

3610 MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN

The Neighbourhood House Murchison

- The Preloved shop is open Monday to Friday 9am-3pm
- 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 Wednesdays from 930am-1230pm

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. Open every Tuesday 10am-4pm

Murchison Heritage Centre

- Now closed for winter, reopening in September

The Men's Shed

- Wednesday 14th October at 11am - Call Push Shock with Ambulance Victoria
- Wednesday 18th November at 11am - OPAN Elders Rights Australia

**Do you have any spare time to donate?*

**Murchison has many volunteering*

opportunities and desperately need extra help!

Please reach out to Jessie at Neighbourhood House Murchison for direction and how you can help 03 58262373 or manager@murchison.org.au

Upcoming Events:

- **Love Murchison** presented by Neighbourhood House Murchison on Saturday 3rd of October 11am-2pm
- **Murchison Christmas Carols and Market** presented by Neighbourhood House Murchison on Sunday 6th of December 4pm-8pm



The Murchison RSL Sub Branch is happy to host afternoon tea and a chat for Veterans at Murchison Bakery on August 18th and September 22nd at 1:30pm.

Transport can be arranged by phoning 0425726518



Cancer Information Session

Join the Murchison Men's Shed and GV Health Cancer Support Nurses for an information session focusing on bowel, prostate and lung cancer.

Guest Speakers:

Nicole Lewis, Prostate Cancer Nurse
Paula Norman, Lung Cancer Support Nurse
Lynda Morrison, Bowel Cancer Support Nurse

26 | AUGUST | 11am

Murchison Men's Shed, 10A Watson Street, Murchison

All community members are invited to attend
Lunch provided

RSVP to 0428 148 210

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE MURCHISON AND THE GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS

LOVE MURCHISON

at the Murchison Recreation Reserve

SATURDAY THE 3RD OF OCTOBER

11AM – 2PM

Join Us for a Spectacular day in Murchison!

Bring the whole family for a day filled with fun, food, music and community spirit

Highlights

- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
- LIVE MUSIC
- JUMPING CASTLE
- WILDLIFE INTERACTIONS
- FREE FACE PAINTING
- LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND MORE

ENTRY GOLD COIN DONATION

Hotrods, custom cars, street cars on display

Neighbourhood House Murchison Heart of the Community

GREATER SHEPPARTON

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CIRCUIT CLASS

Primary Care Connect is bringing **OUR GYM** directly to the Murchison community!

Primary Care Connects Circuit Class consists of structured exercises completed as a group by alternating from one exercise to another. Sessions focus on increasing whole body muscular strength and endurance, overall fitness, and improving movement and mobility. Our Circuit Classes are suitable for people of all ages and fitness!



Murchison Community Hall
10 Watson street, Murchison

**WYBALENA
RETIREMENT VILLAGE**
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*'Your Friendly local community
focused Retirement Village'*

Lee Gardiner 0438 464 913
Stan McMaster 0416 052 885
Marg McMaster 0417 262 213

Wybalena Retirement Village currently has 2 units available

- Recently renovated
- Wybalena in a not-for-profit association
- Locally owned and operated
- There are 11 Independent living units with beautiful gardens
- Established by local community members in 1987 to support the retiring residents

If you'd like more information please contact

Marg 0417262213 or
Stan 0416052885



**Free Blood Pressure &
Health Assessments**
(Adults 18+)

HEALTH HUBS MURCHISON
Murchison Community Centre
10 Watson Street, Murchison VIC 3610

HEALTH HUB DATES

Monday 3rd August 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 17th August 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 31st August 2026 9:00am - 11:00am
Monday 14th September 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 28th September 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	

The CP@clinic is a free health check-up. You can talk to a paramedic and/or nurse about your health and wellbeing needs and concerns. All personal information will be kept private.

