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MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DISCOVERING THE CHARM OF MURCHISON VIC: A HIDDEN GEM

BY ANONYMOUS



Nestled along the tranquil banks of the Goulburn River, Murchison, Victoria, is a town that truly exemplifies the beauty and charm of regional Australia. With its rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and warm-hearted community, Murchison is nothing short of a hidden gem waiting to be explored.



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Natural Beauty at Every Turn

One of the standout features of Murchison is its stunning natural surroundings. The Goulburn River meanders gracefully through the town, offering picturesque views and countless opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. Fishing, kayaking, and picnicking by the riverbanks are just a few of the activities that locals and visitors alike can enjoy year-round.

A Walk Through History

Murchison proudly wears its historical heritage on its sleeve. The town is home to several heritage-listed buildings and many sites of historical significance. A stroll through the streets will transport you back in time, as you admire the well-preserved architecture and imagine the town's bygone days. History buffs will also appreciate the Murchison Historical Society's efforts in preserving and sharing the town's rich past.

Community Spirit

The heart of Murchison beats with a strong sense of community. The warm and welcoming locals are quick to greet newcomers and share stories of their beloved town. Community events like the Murchison Christmas Carols are perfect opportunities to immerse yourself in the town's vibrant culture and make lasting memories.

Proximity to Adventure

Murchison's strategic location also makes it an excellent starting point for exploring the broader Goulburn Valley region. With wineries, orchards, and other towns like Shepparton within a short drive, there's always something new to see and do in the area.

A Bright Future

Murchison, VIC, embodies the enduring spirit of regional Australia. Its natural beauty, historical significance, and strong sense of community make it a place where both residents and visitors can truly feel at home. As Murchison continues to evolve and thrive, it remains a shining example of the unique charm that small Australian towns have to offer. So, whether you're looking for a peaceful weekend getaway or considering a more permanent change of scenery, Murchison is a destination worth exploring.

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We currently need assistance in the **Op Shop & Bookstore**, in the kitchen helping prepare **Community Meals** and in collating, editing and publishing the **3610 Murchison Community Newsletter**.

Also, if you have an idea about an activity or hobby group you'd like to have in town please get in touch.

Contact Louis on **5823 2373** or at manager@murchison.org.au if you're interested.





LIONS CLUB MURCHISON

BY NATASHA BOYLE

Hello Murchison, I'd like to say a few words about a local club in Murchison that is not heard of much but does a lot in the background.

Murchison Lions Club meets every 4th Monday at 7.30pm at the local Historical Society. We welcome new members and our hope is to continue this long running club into the future. You may see us down the street of a Saturday in winter selling tickets in our wood raffles, or closer to Christmas selling tickets in our amazing Christmas Stocking worth over \$500, but what you may not see is that we are constantly raising funds to help out locals and local organisations.

The Lions club paid for the repainting of the slide at the pool, we give out biscuits at Christmas to the elderly that are alone, we are the longest running group to give money to Legacy, we have given money to our local Ambulance Station, Primary School, Historical Society, St Vincent de Paul and recently to people that were affected by the floods. This is just the tip of the iceberg of what this amazing club do for our community!

I am proud to be a part of this amazing group of people and if you are service minded and loving giving back to your community do not hesitate in reaching out to our various members or myself on 0448589014. Our season is nearly over for the wood raffle but if you see us down the street, please support a local club and buy a couple of tickets. All money raised stays in your local community!



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MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD

SMOKE ALARMS: The recently advertised CFA Smoke Alarm campaign is now well under way with a crew of Members installing the new 10year lithium battery models in local households.

72% of fatal house fires start in the bedroom and occur when a person is sleeping.

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 do not hesitate to make an appointment for a visit by CFA Murchison and contact my colleague Emily Guthrie at the Shepparton CFA Regional office on 0447 415 849 or emily.guthrie@cfa.vic.gov.au Think of the age of your smoke alarms. All smoke alarms (hard wired or stand alone) need to be replaced every 10 years!

Please note CFA will not remove old alarms, or touch those which are hard wired which require a licensed electrician for attention.



