

3610 MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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EDITION

Published By Jessie Boer Manager from the Neighbourhood House
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FREE

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 commences weekly on Wednesdays from 930am-1230pm
- Mother's Day High Tea on Thursday the 7th of May at 11am, \$12pp, Bookings essential

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
- 2nd Tuesday of every month 1030am-4pm
- 4th Tuesday of every month 430pm-9pm

The Men's Shed

- Wednesday 8th July at 11am Cancer information session (Lungs, Bowel and Prostate)

Murchison Heritage Centre

- Open Saturday mornings 10-12
Group bookings please contact 0475 018 743

***Do you have any spare time to donate?
*Murchison has many volunteering opportunities and desperately need extra help, please check out the community directory on the last page and reach out to any organisation you could offer support to alternatively reach out to Jessie at Neighbourhood House Murchison for direction 03 58262373**

Upcoming Events:

- **Transition to an Electric Home** presented by Geoff Lodge at the Neighbourhood House on Wednesday the 22nd of April at 7pm, light supper provided
- **Anzac Day Dawn Service** on Saturday the 25th April at 530am at the War Memorial Stevenson St
- **Cyber Security Awareness Information Session** presented by Mick Muller at the Community Centre on Wednesday the 29th of April at 7pm, light supper provided
- **Days Mill Open Day** on Sunday the 10th of May at 10am until 4pm, 5 Day Rd Murchison South

**CYBER SECURITY
AWARENESS
INFORMATION
SESSION PRESENT BY
MICK MULLER**

FREE

**WEDNESDAY THE
29TH APRIL @ 7PM
MURCHISON
COMMUNITY CENTRE**
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SUPPLIED



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

03 5826 2373

manager@murchison.org.au



Transition to an Electric Home



Presented by Geoff Lodge

Free Information Session on the
Transition off Gas Cooktops
When: Wednesday the 22nd of
April at 7pm
Where: 23 Impey St Murchison
Light refreshments supplied

Electrify Hume is supported by the Community Electrification Engagement Program.
The Program is delivered by Sustainability Victoria on behalf of the Victorian Government.



MURCHISON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE IS LOCATED ON THE LANDS OF THE NGURAI-ILLUM PEOPLE AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AS TRADITIONAL OWNERS. WE ALSO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT, AND ABORIGINAL ELDERS OF OTHER COMMUNITIES.



A Program of Neighbourhood House Murchison

murchison.org.au

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WE are **YOUR** community health connection!

\$5 PER SESSION or **\$50 per term**
From the start of May sessions will be weekly at 10am

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

RUSHWORTH SERVICES EXPO

The expo is an excellent chance to explore multiple community service providers, all in one place! Learn about support, advocacy and information available in your local area

Tea, coffee and light refreshments available all day

Thursday
30 April, 2026

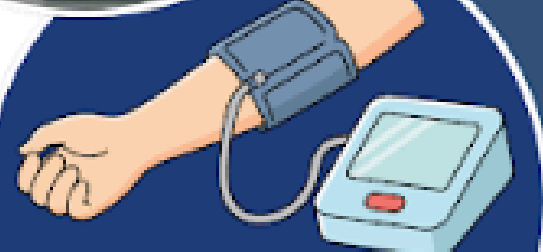
Time
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Rushworth Shire Hall,
71 High Street,
Rushworth, Victoria

DO YOU NEED A LIFT TO THE EXPO? IF YOU LIVE IN RUSHWORTH, WE MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU WITH TRANSPORT TO ATTEND. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TO HAVE A CHAT.

(03) 5856 1295

<https://www.facebook.com/rushworth.communityhouse/>



Blood pressure checks



Free Blood Pressure & Health Assessments
(Adults 18+)

HEALTH HUBS MURCHISON
Murchison Neighborhood House
23 Impey St, Murchison VIC 3610

HEALTH HUB DATES

Monday 13th April 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 27th April 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 25th May 2026 9:00am - 11:00am
Monday 22nd June 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 6th July 2026 9:00am - 11:00am	Monday 20th July 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.

For more information about CP@Clinic, please call:
Primary Care Connect at (03) 5823 3200 to speak to our friendly Consumer Care Team.



