original church incorporated into the new extensions carried out in 1987. This, in turn, allowed for more diverse use of the church building: an extended and refurbished multi-purpose style construction with the original church retained in its heart. The hard work of many volunteers, particularly the knowledge, skill and dedication of builder, Mr Bill Schraven, and the co-operation of the whole Parish resulted in the present structure.

Today, the Parish of Rushworth consists of Colbinabbin, Murchison, Rushworth and Stanhope, with the Weekend Mass Priest being Father Jinjo Solis.

Mass times at St Brigid's Murchison are 10.30am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.





### MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA BY BOB LANGFORD

Moving further into 2023, don't forget that the FDP (Fire Danger Period) is still with us and the CFA are concerned about the number of grass/paddock/scrub fires that we are still called out to deal with. Often when attending we discover an incident started by using machinery in inappropriate weather conditions and sometimes without any means of initial extinguishment of a resulting fire. Please remember to plan accordingly and if in doubt ask. After all it's basic common sense. CFA publication 'Can I, or Can't I ?' gives excellent guidance. It's easier than having to explain it to a magistrate.

Hot weather doesn't only affect humans who can re-hydrate easily by choice. Please consider the effect of elevated temperatures on pets and livestock by ensuring access to shade and fresh water. If you feel – they will also feel.



Remains of an expensive ride on mower, cause of one particular fire. Used on dry grass and without a convenient means of extinguishing the first sign of fire.

The consequences could have been severe as the weatherboard dwelling was also threatened. Think first, and if in any doubt postpone your activity.

**CFA District 22 Community Safety Team.** CFA are always promoting Community Safety and now have team of Volunteers ready to help residents in fire prone areas with their safety concerns. They are known as PAVs. These Volunteers help those residents in those higher risk bush and grassfire areas identify simple steps they can take around their dwelling to give their property the best chance of survival in the event of a bush or grassfire.

Visits take approximately 15 minutes of your time and we are happy to book in lengthier visits for those who would like more detailed advice. If you are concerned then don't wait for the knock on the door, be proactive and contact us! This programme, being extensive, is not co-ordinated by the local Murchison CFA but is being managed by our CFA Regional Office in Shepparton, known as D22.

Should anyone wish to avail themselves of this free (and educational) service please contact Emily Guthrie on 0447 415 849 or emilyguthrie@cfa.vic.gov.au. The PAVs are a busy bunch so if you wish to have a personal visit then organise it quickly!!

**Murchison Citizen of the Year 2023.** Congratulations to Gordon Newton, local identity and a long serving and proud Member of Murchison Fire Brigade, including 6 years spent as Captain. Well done Gordon. Richly deserved.

**CFA Notable Events February.** This month is an especially poignant month for CFA Members as we remember the two most devastating fire emergencies in recent history. The two tragic events, Ash Wednesday 16th Feb 1983 and Black Saturday 7th Feb 2009 are forever etched into the minds of those members of Emergency Services involved in the suppression of fire and protection of life and property during each of those events. We shall always remember the sacrifice made by all Emergency Services on those days, unfortunately in some cases their sacrifice was supreme. In others, volunteers were firefighting and rescuing others whilst their own properties, and in some cases family members were lost.

Our thoughts are with all the Emergency Service members involved and especially those who lost their lives, their families and loved ones. We will continue to remember and honour their service.

Congratulations to our latest Member Jill Wright who has completed General Fire Fighting training and will become fully operational after a short probationary period. Welcome Jill, we know you will enjoy your time with us.







### HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH THE CFA?

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There are basic entry requirements but if interested drop into the Fire Station in Robinson Street Murchison on a Sunday morning and have a no obligation chat with one or more of our cheerful crew or stop them on the street. You may also know them by sight, live closely or recognise them at social venues. Just ask, they will be pleased to help. You might be further surprised to learn that there are opportunities other than operational firefighting duties, for instance in brigade support, equipment maintenance to name a couple.

Come and find out and see if **YOU** have what it takes to be part of a tight knit team engaged in Community Service.



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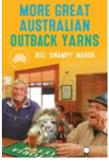
Round 6 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open! Victorian families with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for up to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities. Find out more at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Applications close Wednesday, 10 May 2023.









## SWAMPY MARCH VISITS THE GOULBURN VALLEY WITH A YARN OR TWO.

One of Australia's favourite storytellers is coming to the Goulburn Valley. Author Bill "Swampy" March will share yarns from his many books and travels, visiting Mooroopna Library 29th March at 7pm, Yarrawonga Library 30th March at 6pm and the Avenel Library 31st March at 2pm.

Bill Marsh has an extensive list of books to his name. Some focus on specific topics, ranging from volunteer firies and outback nurses, to railway adventures and bush funerals. Great Australian Outback Yarns captures the funniest tales from Swampy's many books in one volume. The colourful characters in these pages are full of generosity, humour and the larrikin Aussie spirit.

Bill has a deep affection and respect for people living in the Australian bush. He has spent more than twenty years travelling to every corner of Australia, talking to people from all walks of life and collecting their memories and stories. These true stories of life in remote and regional Australia are relatable as well as entertaining.

Bill 'Swampy' Marsh is an award-winning writer and performer of stories, songs and plays. He spent most of his youth in rural south-western NSW and now lives in Adelaide. During his visit he will not only share some of his favourite yarns, he is bringing his guitar along too so be prepared to be entertained.

If you like a good old-fashioned Aussie yarn, join Bill at the Avenel Library, Mooroopna Library or Yarrawonga Library. Contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765, email mooroopna@gvlibraries.com.au,

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