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Murchison Mens Shed

Fourteen members and residents attended the men's shed for the information session on Stroke aware presented by two paramedics from Ambulance Victoria. This was followed by a sausage sizzle lunch prepared by Max and Jamie. Members have recently been busy completing a clothes stand, restoring and painting a garden bridge, and a dolls cradle for different residents in the district. Our next major project is to repair the Christmas decorations ready to be installed in the main street by mid November.

Coming Events:

- Saturday 22nd August Murchison Men's Shed AGM Start 10.00 am followed by General Meeting and lunch
- Wednesday 26th August Lung, Bowel, Prostate Cancer information session 11.00 am at the Shed, Presented by GV Health open to the public. All Welcome,
- Wednesday 2nd September Lunch at Men's Shed Chef Alan Rosser free for members, \$5.00 non members
- Saturday 3rd October I love Murchison Event at the Oval Men's Shed will have a food stall selling dim sims and American hot dogs
- Wednesday 7th October Lunch at Men's Shed chef Doug McDonough free for members, \$5.00 non members
- Saturday 15th November Murchison Men's Shed Garage Sale
- Wednesday 18th November Install Christmas Decorations
- Sunday 6th December Christmas Carols at Murchison Gardens
- Saturday 19th December Murchison Men's Shed Christmas Dinner



MURCHISON MEN'S SHED Inc
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OPEN: Wednesdays 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Dennis : 0428148210; Con :0421525665
murchisonmensshed@gmail.com



THE DAY DRIVING STOPS.

You don't really notice it when you're younger, but we absolutely take it for granted.

Keys in the pocket. Bit of fuel in the tank. Off you go. Simple as that.

Men's shed, Shops, servo, footy, mate's place... doesn't matter. The car just fits into your life like a good old flannie. You don't think about it. You just use it.

Then one day, someone says it.

"Mate... we might need to have a chat about your driving."

And you know. Even before they finish the sentence. That's the day things start shifting.

Now everyone thinks it's just about the licence. That bit of plastic. But it's not really. It's everything that comes with it.

It's your freedom. It's your independence. It's deciding at 8:30 in the morning you're going nowhere in particular... and somehow ending up at Bunnings with three things you didn't need and one thing you forgot you were meant to get.

Try doing that on a bus. You'd need a diagram and a packed lunch.

And that's the first bit that stings. Not the driving itself.

It's the going. It's the getting around wherever and whenever you feel like it.

Because when the driving stops, the world quietly gets a bit smaller if you're not careful.

At first, you think, "No worries, I'll just get lifts."

And that works... for a while.

Then you realise you start timing your life around other people's schedules. Which is something blokes our age spent decades refusing to do in every other part of life.

And suddenly you're asking, "Are you going past the shops?" more often than you'd like to admit.

Bit of a humbling question, that one. Some fellas say, "I'll just catch the bus."

And yeah... technically you can.

But there's a bit of a difference between rolling up in your own ute and trying to work out which stop is yours while someone's loud phone call is explaining their entire life story to the whole vehicle.

It's an adjustment.

And the shed — well, that can get harder too. Not because the shed changes, but because getting there does.

You start noticing which mates still drive, and which ones are waiting for a lift, and which ones have just quietly stopped coming in as often.

That's the bit no one really talks about. Not the driving. The drifting.

And I won't sugar-coat it. There's a bit of pride that takes a knock too.

Because for most of our lives, being able to drive meant being able to sort yourself out. No fuss. No asking. Just go.

Losing that can feel like someone's taken the edge off your independence.

But here's something I've noticed over time.

The blokes who handle it best aren't the ones who pretend it doesn't matter. They're the ones who just... adapt.

One mate of mine said, "Righto, I'm not driving, but I'm still going."

So now he's got a standing lift roster like he's running a small taxi business without the paperwork.

Another bloke started going to the café near his place every Thursday just so he'd still have somewhere to be. Reckons it's not about the coffee. It's about not sitting in the same chair every day.

Fair call, too. Because that's the real risk. Not losing the licence. It's losing the reasons to go.