WHAT HAS THE BRIGADE BEEN UP TO LATELY? Well, we have been quietly busy with the emphasis on training. Using the traditionally quiet Winter period we have been honing skills in several areas some of which are:

DRIVER TRAINING: CFA firefighting vehicles displaying 'L' plates can be seen moving around the local and regional roads most weekends. Our driver training programme includes 2 female and 2 male firefighters aspiring for the necessary licensing compliance. Their success in this will help alleviate the shortage of drivers sometimes experienced during the fire danger period when the Brigade is at its operational peak. We wish them the best of luck. Should you see a CFA vehicle on the road displaying 'L' plates please give them a wave. A benefit of this programme is not only the development of vehicle familiarity but also geographical familiarity and the understanding of the local road network.





MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

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BREATHING APPARATUS (BA): A necessary part of every firefighter's capability is proficiency in the use of BA. Constant practice using this equipment breeds familiarity. Please don't be alarmed if you see Members walking the streets of Murchison. It's not an alien invasion, its CFA BA practice!

FIREFIGHTING SKILLS: Regular training and the use of constantly evolving techniques and equipment where available keep us on our toes. As well as our being able to respond quickly to house, property and wildfire situations we find ourselves more increasingly being involved in motor vehicle accidents and assisting other Agencies such as Ambulance Vic, SES and Forest Fire Management Vic. Our training reflects our commitment to community safety !

Please don't forget that in the case of emergency do NOT call the Fire Station. Dial 000 and when answered clearly give your name, nature of emergency and your contact number. Units will be dispatched to assist at the earliest opportunity. Stay safe !

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CUSTODIANS OF THE PAST, BUT MINDFUL OF MODERN TIMES

BY KAY BALL, PRESIDENT - MURCHISON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

The Murchison & District Historical Society is fortunate in having a young member who can easily grasp how to manage the electronic communication features of the modern world. Seventeen-year-old Denni Bathman is a most capable young woman and contributes in lots of ways to the activities of the Murchison Heritage Centre, and it was not surprising when she was awarded Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year for Murchison and overall Young Citizen of the Year for the whole of Greater Shepparton this year, and won the Young Volunteer Award for the City of Greater Shepparton last year.

Her latest contribution, has been to set up an Instagram account for the Society where we can share our activities by posting photos and short messages via the simple app on our phones to keep everyone informed of what we are doing or promoting. Souvenir aprons are a feature for example, and can be purchased across the road at Lindsay's Jewels and Gifts while the Heritage Centre is closed for winter recess. The app is recognized by the well-known symbol.



Another electronic venture undertaken lately, has been to convert our popular book, *Art Captured – Hans-Wolter von Gruenewaldt Prisoner of War Camp 13 Murchison: his story and his art*, into an eBook, that can be easily accessed via Apple Books, Kindle Books and Google books, so it can be read on line. This is a cheaper way to obtain a copy of the book, and avoids expensive postage compared to acquiring a hard copy by mail, especially for overseas orders which we receive due to the German connection. The conversion to an eBook has been made possible by a grant from the Local History Grant Program, via the Public Record Office of Victoria (PROV) funded by the State Government.

Art Captured is the story of Hans-Wolter von Gruenewaldt, a German Mining Engineer, who fled South Africa at the outbreak of World War 2 to avoid internment, only to be captured by the British and spend the next 6½ years as a Prisoner of War. His dramatic journey took him to the other side of the globe, miraculously surviving the sinking of the *Arandora Star* and enduring inhuman treatment aboard the *Dunera*, on his way. His Australian destination was Camp 13 Murchison, central Victoria.



CUSTODIANS OF THE PAST, BUT MINDFUL OF MODERN TIMES

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Due to his artistic creativity, he left a visual legacy of 17 large murals in the township of Murchison. Many years later when his son gifted his extensive folio of art work to the local Historical Society, the amazing scope, diversity and extraordinary talent of Hans-Wolter von Gruenewaldt was fully revealed.

This book captures his story and displays the wide range of his artistic skills featuring some exceptionally talented portraits, landscapes, sketches and cartoons.

In 2018 the book received a Victorian Community History Award. It is still available in hard cover as well, simply contact Murchison & District Historical Society via email: murchison-historical-society@hotmail.com... And for those who are savvy - it can now be read on-line!

JUDY REVELL CELEBRATES BEING 90 YEARS YOUNG!

BY MARGARET LOCK

Judy Revell of Wybalena, Murchison, enjoyed celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, 5th August, at Murchison Bakery, surrounded by a group of around 18 friends. Judy and her husband, John, have lived at Wybalena in Murchison for 11 years, after first moving to Murchison in 1965 when John worked at State Rivers.



