

# 3610



## MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

# WELCOME TO THE HOTEL CALEDONIA

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In a huge boon for the Murchison community, the Caledonian Hotel coffee lounge is now open for business after being closed for several years. The coffee lounge is open everyday from 5:30am to 5:30pm serving coffee and a selection of sweet and savoury treats.

The Caledonian is hoping to start serving pizzas in the very near future and will be looking to open the pub in all its glory as soon as possible.

Pop in for a coffee, some cake and to show your support, and follow on facebook to keep up to date with all the news.

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## Murchison Community

### GARDEN



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Get in touch with the Neighbourhood House if you would like to be involved!



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## Murchison Community

### ARTS & CRAFTS

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at the Neighbourhood House



**Commences 13th June 2023**

Some materials supplied



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## Murchison Toolamba Football Netball Club

Connecting our Community - One Family, One Place, One Day

# FINALS LOOKING LIKELY FOR THE MIGHTY GRASSHOPPERS

CRAIG THOMPSON, PRESIDENT MURCHISON-TOOLAMBA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



MURCHISON-TOOLAMBA FNC	
FIXTURE	
R1 SAT APRIL 15 DOOKIE UTD AWAY	R9 SAT JUNE 24 LONGWOOD AWAY
R2 SAT APRIL 22 NAGAMBIE HOME	R10 SAT JULY 2 SHEPP EAST HOME
R3 SAT APRIL 29 GIRGARRE AWAY	R11 SAT JULY 8 STANHOPE HOME - NAIDOC
R4 SAT MAY 6 LANCASTER HOME	R12 SAT JULY 15 BYE
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R5 SAT MAY 20 RUSHWORTH AWAY	R13 SAT JULY 29 MERRIGUM AWAY
R6 SAT MAY 27 UNDERA HOME	R14 SAT AUGUST 5 DOOKIE UTD HOME
R7 SUN JUNE 4 AVENEL AWAY	R15 SAT AUGUST 12 NAGAMBIE AWAY
MB SAT JUNE 10 MONARCH'S BIRTHDAY	R16 SUN AUGUST 20 GIRGARRE HOME
R8 SAT JUNE 17 TALLY HOME	KDL FINAL 6

The 2023 season is proving to be a very good one for the Murchison-Toolamba FNC with many grades appearing to be finals bound.

The Seniors and Reserves footballers are eyeing off a top 2 finish which if they can maintain their current form will give them a very good chance of going deep into the September action. Over the final few weeks we host just two more home games - Dookie United on Saturday **5th August** and our final round which is a Sunday fixture against Girgarre on the **20th August**.

Our junior footballers are also performing well. Our Under 18s have added a number of new players and will fancy their chances to win a final or two. Our two Under 14s teams are also performing well and both 'Green' and 'Gold' teams will play in the first ever KDL Under 14s finals series. In the Goulburn Murray Junior competition our Under 9 and Under 10 footballers have been playing well each week as they look to improve their skills.

On the netball courts we have a number of teams also vying for finals. Other than our young A Grade team, all other teams are a chance to join the footballers in the September action.

For those unaware there will be some significant change heading into 2024 as club president of the last 8 years, Craig Thompson will be relocating overseas for a couple of years. Our club will be looking for the next person to bring their ideas and skills to the club to ensure that we can all have a local team to support each weekend.

We look forward to seeing you at our remaining games and during the finals.

# MURCHISON RAIL TRAIL

BY MEGAN HILL



Visiting trail user Lizzie from Castlemaine filling her water bottle.

Hi everyone, once again I am getting in touch to let you know what is going on with the walking and riding trails around our town.

## MURCHISON-RUSHWORTH

Trail users may have noticed a new hydration station on the Impey Street entrance to the trail. This station has a dog bowl at the base and drinking and bottle filling fittings. Thanks go to Goulburn Valley Water and the Murchison Community Planning Group.

Meanwhile there is also progress on the Waranga section (11 Km between Chanel Inlet Road and Ruthworth) of the trail. The Campaspe council anticipate obtaining a planning permit this month (July) for the trail. It will then seek tenders to:

- Remove selected native vegetation
- Repair bridges (six to complete)
- Construct the trail (10 km gravel and 1 km asphalt)

It is still hoped and expected the trail will be completed by the end of March 2024.



Campaspe shire sign located at Chanel Inlet Road

## CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

Meanwhile you may have seen the 'Cycling Without Age' Trishaw e-bike visiting the Neighbourhood House. Graeme and his volunteers will be there once a month to take people, unable to ride, for enjoyable sightseeing trips up the Rail Trail. People who have used this (free) service love it! So come along for a ride, or just to say hi.