Family Medicine



Contact Us:
309 Wyndham Street, Shepparton
(03) 5823 3200
/primarycareconnect

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Home Care Service

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- Personal care (showering, dressing, grooming)
- Housekeeping and laundry
- Transport and shopping
- Social connection and companionship
- Meals on Wheels - fresh, home style meals delivered daily
- Allied health and medication support
- Medication and nursing support
- Respite for carers
- Guidance with My Aged Care access

Contact Us

03 5736 2900
22 Church Street, Nagambie 3608

Murchison RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2026 Murchison War Memorial, Stevenson St Murchison



- Assembly @ 5.30am
- Commencement 5.40am
- Conclusion 6.30am
- Breakfast from 6.30am.

The Murchison RSL will be selling ANZAC Pins in the lead up to ANZAC Day. Pin sales will commence on Easter Saturday and will continue outside Super Valu Fridays to Sundays from 8.30am – 12 noon approx. also on certain days at The Railway Hotel, Murchison East. So, grab a pin or just say hello to our volunteers, a smiling face, a wave or quick chat makes our day as much as a donation or sale. -All funds raised are used to support veterans with 50% for use to support local veterans & their families and 50% for veterans throughout Victoria.

The Dawn Service will be held at the War Memorial on Stevenson Street. Breakfast and coffee will be available at the conclusion of the service at the Community Centre, RSL, thanks to King Billy Coffee and the Men's Shed on the BBQ.

Refurbishment of the WWI and WWII honour boards are underway and unless something major and unforeseen occurs, will be completed by the Dawn Service.

If you feel inclined to get involved and volunteer, or you are a veteran that could use assistance with something, please email us at murchrsl@outlook.com.

We look forward to seeing you in the lead up to, and at the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day.

Lest We Forget

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

Murchison Retirement Village Inc.

Murchison Retirement Village is a not-for-profit incorporated association owned by the Murchison community and managed by an annually elected volunteer committee.

Two fully renovated Retirement Village units are now available.

If you are interested in viewing one of our two fully renovated units, feel free to give us a call for a completely obligation-free chat about what is involved in applying to become a Wybalena Retirement Village resident.

Each of our units has a bright outlook and is fitted with floor coverings, drapes, underfloor heating, reverse-cycle air conditioning, and a fully renovated kitchen and bathroom. A large community room is located on our property, and a community garden is available to our residents.

Wybalena is conveniently located within an easy walk of all that Murchison has to offer. Attractive surroundings, including well-maintained gardens, are provided in a safe and friendly environment.

As part of our journey to find new residents for these units, we held an open afternoon on Sunday, 15th March, where potential interested parties were able to chat with us over a cuppa and have a look through our two units. We were fortunate to have members of the Men's Shed and Ladies Shed in attendance, and Jessie and her team had the Neighbourhood House open as well. Their support was greatly appreciated. The afternoon was well attended, and we valued and appreciated those who made the time to pop in for a chat.

Financially, the current unit price has a maximum upfront ingoing payment of \$110,950. A portion (approximately half) of this ingoing payment is refundable when the resident permanently leaves the unit. A maintenance fee is charged monthly and is currently \$396. This fee covers management and administration costs, council & water rates, gardening, infrastructure insurance, maintenance of units and communal areas, and the resident's emergency alarm system. All fees are reviewed annually.



If the time is not right at the moment, why not join our obligation-free waiting list?

Our Committee of Management maintains an obligation-free waiting list of people who may be interested in moving into a unit in the future. As units become available, this list is used to determine the next eligible resident(s). Completion of the Expression of Interest/Application Form ensures that you will be contacted when a unit becomes available.

For more information or if you would like one of these forms to complete so your name can be added to our waiting list, please contact any of the committee members listed below.