And look, I get it. There's a day when you see your car sitting there and think, "That used to be me."

But it wasn't really the car. It was the places it took you. The mates. The jobs. The little routines that stitched your week together. And those don't disappear just because the keys change hands.

You just have to find new ways of stitching things together.

Maybe slower. Maybe with a bit more planning. Maybe with a mate saying, "I'll pick you up at 9," instead of you just rolling out when you feel like it.

Still gets you there though. And in the end, that's what matters.

Because you don't stop going just because you stop driving.

You just start proving, quietly, that you can still get where you need to be.

Even if someone else is doing the steering for a while.

And between you and me... At least you don't have to worry about petrol prices anymore. Small mercies.

JOIN A MEN'S SHED.

MEET THE MATES YOU NEVER KNEW YOU HAD.

Murchison Historical Society

You're invited

ONLY 24 LINES

A true story about love, war
and the long way back to Africa

Come and celebrate the release of our new book
with us at the Murchison Museum.

 Sunday 20 September
 2:00 PM
 Murchison Museum 4 Stevenson Street
Murchison

Free entry
Please RSVP by 6 September to 0425 717 060.
Light refreshments will be provided.
We hope you can join us for this special afternoon.

Erika von Wietersheim

*A remarkable true story of resilience,
hope and love.*

When young German teacher Kurt Falk
escaped South Africa to avoid internment
by the British at the outbreak of World War II,
little did he know he was embarking on a long
and challenging journey.

Experiencing shipwreck and near drowning,
internment as an "enemy alien", further terror
and abuse aboard the "hell ship" HMT Dierma,
and long lonely years of detention as a German
Prisoner of War in Camp No. 13 Murchison in Victoria,
Australia, Kurt underwent further uncertainty in his
endeavours to return home.

Despite infrequent letters restricted by censorship
to "24 lines", he was determined to survive and return
to his beloved Hildegard.

But would this tenuous thread of correspondence
be enough to bind the lovers together
for an enduring relationship?

**MORNING
TEA AT THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE MURCHISON**

Tuesday the 12th of
October
9:30am-11:30am
23 Impey St Murchison

Come down and meet the
team from Housing for the
Aged Action Group who
assist seniors with housing,
enjoy a barista made coffee
by our volunteers and
yummy morning tea
All welcome









NURTURING NATURE
WITH SPECIAL GUEST & MC FOR THE DAY

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Sunday August 23, 2026

Celebrate sustainable gardening, local nature and
waterwise living with Costa Georgiadis from ABC's
Gardening Australia.

Hear from Costa and expert speakers, get practical
tips, meet local eco experts and discover ways to
support plants, wildlife and sustainable living.

EVENT PROGRAM

10.00AM *CUSSEN PARK TATURA

The Cussen Park Story with Greg Smith
Nature Scripts with headspace Shepparton
Interactive nature stalls Bohollow Wildlife Rescue,
Turtles Australia Inc. and John Laing's Critters
Gowrie Street Preschool : Bush Kinder

12.00PM TATURA ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB

BBQ lunch
Special Guest MC Costa Georgiadis
Gardens designed for drought & fire
with Louise Costa
Final Report for Electrify Hume Project
by Geoff Lodge
The GV Tree Group Story
by GV Tree Group

3.10PM LAKE BARTLETT TATURA

Tour of Lake Bartlett

* In the case of poor weather the morning program will also be at the Italian Social Club



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CFA MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE

By Bob Langford

Hello Murchison & district.

This will be our last Winter edition for 2026 and like everyone we look forward to the approach of warmer weather. Roll on Spring! Recent rains combined with warmer than average winter has meant increased vegetation growth across the region. This will result in an increased fire danger upon drying out, something that we should all consider in scheduling outdoor work loads. Block clearing by burning off is often a priority at this time of the year but common sense must prevail and some simple guidelines on the subject of burn-offs are:-

1. Fire Permits Victoria require that burn-offs be notified all year round. This is simply a notification and giving 2hrs notice. Note - burn-offs are not permitted during the Fire Danger Period without a permit.
2. Notify your neighbours !
3. Never leave a burn off unattended !
4. If you have no means of extinguishing the fire, don't light it !