All welcome, check with the staff at Neighbourhood House for the next Trishaw visit or email [Graeme.hanigan@cyclingwithoutage.org.au](mailto:Graeme.hanigan@cyclingwithoutage.org.au)

Graeme and his trusty team will be at Neighbourhood House once a month to give rides.



## GOULBURN RIVER TRAIL

Finally, a group called GV Trails is seeking to create a trail from Murchison to connect with Toolamba, Tatura, Mooroopna (and Shepparton). Potentially this trail could link to established trails such as the Great Victorian Rail Trail, providing a continuous route for hiking, horse and bike riding tours.

Shepparton Council has funded and awarded the contract to conduct detailed track designs and feasibility studies to Stantec Consulting. Originally due to be complete this month, we believe staff shortages and turnover have delayed the project and are awaiting an update. So, stay tuned....

For further information please contact [megan.hill54@yahoo.com.au](mailto:megan.hill54@yahoo.com.au)




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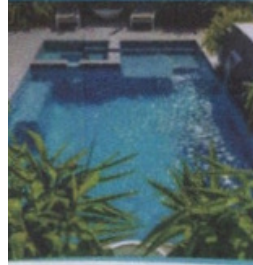
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## MURCHISON RETIREMENT VILLAGE INC.

### WYBALENA VILLAGE

#### LIVE LOCAL, RETIRE LOCAL AND REMAIN LOCAL

Much of the work to maintain the village is undertaken by a very active volunteer team as part of our commitment to keep the village costs as low as possible for our residents. Where required, we engage local trades to support this effort to maintain the village and its garden in good condition for our residents.

Over the next few editions of "3610" we will be providing a short story about our volunteers who help maintain Wybalena for its residents.

Our first volunteer story is that of John Pearce, who has been a volunteer member of the Wybalena Committee of Management and maintenance team for 11 years and has recently made the call to retire from his role later this year. John will be very much missed by the Wybalena committee and especially the residents.

John was born at Sea Lake in the Mallee district of north west Victoria. Initially, he gained knowledge working on farms in the area and then made the big move to Melbourne in 1968 to join the MFB as it was in those days. John spent a long career spanning around 40 years with the MFB and loved the job and the team members.

Following his decision to retire from the MFB, he decided to move to Murchison to be close to his daughter and her family. That was 14 years ago and it was not long before one of his neighbours asked if John would like to volunteer some of his time to Wybalena.

Over the last 11 years, John has been a very active member of the volunteer maintenance team and he is well-liked by our Wybalena residents and his tireless maintenance work is much appreciated by everyone.

Following Johns' retirement, he plans to be able to do some more fishing and to spend more time with his two dogs "Lola" and "Rollo" but he will miss the quality chats with the Wybalena residents and committee members and the satisfaction that comes from being able to help people out when they have maintenance issues.

John's skills and talents will be missed by the committee and residents and we wish him all the best in his future direction and no doubt John will still be around to help out should there be a need - well done John.

Please check out future editions of 3610 for more information but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members including:

- Bruce Smith | 0437 157 319
- Marg McMaster | 0417 162 213
- Lee Gardiner | 0438 464 913

Thank you, John for making yourself available to prepare this short summary about your life and your much valued contribution to Wybalena over the last 11 years - all the best in your future direction.



## MURCHISON MEN'S SHED INC

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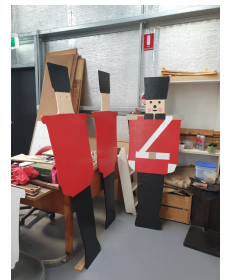
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It's been two months since the opening of our new shed and members have been kept active making and installing shelving, installing wheels on woodworking benches, re-stacking shelves and rearranging the work areas.

Bob and Rob have been working on installing cement sheeting and making mobile screens in the welding and metal area. Next Wednesday Gary from Chevington Metal Tools will be delivering and demonstrating our new metal craft tools we have ordered.

Ian has been busy painting the nutcracker soldiers, so they can be on display at Christmas. John and Ian have commenced making a second six sand bag filler for the SES. Wal has taken Andrew under his wing and have finished restoring a garden seat and have now started on a second seat.

Our membership has now increased to 23 members and we welcome Gavin Lock as our newest member. Experience is appreciated but not necessary to become a member, as our aim is the friendship of men regardless of age or background . Members are welcome to be involved in community projects, or just socialise and communicate with other men over a coffee and a chat.