Contacts

Further information on the two available units, or to be involved with the Murchison Retirement Village generally, please phone any of the following committee members, or email wyalena25@gmail.com, through our postal address - PO Box 29, Murchison, 3610

Stan McMaster, President phone 0416 052 885 Rodney Harrison phone 0407 869 724

Marg McMaster, Secretary phone 0417 262 213 Sue Schmitke phone 0410 218 484

Lee Gardiner, Treasurer phone 0438 464 913 Janet Clarke phone 0438 309 275

Gerry Kleyn-Hesselink phone 0408 123 536 Leanne Beard phone 0400 000 234

CFA MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE

By Bob Langford

Hello Murchison, as the seasons change, our emphasis on fire prevention also changes with our gradual movement indoors to escape the winter weather. There are several different aspects to fires in the cooler weather with potential threats coming from indoor appliances and **HOME FIRE SAFETY** is the emphasis for the next few months. We at CFA know just how important this is to the community and we have several matters to think about but firstly for the May issue we cover those highly important smoke alarms.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES. Working smoke alarms are one of the foundations of successful home fire safety. CFA have long been urging residents to use the end or return of daylight saving as a reminder to check and clean their alarms and fit new batteries if required. Doing so provides a twice-yearly check. Some smoke alarms, especially those fitted by CFA are of the Lithium-Ion battery type which has a 10 year working life but still require periodic testing and cleaning. Smoke alarms are needed to alert occupiers to the presence of smoke which emanating from another part of the residence or during the sleeping period when the human sense of smell is dormant.

Fires are fast

■ Within 30 seconds of ignition, working smoke alarms should have detected the fire and alerted your family.

■ Within 60 seconds and no warning, the fire goes unchecked and will quickly take hold giving off poisonous smoke and fumes.

■ Within 3 minutes the fire may reach in excess of 800 degrees Celcius. All of the room contents will be on fire and it may have already spread to other rooms in the house.

Remember 'Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives so look after yours !

Also please ensure you have a **fire escape plan** drawn up and ready to put into effect in case of emergency. Include your family members and children so that it is well understood, and don't forget to include provision for your pets.

CFA's Smoke Alarm Installation programme will resume over the winter months. Further details will be given in next months 3610 and on Brigade and Community Facebook social pages.

Did you test your smoke alarms when we changed our clocks on Sunday April 5th ?
If you forgot or neglected to check, please do it now !

One other important task is before lighting your solid fuel fire is to clean your flue of carbonaceous residue, a build up of which is highly flammable. If this occurs it can make a mess of your residence. Fire crews won't respond to requests to remove footwear on emergency response so remember to avoid the problem where possible and **CLEAN YA FLUE, BLUE !**

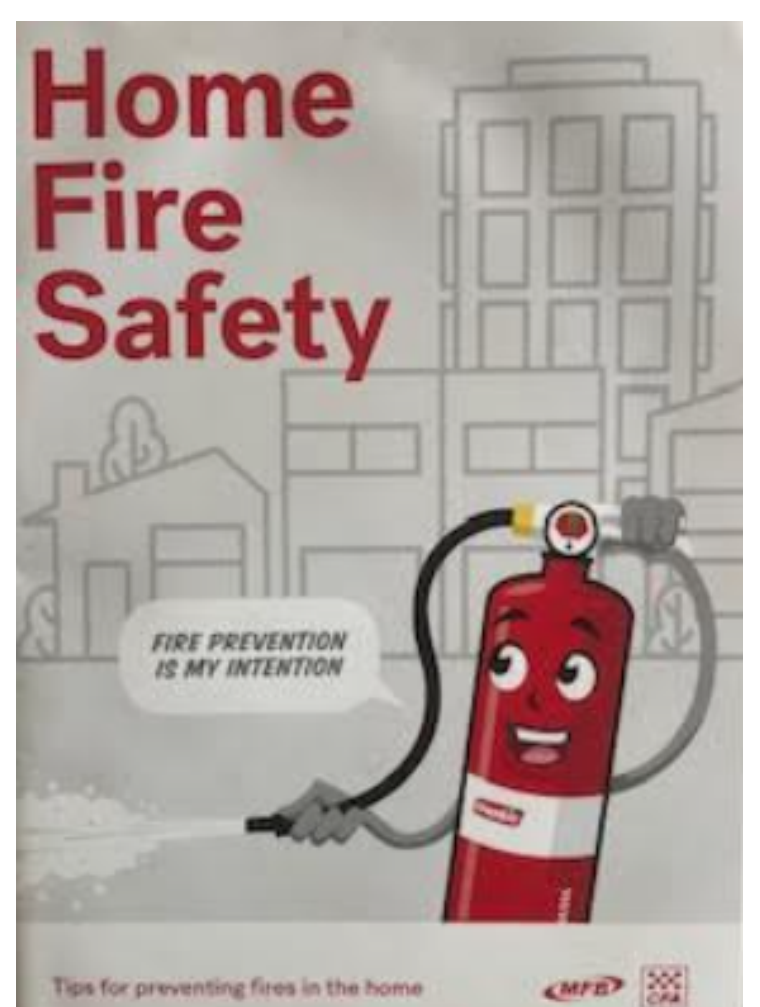
Home Fire Safety starts and finishes with you !