More information is available by contacting 'firepermits.vic.gov.au'

Regardless of the fact that Spring officially arrives in September the weather can soften be cool until much later in the year, meaning that we do not abandon the home fire safety guidelines that may be Winter oriented. Please continue to be careful with home fire safety using the information offered in previous editions of 3610 and just a reminder that the CFA publication '**Home Fire Safety**' is still available free of charge from the Murchison Bakery, Supermarket and Post Office.

SMOKE ALARMS. You will have seen frequent references to the subject of Smoke Alarms in our Brigade public messaging. The reason being CFA consider working Smoke Alarms to be the first line of defence in any house fire situation and the catch phrase '**Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives**' is often used to highlight this. The fact speaks for itself and is something you can do to prevent a disastrous situation.

If your Smoke Alarms are over 10 years old or in a state of dysfunction, or if you have trouble maintaining your existing alarms, or find yourself physically unable to change the batteries please contact my colleague Emily Birch at the Shepparton CFA Regional Office on 0447 415 849 or emily.birch@cfa.vic.gov.au . You may be eligible for inclusion in the CFA Smoke Alarm campaign. This is a free service available to owner occupied dwellings only. For anyone in a rental property please take up the matter with your landlord.

FIRE STATION REFURBISHMENT. At long last we can see the completion of this project which has been undertaken by local Shepparton contractors. The premises are expected to be functional again within the next few weeks. The period when the station was unusable led to some innovative arrangements for the storage of our emergency vehicles and equipment and residents might have spotted CFA vehicles in unusual parts of the town on odd occasions.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those residents affected by the works during refurbishment. Your patience is much appreciated !

BRIGADE RELATIONSHIPS. In these articles we refer mainly to CFA (Country Fire Authority), however, across the Emergency Service fraternity there are many other first responder and Emergency Services with whom the Brigade works very closely. Our network consists of close co-operation with Ambulance Victoria, State Emergency Service (SES), Forest Fire Management (FMV), Police (VICPOL) and of course local Council Authorities and Vic Roads. All working closely together to achieve a successful outcome to any problem which might arise.

RECRUITMENT. Have you ever thought about becoming involved with CFA ? This is a question we regularly ask. Let's face it, we are short of volunteers and some of the members (self included) are rapidly running out of years and we need fresh blood to take the weight. Our ongoing CFA recruitment campaign entitled '**Come and Join Us - Give us a Hand**' is often mentioned on social media. There are many ways you can lend a hand. It's not only Operational roles such as fighting fires and emergency response but also Support roles like business management, social media or educating your community on fire safety. With full training and support from your local Brigade you can learn exciting new skills, connect with new people and play a vital part in the community whilst at the same time learning more about the community and the area in which you live. CFA membership is rewarding. Our members come from all walks of life. Talk to us and find out more !

Call into the fire station on Robinson Street on a Sunday morning between 0930 and 1200hrs and have a quick chat with our volunteers. They will be happy to chat with you or if you would prefer to make an on-line enquiry check cfa.vic.au/volunteers'.

The Brigade will also attend the '**LOVE MURCHISON**' event on Sunday 3 rd October where you can have a face to face chat with our volunteers. Perhaps, see you there !

Please remember that in case of an emergency DO NOT call the Fire Station. We do not live there and it's unattended. Dial 000 and when answered clearly give your name, nature and location of the emergency and your contact number. Units will be dispatched to assist at the earliest opportunity. Stay safe !

3610 MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

3610 Murchison Community Newsletter is a program of Neighbourhood House Murchison (Vic) Inc.

Articles are due no later than the 14th of each month.

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.
- Please submit in a Word document.
- Please submit images as jpeg.
- Articles published are neither in favour or not in favour of politics.
- All articles must be submitted by the monthly deadline to be included in the next edition.