With their three children - Elinor, Linda and Stuart, who have their own families - they continued the 90th celebrations the following day by having lunch together at the Seymour Club.

Judy is a legend. For 25 years, she taught swimming at the Murchison Pool to all the school children in the district, as well as conducting swimming club on Saturday mornings during summer. In 1992, Judy, together with Elaine Kenyon, were awarded Life Memberships at the Murchison Pool to acknowledge 20 years of commitment to the Pool and Committee and, in particular, teaching swimming to Murchison children. Both ladies were founding members of the Murchison Swimming Club in 1972, as well as being highly involved in the Royal Lifesaving Society for gaining achievements and medals and instructing many hundreds of children over the years.

Judy's other activities and interests include helping at the Mother's Club at Murchison Primary, being Tawny Owl at the Brownies, and cooking for the D.P. Jones Auxiliary who catered for weddings, funerals and other gatherings for many years. As well, Judy and John enjoyed bowls for a number of years, winning many awards for their efforts.

Judy and John are regular visitors at Murchison Neighbourhood House where they enjoy having lunch with friends and other locals. It is always a joy to see them there or at the Bakery on Saturday mornings, and we hope to see even more of them in the days to come. Well done Judy!



Murchison SES Unit RECRUITING NOW

We are looking for people or the following:

Operational Roles

- General Rescue
- Road Rescue
- Chainsaw Operations
- Land Search
- Urban Search & Rescue
- Traffic Management



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- Administration
- Fundraising
- Media & Public Relations
- Community Education

*Talk to one of our volunteers for more information or call / SMS Steve on 0400 509 552
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Murchison SES Unit OPEN DAY

**Sunday 19th November
11am - 2pm**

Activities:

- See rescue techniques
- Car demonstration
- Displays
- Mock car rescue (RCR)
- Spreaders (jaws of life)



- FREE Sausage Sizzle
- Coffee Van
- Displays
- See Paddy the Platypus

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Since the opening of our new shed on 6th May 2023 our membership has steadily increased from 10 in 2019, to the present 21 members. For the past 2 months we have been busy making and fitting out the shed with racking and work benches.

As part of this year's Men's Shed Week, we would like to join in the 30 year AMSA celebrations and also celebrate our 10th year by holding an **OPEN DAY** at our new shed at **10A Watson Street Murchison on Saturday 9th September 2023, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

We are proud of what we have achieved, and look forward to showing people around the shed, and promoting ourselves to gain new members.

A FREE sausage sizzle will be available after 12.00 noon, whilst FREE coffee, tea and biscuits will be available all day .

There will also be items on display for sale, which have been made by members or have been donated to the shed.

Hopefully we will see you there.

COMING EVENTS

- **3rd September** - Father's Day
- **9th September** - **OPEN DAY** at Murchison Men's Shed | 10am - 3pm | **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!



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POETRY SLAM RETURNS TO THE GOULBURN VALLEY



The Shepparton Library will once again host the regional heat for Poetry Slam. It is a night of fun, participation, and poetry. It is an opportunity for poets from throughout the region to share their talents and compete for their chance to be the next Australian Poetry Slam champion.

Poetry Slams and workshops are taking place around Australia. From June to October, 1000 writers will grab their moment in the spotlight leading to one National Final at Sydney Opera House and a prize worth \$20,000 including publishing opportunities. Two poets chosen by the Shepparton Library audience will head to the Victorian Final for their opportunity to make it through to the National Final.

Poets have two minutes on the mic to present an original poem. Judges selected from the audience will mark their performance and the two poets with the top scores will be off to the Victorian Final.

The Shepparton Library Poetry Slam Heat will start at 6.30pm on Friday 8th September. Be aware that registration to compete at the Shepparton Library Heat will open at 6.00pm with limited spaces. Head to www.australianpoetryslam.com/rules to check into the rules of the heat.

Want to learn more about poetry and performing your poetry live? Learn to turn your moments of “..um” into momentum? Bring your notebook and voice to the Shepparton Library Slam Wordshop. Wordshops give participants a chance to hone their poetry and live performance skills from experienced facilitator Andrew Cox. Andrew is a proud Filipino/Australian with a desire to see people experience poetry and engage deeply: his live performances are memorable for intensity, honesty and abstract storytelling. Andrew's work has been shortlisted for national writing prizes, notably for Innovation in Spoken Word and his writing published in multiple anthologies. He is recognized as an emerging voice in Australian poetry. There is no pressure for those that wish to participate in the Wordshop to compete in the heat but it is a great opportunity for those planning to compete to get some tips. The Wordshop will take place at the Shepparton Library from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 7th September.