### COMING EVENTS

- **26th July** - Metal craft demo station by Chevington Metal Tools
- **2nd August** - Members Lunch 12:00pm  
Chef Ian Tavener
- **6th September** - Members Lunch 12:00pm  
Chef Rob Cornelious
- **9th September** - Open Day at Murchison Men's Shed 10:00am - 3:00pm FREE BBQ
- **16th September** - Sausage sizzle at Murchison Pharmacy 8:00am - 2:00pm

**New members are always welcome!!**

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**Or just turn up on a Wednesday between  
10.00 am and 3.00 pm!**





## MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD

Winter chills and the general gloom around this time of the year automatically draw us into keeping warm. We all enjoy the comfort of a heater whether it be gas, wood or electrical and whatever your heating medium the danger is still the same. That danger is fire!

The subject of home safety has been dealt with regularly in this column. It's Winter when we spend most of our time indoors and are therefore more vulnerable to an accident that could cause a house fire. Please continue to consider your actions. Please ensure household safety is paramount and should you have anything you wish to discuss, talk to us! We are your CFA!



**FREE SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION - ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!** This is a true statement and the catchwords of our latest CFA campaign to ensure the citizens of Murchison are kept as safe as possible by their offer to install smoke alarms powered by a 10 year Lithium battery into the homes of residents. This campaign is being promoted on the local social media pages and CFA Murchison Fire Brigade Facebook site and will soon be accompanied by a household letterbox drop. CFA hope the letterbox drop will remind residents to check their alarms are working properly by regularly testing and that batteries are replaced wherever necessary. Please remember -

If you do not have working smoke alarms in your home you are risking your life and the lives of your loved ones.

You will not hear a fire or smell the smoke when asleep and by the time it reaches you it will be too late.

By law, all homes are required to have working smoke alarms to living areas but CFA also recommends having them installed also in bedrooms.

To discuss the free smoke alarm installation offer please contact my colleague **EMILY GUTHRIE** on **0447 415 849** during business hours or via email at [emily.guthrie@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:emily.guthrie@cfa.vic.gov.au) (some conditions may apply).



## MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA CONTINUED

**XAVIER REILLY** our newly promoted 3rd Lieutenant has enlisted in the 10th Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb. This is a pretty gruelling challenge consisting of a climb of 28 flights of stairs while dressed in full firefighter structural protective clothing and wearing self contained breathing apparatus. All clothing and equipment adding an extra 26kg of weight. Not for the faint hearted. Xavier is attempting to raise funds from the local Murchison Community as part of an overall target of \$700,000 set by firefighters and emergency service personnel participating. The charities supported by this event are Lifeline, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation and the 000 Foundation. Xavier is supported by the Murchison Brigade and Mr. Paul Golding (Goldie) of the Railway Hotel, Murchison East.

Please contribute to Xaviers charity appeal by donating whatever amount you think appropriate, no matter how small. All would be much appreciated.

Donations may be made direct to Xavier or via the link - [firefighterclimb.org.au](http://firefighterclimb.org.au)

Well done in this effort Xav ! Murchison Brigade is proud of you !

Please don't forget that in case of fire do not ring the fire station, dial 000 and when asked state your name and which service you require. Emergency units will respond to the emergency directly.

**STAY SAFE!**

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# MURCHISON SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

## WATERSLIDE WOW! LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Our water slide at the Murchison swimming pool is one of the main attractions of our pool. Unfortunately the slide needed some TLC to be able to continue using.

Without these following people and companies this revamp would not have been possible.

Huge thank you to SP McLean Engineering. Thank you Steve and Jackie for all your help with revamping our much loved slide. Steve replaced all of the rusted support beams holding up the slide. All of the bolts were fabricated specifically for the slide. Steve and Jackie were responsible for fabricating, installing and painting all of the beams. T & B Bellenger Enterprises Pty Ltd for painting and resurfacing the slide itself. Thank you Tony!! Murchison Lions Club for their large donation to the swimming pool to cover the cost of repainting the slide. Also Murchison Community Care Auxiliary for the donation.

On behalf of the Murchison Swimming Pool and the Murchison Community, we all say THANK YOU !!!!

## POOL TIME

Hard to believe but its pool time again. The Murchison Swimming Pool takes a lot of time to organise for the upcoming season. Dont forget the pool is owned and run by volunteers in Murchison. We are always seeking more volunteers to help out.

We are seeking people to help with the following positions, Advertising (flyers and articles for 3610), Sponsors Manager, Volunteers for working bees, Grant applications, Kiosk Manager ( purchase kiosk stock and make up lolly bags). Many hands make light work. AGM details coming soon.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking lifeguards for the upcoming season.

We require juniors ( 15 years old) a fantastic opportunity to earn some money over summer, work in the pool environment, learn basic lifeguard skills to become a lifeguard the following season.