Rates and Guide for submission.

- Community group/ Not-for-profit Organisation Local Area rates:
Up to full page: Free
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7 Robinson Street, Murchison - \$495,000

This charming two-bedroom, two-bathroom cottage in the heart of Murchison blends timeless character with modern comfort. Featuring quality finishes, light-filled interiors, Pinky Gum timber flooring, and a spacious master suite with ensuite, the home offers effortless living. The well-appointed kitchen flows to the covered rear veranda, while the lounge provides year-round comfort with gas heating and evaporative cooling. Outside, enjoy established gardens, excellent access, a powered double garage, and additional carport space. Perfect for downsizers, first-home buyers, retirees, or investors seeking a quality home in a welcoming township.

13 Lotus Court, Nagambie - \$849,000

Set in one of Nagambie's most sought-after court locations, 13 Lotus Court offers exceptional family living on a generous 1,190m² allotment with resort-style features. This impressive four-bedroom home includes a luxurious master suite with ensuite and private spa retreat, plus spacious living areas designed for comfort and entertaining. The open-plan kitchen, dining and living zone features polished concrete floors, wood fire heating, and seamless access to the spectacular outdoor entertaining area. Enjoy a private oasis complete with a mineral salt pool, outdoor kitchen, upgraded spa, automated gardens, and multiple entertainment spaces. With a powered shed, extensive storage, solar system, security features, and premium inclusions throughout, this outstanding property delivers the ultimate Nagambie lifestyle.

Neighbourhood House Murchison offers food relief Monday to Friday 9am-3pm at 23 Impey St
We replenish goods every Tuesday at midday
Please see the Manager or volunteers for non-judgemental assistance



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

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Potholes across regional Victoria are not just an inconvenience. They are dangerous. Cars and trucks are being damaged every day, and drivers are being forced to swerve into oncoming traffic just to avoid them.

Motorists are expected to keep their vehicles roadworthy. Governments should be expected to keep our roads worthy of the cars driving on them.

The state Liberal-Nationals Coalition has committed \$5 billion to fix more than one million potholes across Victoria.

Labor has neglected regional roads for years. We need a change of government, at both a state and federal level, to fix them.

If you have a pothole or road hazard to report in Nicholls, get in touch with my office and we will help you raise it with the right authority.



Bushfire inquiry confirms Labor left regional Victoria exposed

A Parliamentary inquiry into last summer's bushfire season has confirmed years of Labor neglect left the CFA under-resourced and regional communities exposed.

The Bushfire Inquiry report found declining volunteer numbers, an ageing fleet, workforce shortages, inadequate fuel management and major recovery delays - all before fires burnt 440,000 hectares statewide, destroyed 451 homes and killed 45,000 livestock.

I've called on the new Premier to act on all 80 recommendations immediately before the next fire season.

My community has lived through the consequences of these failures - with many families still in temporary housing.

Some of the families still rebuilding after the January bushfires are getting council rate notices for homes that no longer exist!

That's not right. I've backed a petition calling on the Labor Government to give three years of council rate relief to anyone whose property was destroyed or badly damaged in those fires. People shouldn't be paying rates on a house that burned down while they're trying to find the money to rebuild it.

To show your support, even if you weren't directly affected by the bushfires, sign the petition where every signature adds weight to the call for fair rate relief.

With many families still navigating the long road to recovery, and with support lacking from the Labor Government, a local Benalla business, Speciality Trees, is generously donating more than 1,000 trees to communities impacted by the January bushfires. These trees will one day provide shade, shelter, beauty and habitat, but right now they also provide something just as important: hope.



