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## MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



# THE MCG

"Hey, I'm off to the MCG"

"You are going all the way to Melbourne ? What are you going to do there?"

"Not that MCG, our MCG. The new Murchison Community Garden!!"



Some very exciting news for Murchison and the surrounding areas. The Murchison Community Garden (MCG) is about to be developed at No 19 Impey Street, Murchison (vacant lot next to the Medical Clinic).

Late in 2022, the Neighbourhood House Murchison received a matching grant from Greater Shepparton City Council to fund the development of a Community Garden and has been looking at various sites in the Murchison township.

Murchison Retirement Village Inc. (aka Wybalena) has kindly offered the use of this vacant lot to assist in the establishment of the Murchison Community Garden.

The goal is to have a community group that meet together one morning a week to grow and produce healthy (organic style) food, share gardening experiences and have a load of fun.

If you want to help build the MCG and be a part of this community project, please contact Rob Jones on 0416 256 605. We will have a meeting at the Neighbourhood House in the next few weeks to plan the garden together.

Rob Jones, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, Neighbourhood House Murchison Inc.

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## Volunteers Needed



**Neighbourhood House Murchison** is seeking **volunteers** to help deliver programs and connect with the Murchison community. It's great fun, great experience and a great opportunity to get involved in community action and development.

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](mailto:manager@murchison.org.au) if you're interested.



# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN MAY

## KAY BALL, PRESIDENT, MURCHISON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This celebration of our heritage was held throughout City of Greater Shepparton, and brought lots of people to Murchison events. The weather was kind and feedback has been positive. Most people want the days to be extended so visiting more venues is possible.



The Irrigation Tour on the Friday was fully booked and participants said they learnt a lot. The bus driver was most accommodating and willing to explore with us, driving the long way round back to Murchison from Channel Inlet Road to have a good view of Waranga Basin.

On the Saturday morning, Stepping Back in Time, was attended by 7 people and all said it was good to hear detail about the town's notable buildings and heritage sites and the history behind them, learning many things that were not known before.

Showing of the new film about the local War-time Camps in our area was screened at the Heritage Centre and again feedback was complimentary. Viewers related that they were surprised at quite a few facts about this piece of our local history revealed in the film. The Heritage Centre and displays in the Gallery were on view for extended hours over two days.

Walk and Talk sessions at the Cemetery on the Saturday also gave great insight into some very special historic graves. The story and facts behind the unique Ossario, quietly nestled in the southern corner of the Cemetery always amazes visitors.

The outstanding stained-glass windows in Christ Church Anglican Church were greatly appreciated too, as the Church was open for visitors both on the Friday and the Saturday.



## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN MAY

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Days Mill and Farm complex was a great success, with Open Day on the Sunday very well attended with approximately 600 visitors. The grounds and buildings had been very well prepared by Parks Victoria Staff. Many people said they wanted to make a return visit and bring family and friends to enjoy it as well. Stalls and food outlets were greatly appreciated.

Approximately 40 venues were open for visiting for these Heritage Open Days, and the hard-working volunteer Committee along with Council support staff, deserve congratulations for their time, effort and skill in providing a well organised event. It is no small task to arrange all the details to ensure an event this large and diverse runs smoothly.

## WINTER RECESS FOR MURCHISON HERITAGE CENTRE

The Murchison Heritage Centre is now closed for the winter and will re-open Mid-September.

During this time, our volunteer members will be making major alterations and improvements to our Library and Storeroom. As the number of books featuring local history, family history folders and organisation archives has grown over the years, we are needing more storage space. We also plan to install a compactus in the Storeroom that will provide a more efficient way to store our catalogued artefacts and historical items. This will all take some time and effort and is ideal to undertake the project during our usual winter recess.

We apologise if this closure will inconvenience anyone who may have been wanting to visit our Heritage Centre in the next few months. Any family history or general enquiries can still be answered by contacting us via email. Our email address is: [murchison-historical-society@hotmail.com](mailto:murchison-historical-society@hotmail.com) or by mail to: PO Box 98, Murchison, Victoria, 3610.