Lifeguards (any age over 16) Murchison swimming Pool is a great place to work over the summer months, lots of support and training provided. Great team environment. Unfortunately there are not a lot of courses available and limited spots. Now is the time to book your course, so you are ready for the upcoming season.

Please contact Rachel Puts for any further information. All resumes to be emailed to [murchisonswimmingpool@gmail.com](mailto:murchisonswimmingpool@gmail.com).



*Before the revamp*



*After the revamp*

# LIGHTHORSE EXHIBITION IN SHEPPARTON

BY KAY BALL, PRESIDENT MURCHISON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is worth a visit to this Exhibition in Shepparton. Many skilled horsemen who were local Murchison residents enlisted in the Light Horse Regiments and Victorian Mounted Rifles that were eventually absorbed into the Australian Imperial Forces (AIF).

Well known families were represented in the Regiments; men from the Anderson, Brisbane, Day, Foley, Gregory, Groves, Kearney, Keenan, Lawson, McCracken, Mason, Miller, Pavey, Thompson, Uphill and Welfare families enlisted.

This photo from 1937 shows the local Victorian Mounted Rifles Regiment lined up outside numbers 3 & 5 Stevenson Street before Storey Weeks, Waranga Shire President and Lord Huntingfield, Governor of Victoria who was in Murchison to officially open the current steel span bridge over the Goulburn.



**Light Horse Exhibition**  
Shepparton Heritage Centre

**Victoria Bids God Speed To The Bushmen**

**About Our Exhibition**  
The Light Horse Exhibition highlights the timeline of the Australian Light Horse. In the First World War (WWI), the Light Horse Regiments were skilled mounted infantry in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF). The 20th Light Horse Regiment, Victorian Mounted Rifles (VMR), served locally from 1920-1940. In 1938, five troopers from the 20th Light Horse Regiment (Shepparton) participated in a Pack Horse mail relay between Shepparton and Melbourne, delivering special addressed envelopes as part of Shepparton's 100-year Centenary called "Blossom Town".

**Exhibition**  
1st July 2023  
↓  
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## CALLING ALL CREATIVE SENIORS!



Calling all creative seniors. Create a mini-artwork and be exhibited during Victorian Seniors Festival at Goulburn Valley Libraries.

This is a great opportunity for anyone over 60 to let their creative juices flow with an unusual art exhibition. Community members are asked to create miniature works of art, which will be included in a mobile exhibition taking place during October.

"It doesn't matter if you like to draw, paint, embroider, create collages or use any other creative technique. If it fits on the provided card you can join in", says Bronwyn Cole, Program Co-ordinator for Goulburn Valley Libraries. "The cards are deliberately small so that the exhibition of tiny artworks can travel on the Mobile Library throughout the region during the Victorian Seniors Festival. Magnifying glasses will be supplied throughout the exhibition so that everyone can enjoy the detail of the artworks".

Entry is open to anyone 60 years and over and it's free to enter. The artworks will be approximately 11cm by 6 cm and must be completed on one of the cards provided. The cards will support artworks in various mediums. Those that wish to participate can collect an entry form and the card from their local Goulburn Valley Library from Tuesday 1st August. Finished artworks must be returned by Tuesday 12th September. There are amazing prizes to be won.

The exhibition will be on show throughout October as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival. There are several prizes to be won, including the major prize to be selected by "People's Choice". Every person that comes along to see the exhibition can vote for their favourite artwork.

To encourage everyone to participate we will be offering some creative workshops for seniors only. All materials, inspiration and some instruction will be supplied. All we need is you.

If you would like more information or to get creative, drop in and chat to your local librarian, check the Goulburn Valley Libraries website [www.gvlibraries.com.au](http://www.gvlibraries.com.au) for more information or call Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765.

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## WHAT MATTERS TO YOU MATTERS TO ME

I'm continuing to call on residents to take part in my community survey.

The 30 second survey aims to keep me up to date and informed about issues that matter most to you.

Thousands of surveys have been sent to households across the electorate or people can complete the online survey via the QR code.

In appreciation for sharing your views, two lucky constituents drawn at random from surveys returned before Tuesday August 1, will receive 1 of 2 \$500 grocery vouchers.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS

The first round of the Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises program is now open and includes grants of between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to businesses in the region including coolstores, hydroponic vegetable production, orchards and motels.

The grants can be used for a broad range of measures including installing heat pumps, lighting upgrades, space and water heating improvements and installing energy monitoring systems.



## SOD TURNED

It's great to see the ceremonial sod turned for the \$20 million La Trobe University Shepparton campus redevelopment.

The project includes more clinical learning facilities, a bigger library, modern study spaces, a community events and gallery space, and the expansion of the Ngarrapna area.

The Coalition committed \$5 million towards this project.

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