Bookings are essential for the wordshop and places are limited so email the Shepparton Library on 1300 374 765 or email shepparton@gvlibraries.com.au to reserve your spot.



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VOLUNTEER GRANTS EOI NOW OPEN

Expressions of interest are now open for the Federal Government's Volunteer Grants Program. Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 are available to support the efforts of local volunteers at not-for-profit community organisations. The selfless work of volunteers brings communities together. Community groups, projects, services and events could not go ahead without the efforts of volunteers. While the grants are small, the funds will have a big impact and can be used to support volunteers in a range of ways. Organisations can request an Expression Of Interest form by emailing sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au

EOI's close September 4, 2023 and selected EOI's by a community panel will be invited to submit an application before grants are assessed by the Department of Social Services.



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STANDING UP FOR LOCAL BUSINESS AND LOCAL JOBS

Speech by Sam Birrell MP to parliament house:

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It's healthy, it's clean, it's Australian grown and we should be proud of it. Apple growers are telling me that it's getting harder to produce this product because of the policies of the Labor government.

Industrial Relations laws, including the changes to the PALM Scheme, are making it incredibly difficult to run an orchard and grow healthy, clean Australian fruit. And the government's plan to rip a further 450 gigalitres out of the productive water pool that grows clean Australian food threatens the viability of orchards and dairy farms in the food bowl of Australia.

I've written to the Minister for the Environment and Water asking for a briefing and an explanation, and I haven't had a personal response. She hasn't met with the shadow minister since August. She won't meet with the constituents whose lives this effect—that is, the fruit growers, the dairy farmers and everyone else in the basin communities. Do we want our kids eating clean, healthy, Australian apples or do we want them imported from China? Get this policy right, Labor!

"WHISPERS IN THE WIND" A MURCHISON GHOST STORY

BY ANONYMOUS

It was a cool, moonlit night in Murchison, Victoria. The sleepy town lay quiet, with only the rustling of leaves and the gentle babbling of the Goulburn River breaking the stillness. But for those who knew Murchison well, there was a tale that cast a shadow over the town, a tale whispered in hushed tones around campfires and over drinks at the local pub—a tale of a ghostly presence that wandered the town's historic streets.

The old hotel, with its creaky wooden floors and Victorian-era charm, was said to be the epicenter of these eerie occurrences. The story went that a young woman named Eliza had lived in Murchison in the 1800s. Eliza was a free spirit, known for her striking beauty and penchant for wandering along the riverbanks at twilight.

One fateful evening, as the sun dipped below the horizon, Eliza took her usual walk along the Goulburn River. She never returned. Her disappearance remained a mystery, and her loved ones grieved her loss.

Years passed, and the town carried on, but strange things began to happen. Late at night, as the clock struck midnight, guests at the hotel reported hearing soft, melancholic whispers in the corridors. Doors would creak open on their own, and some claimed to have glimpsed a woman in a flowing white gown, her face obscured by the shadows.

The townsfolk couldn't help but believe that it was Eliza's restless spirit, forever searching for the solace she never found in life. The riverbanks she had loved became a haunted place, and some swore they could see her ghostly figure walking by the water's edge.

One chilly winter's night, a skeptical traveler checked into the hotel. He had heard the stories but dismissed them as mere legend. That night, as he lay in bed, he heard the soft whispers, almost like a mournful lament, echoing through the hallway. Curiosity got the best of him, and he ventured out to investigate.

As he approached the source of the sounds, he saw her—a pale, ethereal figure with raven-black hair, standing at the end of the corridor. The room she gazed into was bathed in an eerie blue light, and her mournful eyes met his. Frozen in fear, he watched as she slowly raised a spectral hand, beckoning him towards her.

But just as he was about to take a step forward, a strong gust of wind blew through the hallway, extinguishing the flickering candles. When he turned back, the ghostly apparition had vanished, leaving only the echoes of her whispered sorrow.

From that night on, the skeptical traveler became a believer, and he shared his tale with all who would listen. Eliza's ghostly presence in Murchison became an enduring mystery, a testament to the town's rich history and the lingering spirits that still roamed its streets, whispering secrets of the past into the night.

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