## VALE JOHN CROWLEY



### MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

It was with deep sadness and regret that we learned of the sudden passing of our our friend, Member and former Brigade Captain for 28 years Jonathan Crowley. Jon was a local identity and as well as being a long standing Member of CFA had been associated with Murch Sub Branch of RSL, Lions Club of Murchison and Mens Shed. Jon will be greatly missed by all.

Jon was farewelled at a funeral service at the Murchison Uniting Church on 10th June and then conveyed to his final place of rest in the Murchison Lawn Cemetery. The service was attended by a large crowd consisting of local people , Murchison Fire Brigade and those many members of CFA and Emergency Services with whom he had enjoyed a long standing personal relationship.

Jon, you touched everyone you came into contact with!  
Our sincere condolences go out to his long term partner Annie and her family.  
From past and present Members of Murchison Fire Brigade CFA




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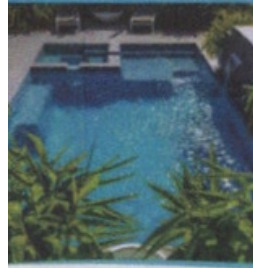
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## MURCHISON MEN'S SHED INC

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Vale - Sadly in the past six weeks we have lost two of our most jovial members, with the sudden passing of Ron Hitchen and Jon Crowley. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their partners, Pamela Higgins and Annie McNamara and their extended families. We will sadly miss their ever smiling faces and sense of humour as both could tell a good yarn or two.

Meanwhile members have been kept active since the opening of the new shed. Furniture and timber has been transported from a container in outer Murchison, whilst a number of ute and trailer loads of timber, machinery, tools, nuts, bolts and screws have been transported and dumped at the new shed. In between trips, members have been busy making and installing shelving, making woodworking benches, re-stacking shelves and rearranging the work areas.

Fortunately we have been able to some down time during Men's Health Week. Michelle, from GV Health organised for members from Ambulance Victoria to visit the shed to give a very informative presentation on CPR and Defibrillator use. In the near future we will purchase a cabinet and register our defibrillator so it can be placed outside the shed to be used by the whole community. GV Health nurses, Nichole and Michelle, kept members interested with their presentation on prostate cancer. A follow up presentation about bowel cancer will be organised to take place in late October or early November.

Our membership has increased with the inclusion of Neil Basterfield, Andrew Boyd and Peter Cutcliffe joining our ranks as shedders. Experience is appreciated but not necessary to become a member, as our aim is the friendship of men in an active men's shed, where men regardless of age or background are welcome to be involved in community projects, or just socialise and communicate with other men over a coffee and a chat.



**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

**HOME FIRE SAFETY** - the three key words, especially at this time of the year when we spend more time indoors and staying warm is more of a priority. Several topics this month to make people think about fire safety.

**SMOKE ALARMS** - the frontline where it comes to home fire safety. A fatal fire is more likely to occur where there is no working smoke alarm installed. Install smoke alarms with a 10-year long life battery. Smoke alarms are compulsory under Victorian law in all residential buildings. Test smoke alarms weekly.



CFA will soon pilot the initiative of providing and installing smoke alarms to those residents of Murchison who can demonstrate they cannot purchase, install or maintain alarms themselves. Qualifications apply, but firstly, you must be resident in your own home. Should you have any queries about this program please don't hesitate to contact my colleague Emily Guthrie whose details are in the attached flyer. This is a worthy project for which we are pleased to have CFA backing.

**ESCAPE PLANS** - Have you sat down with the family or partner, or if living alone have you made an escape plan for a domestic emergency? If not, then please give this some thought as it could save you and your families and pets lives. An escape plan might be put into effect if the incident is not directly involved but merely threatened. For instance, an incident at an adjoining property may involve an evacuation of your own residence. Where do I go, what do I take ? are a couple of questions that run through the mind. Talk to your local CFA about escape plans and how they are made. We can help you stay safe.

Look out for this booklet which is available free from the Murchison Post Office and local shops. The facts and advice make very interesting reading and it covers all you need to know about household safety.

And remember...