Read the CFA publication 'HOME FIRE SAFETY' available free from the Murchison Bakery and Supa Value stores and upon request from CFA Murchison Fire Brigade.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS were terminated by CFA on 30th March 2026 however despite recent rains it is important to remain vigilant. You must register your burn offs, check weather conditions and follow local council laws and regulations. You are legally responsible for safe burning all year round and failure to monitor and prevent escapes may result in legal action. Also registering your burn off ensures that if someone reports smoke, the incident will be checked with the burn off register which will then prevent volunteer firefighters being taken away from workplaces, families and potentially genuine emergencies.

Landowners can register their burn off online at firepermits.vic.gov.au or via 1800 668 511

**Always ensure a means of extinguishment is at hand.
Remember – you light it, you own it !**



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GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL 2026 Hearty congratulations to the members of both Murchison CFA and SES for their hard work in collecting the amazing sum of **\$8095.40** from kind community donations. Well done to all concerned.

DAYS MILL OPEN DAY SUNDAY 10 TH MAY 2026 (MOTHERS DAY) CFA Murchison Fire Brigade will be in attendance at Days Mill on the day providing Safety and Community advice and Event safety. Come and see us and have a chat ! It's a great day out.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE CFA Murchison Fire Brigade members will be attending our RSL service to honour our fallen. Lest we forget !

FIRE STATION REFURBISHMENT Is proceeding well and appears to be on time. The works allowed for the removal of a quantity of asbestos during which our contractors observed all asbestos removal protocols. During this time all vehicles were parked outside the building for safety reasons.

Despite the works involved CFA Murchison remains on alert and is capable of prompt response to any emergency situation involving the town and surrounds.

VOLUNTEERING across rural communities is a very Australian tradition. Small towns like our Murchison depend on volunteers to staff community services and without these services communities are put at risk of isolation. Emergency services such as CFA and SES for example in Murchison are staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers who stand ready to protect the community when their services are called for. Unfortunately though we at CFA find ourselves short of volunteers willing to come forward and this can sometimes affect our ability to fully man our response vehicles at certain times of the day. If you have time on your hands and are looking for that 'extra something' you can do no better than have a chat with our volunteers about joining CFA. The rewards certainly exceed the commitment. You can find us usually at the Robinson Street Fire Station on Sunday mornings doing maintenance tasks. Call in and have a no obligation chat. You may also be interested in discussing the Murchison Junior Fire Brigade as an 11 to 16yo children's self development activity. It's amazing what you will find out by taking the first step. Come and join us, you will like us !



Can you give us a hand to protect Murchison?

Murchison CFA is looking for help in several volunteer fire and emergency response roles. Full training and ongoing support is provided. You'll be amazed at what you achieve as you develop your leadership skills to fulfil a vital role in your community.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK-YOU!

Thank-you to the Murchison Community for the continual support of The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal 2026. Like many organisations there is a shortage of volunteers to assist, so a huge thank-you to the members of the Murchison Fire Brigade and Murchison SES.

This year we had 2 collection points in town and direct collections from Wybalena Units, Murchison Caravan Park (River Road), Harriman Point Road and Channel Inlet Road Waranga Shores.

The amount raised for the Good Friday Appeal in 2026 by the Murchison Community is \$8,259.40.

So, a huge thank-you. I would also like to thank the Sub-Committee for the continued support of this Appeal.

The Historical Day's Mill is open again for its annual Mother's Day Market, always a brilliant turn out, one to rival Werribee house. In a setting described by the National Trust as one of the best and most intact examples of 19th century flour milling and farmstead. The idyllic vistas allow for crowds to browse many stalls with ease, you could be one, sites are free.