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team As the sole One Nation member in the Victorian Parliament, Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell said she is thrilled to be part of such a strong and passionate team ahead of the November election. The Northern Victoria MLC said the eight candidates announced today represent the strongest, most experienced and determined team One Nation has ever fielded in Victoria, and she looks forward to no longer being the lone voice of common-sense in Spring Street. Ms Tyrrell said she was delighted to learn the team will be led by Australian Defence Force veteran Warren Pickering. "Having served the nation Warren Pickering has the discipline, integrity and backbone Victorians are desperate to count among the qualities of a strong Premier, who will put the people of Pakenham and Victorians first and never back down in Spring Street." She also extended a warm welcome to Colleen Harkin, contesting the South-Eastern Metropolitan Region. "Colleen is a fierce advocate for families and small business whose real-world intellect and policy experience is a huge asset to our team." On North-Eastern Metropolitan candidate Natalie Adams Ms Tyrrell said: "Natalie is a passionate local voice for outer-suburban families who truly understands the cost-of- living pressures crushing households." She praised Mark Nicholson, vying to represent Northern Metropolitan Region. "Mark is a community-minded champion who will fight for safer streets and common-sense law and order." On Aaron Sanford, the Southern Metropolitan Region contender, she said: "Aaron knows what it takes to cut red tape and get Victoria building again as a hardworking advocate for small business." Ms Tyrrell said she was also looking forward to working with Fiona Lopez, running for the Western Metropolitan Region. "Fiona is a dedicated defender of working families in the west who will stand up for the jobs, infrastructure and services that have been left behind." Ms Tyrrell said the One Nation candidate for Western Victoria Chris Burson "is a true regional champion who understands farming, forestry and the industries that keep regional Victoria alive." "And our Eastern Victoria candidate Greg Hansford will bring his own rich regional history to the campaign and a commitment to restoring services and accountability to Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley." Referring to encouraging recent poll results Ms Tyrrell was cautiously optimistic, saying none of the One Nation candidates would never take anything for granted. "We're not getting carried away with polls – polls aren't results – but they are relevant because they reflect what we're all hearing on the ground: Victorians have lost faith in both Labor and the Coalition after more than a decade of mismanagement, debt and waste." "When a former Liberal Party state executive member like Colleen Harkin walks away from the Liberals, calls them 'insipid', and joins One Nation, it proves the Coalition has completely failed as an effective opposition and is no longer listening to its own base."



Neighbourhood House Murchison

♥ A Very Special Thank You ♥

A heartfelt thank you to an anonymous member of our community who has generously donated to Neighbourhood House Murchison to help support those experiencing ongoing food insecurity in our community.

Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference, helping us continue to provide food relief and support to local individuals and families who are doing it tough.

Thank you for helping us care for our community. Your generosity means so much. ♥



**Support at Murchison
Neighbourhood House every
Friday 2pm-3pm**



St Vincent de Paul Society
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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...

Services:

- ✓ Preloved Shop at low affordable prices
- ✓ Community Meals served every Monday and Wednesday at 12pm, \$8 for 2 courses
- ✓ Community Garden available for self harvest, you may grab what you need leave the garden clean
- ✓ Community engagement activities and programs
- ✓ St Vincent De Paul Support every Friday at 2pm until 3pm, following the operating hours
- ✓ Support Services referral
- ✓ Scheduled External Organisation Resources such as free health assessments, exercise classes, financial support and more
- ✓ Food assistance available every day no appointment needed

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9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesdays | Weekly |
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If you're looking for help setting up a phone, computer or tablet, or need some assistance using the internet or accessing a service online, pop into the Neighbourhood House on a Wednesday every week to speak to our IT expert. Internet, computers, printing services available.

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HAAG

Housing for the Aged Action Group



Information about affordable housing options.

Support for people at risk of homelessness to access social housing.

Advice and advocacy for people living in retirement housing.

Assistance to register for aged care support and system navigation.

This month Neighbourhood House Murchison has assisted:

- 46 people with food support
- 7 people with material support
- 10 people with technology support
- 80 community meals were served
- 30 cuppa's were made from our coffee hub
- 25 people attended our programs/activities
- Hosted 2 external organisations