**"YOU'RE SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!"**







## MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

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**HEATING** - '1 Metre from the heater' - regardless of it being wood, electrical or gas.

**CLEAN YA FLUE, BLUE!** - in the case of a wood heater. Chimney flue fires as well as being extremely hazardous can make a real mess of your property.

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY** - especially power boards, phones and laptop computers.

**KITCHEN SAFETY** - supervise children, 'keep looking when cooking'!

**BRIGADE OPERATIONAL PRE-PLANS** - On a regular basis the Brigade will approach business owners whose premises may harbour a significant risk to personnel and/or the environment at large in the case of an outbreak of fire or other major incident. Pre Plans give the Brigade prior warning of what they might expect to face in the case of an emergency enabling a management strategy for containment to be started earlier than an 'off the cuff' response without forewarning. Minutes saved this way are extremely valuable. Some points to consider in our Pre-Plans might be, but not limited to -

- Number of people normally on the premises | Materials of construction
- Location of main electrical isolating switch | Location of doors and exits
- Number of floors | Are solar panels fitted and if so location of the isolating switch
- In the case of fuel pumps, the location of the isolating switch
- Location and quantity of inflammable/combustible liquids and/or gases
- Need for road closure or an interruption of rail services

We at CFA are constantly training and sharpening skills. Our training teaches us teamwork and responsibility, and develops a respect for our peers and a comradeship with those whom we work with and depend upon to 'be there' for each other when it counts. Our training also inculcates a social and environmental responsibility, developing a sense of compassion for the victims of incidents and to be non-judgemental. Our training enables us to provide free fire safety advice to the public. Our training will help us with any emergency first aid required at an incident.



**CAR POD EXERCISE** - A recent training exercise in Mooroopna involved the use of a portable 'car pod' simulator at which our crew was run through several scenarios involving a car fire. The training exercise to provide crews with a realistic situation at which to practice containment and extinguishment. This exercise was overseen and supervised by trained CFA personnel with no risk to the crew concerned. The crew enjoyed the evening and there are a few pictures of their activities.





## MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

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In the case of an Emergency please do NOT ring the fire station. Dial 000 and the operator will take your details. Speak slowly and clearly giving as much information as possible. The Brigade will be turned out as soon as possible to assist. If you have difficulty with English please ask for an interpreter.

If there is anything you wish to discuss with CFA don't forget the station on Robinson Street is usually manned for maintenance purposes between 9am and 1pm on a Sunday. Call in, say hello and we will do our best to help. Don't be shy, we like visitors!

Please stay safe!



Follow us on Facebook at '**CFA Murchison Fire Brigade**'. Let us know you're out there!



## RUSHWORTH PLACE BASED PLAN

A community group has been set up to work in partnership with Campaspe Shire to find out what people really love about Rushworth and what people would like to see improved. This information will be documented into a Place Based Plan later this year. We look forward to hearing your ideas about how we can make Rushworth an even better place.

Two ways you can have your say are:

- Complete a community survey online: [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/rushworthpbp](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/rushworthpbp); or pick up a hard copy in shops around town and drop it back in the box provided
- Attend a drop-in session at Rushworth Market at the Village Green on Saturday 17 June from 9.00am to 12.30pm to share your ideas with the Place Based Team.

An evening community event is also being planned around the end of August. For more information about the Place Based Plan, please contact Wendy Holland on 0438 433 555 or [wendy@communityvibe.com.au](mailto:wendy@communityvibe.com.au).

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# TALKING TEXTILES IN MURCHISON

BY RHONDA CHRISANTHOU

With over twenty people booked in for the Creative Cities session in Murchison last month, organisers couldn't be more pleased with the success of the workshop, Talking Textiles with Judith Roberts.

For her floor talk and workshop, Judith brought in numerous artworks to illustrate her use of colour, texture and the particularly tactile nature of textile arts. This included lively descriptions in her use of collected fabrics and materials including found objects used to make each individual piece. Presenting an overview of her practice since joining Shepparton Textile Artists around fifteen years ago, the methods and materials used for each piece were in themselves extraordinary.