For more information contact:
Emma at Parks Vic. on 84272114
or
Talayah at days.mill3610@gmail.com

Day's Mill Open day

SUNDAY MAY 10TH
10AM-4PM
5 Day road
Murchison south 3610

For more information:
Call Parks Victoria on 131963

Murchison Cricket Club

Our first Season in the Goulburn Murray Association ended on the first week of March, when the Grasshoppers were beaten by top side and eventual D-Grade Premiers, Echuca by 20 Runs in a low scoring and tight affair at Moama.

Although this was not the end that we had hoped for, but everyone at the MCC can be proud of what we've achieved in our first year in a new competition.

At our break-up the Awards were won as follows:

- CLUB CHAMPION - D. Aquilina
- MOST RUNS - D. Aquilina (228 @ 20.73)
- MOST WICKETS - D. Aquilina (13 @ 9.31)
- 5 Wicket Hauls - J. Miller (5/21 Vs Stanhope 25/10)
- 50* Runs - R. Young 50* Vs Colbinabbin (15/11) & 50* Vs Fire Brigade (6/12)
- 51* J. Miller Vs Stanhope (7/2)
- 51* S. Broadbent Vs Colbinabbin (21/2)
- D GRADE G.M.C Best XI - J. Ewart (WK) & D. Aquilina.

And before I finish for another year, it is with a heavy heart that we fly the flag at half mast at the Murchison Recreation Reserve for the passing of MCC Life Member, Warwick Gregory.

Wokka was a stalwart of many organisations within Murchison and the entire Murchison Cricket Club passes on our deepest condolences to the Gregory family at this difficult time.



Murchison Football-Netball Club



MTFNC SOCIAL CALENDAR 2026

Round	Date	Team	Event
	Sat 21 March	Tatura Practice Match (H)	Bar/BBQ @ Murch
	Sat 28 March	Katamatite Practice Match (H)	Pre-Season Launch Rodeo Night @ Murch
1	Sat 11th April	Merrigum (A)	
2	Sat 18th April	Longwood (H)	Raising Premiership Flags Past Players & 1966 Reunion Players Auction
3	Sun 26th April	Avenel (A)	Sunday Game - No social function
4	Sat 2nd May	Undera (H)	Mothers day Raffle Ladies Day Junction Hotel
5	Sat 9th May	BYE	
6	Sat 16th May	Lancaster (A)	
	Sun 17th May		Reverse Raffle \$5k Draw @ Murch
7	Sat 23rd May	Violet Town (H)	
8	Sat 30th May	Rushworth (A)	Junction Hotel
	Sat 9th June	GENERAL BYE	Kings Birthday Weekend

All Inclusive Tickets \$75
Includes: beer/wine/soft drink from 1st-last siren of the Seniors Footy game. Finger food. 1x raffle ticket

General Admission Tickets \$35
Includes: finger food, 1x raffle ticket

Beer, Wine & Softdrink included from 12-4pm*
Lunch Included
***Spirits available at discounted bar prices**

9	Sat 13th June	Stanhope (H)	Function @ Murch - Details TBC
	Fri 19th June		Junior Ball @ Toolamba Hall
10	Sat 20th June	Nagambie (A)	
11	Sat 27th June	Girgarre (H)	
12	Sat 4th July	Shepp East (A)	Black Tie Ball @ Murch Hall
13	Sun 12th July	Merrigum (H)	Sunday Game - No social function
14	Sat 18th July	Longwood (A)	Bus Trip - End at Junction
15	Sat 25th July	Avenel (H)	
16	Sat 1st August	Undera (A)	Mooroopna Pizzeria
17	Sat 8th August	BYE	
18	Sat 15th August	Tally (H)	Sponsors Day Goods and Services Auction
	Sat 12th Sept		KDFL Grand Final
	Fri 25th Sept		Little Legends vs. Parents Game @ Toolamba Rec. Reserve Junction Hotel
	Sat 3rd October		Senior Presentation Night @ Murch Hall
	Sun 4th October		Junior Presentations @ Murch Clubrooms



MORE INFORMATION ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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
 - Not-for-profit organisations from non-local area welcome. Space may be limited.
 - Frontpage will be shared on a monthly basis between local Community organisations.
- For further details contact the Manager 3610ourplace@gmail.com

Commercial Monthly Rates:

Full Page: \$70
1/2 Page: \$40
1/4: \$25
1/8 (business card): \$15

Annual Sponsorship :