Exhibiting her work in both group and solo shows in both public and commercial galleries and shows in regional Victoria, Judith is highly regarded for her use of innovative techniques, recycling and passion for materials. Each piece had a story to tell about time and place and her response to themes and consisted of hours of fine or intricate stitching, crocheting, knitting, sewing, weaving or eco-dyeing.

As a self-taught textile artist, Judith was both inspiring and encouraging of others to explore the medium. After the floor talk participants were invited to select from her kitty of pieces of colourful felt, silk, thread and buttons to compose their own small piece of textile art.

Given the enthusiasm generated by Judith's workshop, program organiser Rhonda Chrisanthou is keen to follow up on future funding for more art workshops in Murchison. In the meantime, she looks forward to seeing what people have made. If you'd like to get in touch with Rhonda please email [rchris@iinet.net.au](mailto:rchris@iinet.net.au)



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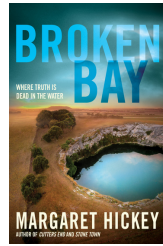


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If you have any questions, we are here to help. Contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765, email [gvlibraries@gvlibraries.com.au](mailto:gvlibraries@gvlibraries.com.au), or ask Andre for a demonstration when he is in town.



## AWARD WINNING AUTHOR RETURNS TO THE GOULBURN VALLEY

Goulburn Valley Libraries is pleased to welcome back award-winning author and playwright Margaret Hickey. Margaret will be visiting the Euroa Library on Thursday 13th July at 2.00pm followed by a visit to the Shepparton Library at 6.30pm.

Margaret is based in North East Victoria and holds a PhD in Creative writing, specialising in depictions of landscape in Australian literature. She is the author of the bestselling novels *Cutters End* and *Stone Town*. Her plays have been performed in regional Victoria, Brisbane, Melbourne and New York. Margaret is familiar to many in the Goulburn Valley through her regular radio spots, and is a judge in the Joseph Furphy Literary Awards.

Ms Hickey will be introducing *Broken Bay*, her third but hopefully not the last, crime novel featuring popular character Detective Mark Ariti. Old loyalties and decades-long feuds rise to the surface in this stunning novel, set against an Australian landscape known for its jagged cliffs and hidden caves.

"I'm excited to share the latest Mark Ariti novel with readers." says Ms Hickey. "This time, our Detective is in the Limestone coast and it's a real joy to talk about that area with its hidden sinkholes and wild coastline".

If you would like to join Margaret Hickey at the Euroa Library or Shepparton Library, please contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765 or email [gvlibraries@gvlibraries.com.au](mailto:gvlibraries@gvlibraries.com.au). Copies of the book will be available for purchase at both of the events.



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## ADVOCATING IN CANBERRA WITH SHEPPARTON MAYOR, SHANE SALI

It's been a busy few week in Canberra and last week Sam Birrell was joined by Shepparton Mayor Shane Sali.

Mr Birrell said it's a great opportunity to have the Mayor in the Nation's Capital to work together and advocate for the needs of our communities.

## 3.5 MILLION SECURED FOR FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECTS

\$3.5 Million dollars has been secured from the Federal Government for initial Flood Resilience Projects for across the region.

Federal Member for Nicholls, Mr Sam Birrell said the funds from the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) will help pave the way for bigger projects to build flood resilience across the region.

"In October last year Murchison was hit by unprecedented flooding and while communities are still recovering, work has already started on identifying works that could be done to mitigate future floods," Mr Birrell said.

Every flood is different, and funding in the first round of the DRF will help Councils and communities better understand what occurred and build a foundation of knowledge for developing projects to protect communities and critical infrastructure."

"I continue to have regular discussions with government ministers about what will be required to better protect our communities in future," he said. Mr Birrell said the DRF is providing up to 1 billion dollars over the next five years to improve Australia's resilience and reduce risk to natural disasters.

"In order to seek funding in future rounds we first have to understand the problems and the best solutions to put forward," Mr Birrell said.

"The work from this funding round will inform bids for more significant funding in future rounds."



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