Business card size.
\$150 for 12 editions.
Annual sponsorship also includes 1 x half page article per annum with photos.
For further details Contact Jessie Boer at 3610ourplace@gmail.com
Ph: 58262373
Monday to Friday 9am-3pm

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Bendigo Bank

Address:
23 High Street
Rushworth VIC 3612
Ph: Phone:(03) 5856 2122
Operating Hours:
Mon-Thu 9:30am-1:00pm, 1:45pm-4:00pm
Fri 9:30am-1:00pm, 1:45pm-5:00pm

Address: 90 Welsford St,
Shepparton VIC 3630
Phone: (03) 5832 9700
Hours:
Monday to Friday
9 am-4 pm

GREATER SHEPPARTON

haag
(03) 9654 7389
HOUSING FOR THE AGED ACTION GROUP INC.



21 Impey St, Murchison
Mon to Fri 830am - 530pm
PH: 5826 2575

WYBALENA
RETIREMENT VILLAGE
25-27 IMPEY ST
MURCHISON



'Your Friendly local community
focused Retirement Village'
Lee Gardiner 0438 464 913
Stan McMaster 0416 052 885
Marg McMaster 0417 262 213

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9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesdays | Weekly |
During school terms

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.

Gold Coin Donation

23 Impey St, Murchison
Neighbourhood House
Mon to Fri 9:00 - 3:00pm
Ph: 5826 2373
www.murchison.org.au
manager@murchison.org.au

FRRR
Greater Shepparton
A Program of Neighbourhood House Murchison VIC Inc. Supported by Greater Shepparton Foundation and FRRR

Open Monday to Friday 9-3

(Closed on public holidays during school holidays)



Address: 23 Impey St Murchison
Email: manager@murchison.org.au
Website: www.murchison.org.au
Ph: 03 5826 2373

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...

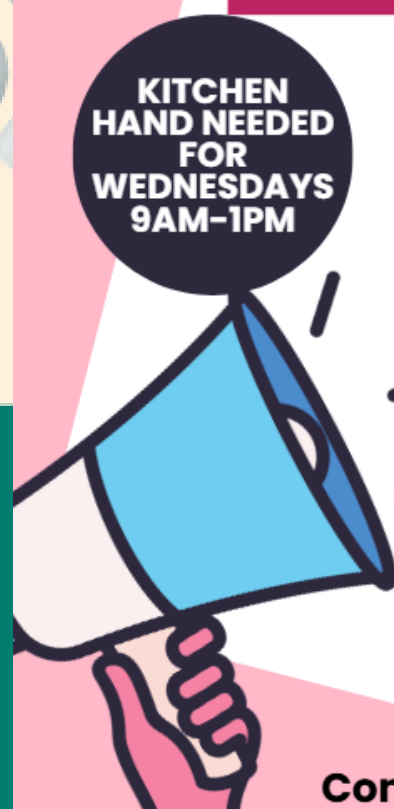
Services:

- ✔ 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE MURCHISON

WE NEED YOU!

KITCHEN HAND NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS 9AM-1PM



- Do you have some spare time to donate to a charity on a Wednesday?
- Do you want to become a volunteer to serve a cause?
- Do you enjoy cooking?
- Do you love community spirit?
- No experience needed, just your love for making a lovely home cooked meal to feed community members

Contact Jessie on 58262373

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



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Neighbourhood House every
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9am - 11am
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23 Impey St, Murchison
Monday to Friday
9:00 - 3:00pm
Ph: 5826 2373
www.murchison.org.au
manager@murchison.org.au

Murchison Historical Society

A PIECE OF HISTORY: A HEAD-ON TRAIN COLLISION AT MURCHISON EAST

A head-on train crash at Murchison East 83 years ago was a spectacular sight.

The accident occurred at Murchison East railway siding around 1.30am on Monday, 8 th February 1943, when a special passenger train travelling to Melbourne from Tocumwal crashed into a goods train from Seymour which was backing into a siding.

The impact was such that the engine of the passenger train engine ended up on the goods train engine, the wheels of both engines being approximately two metres above the track. The force of the collision saw four leading wheels of the goods train engine torn from the bogie (an undercarriage with four or six wheels pivoted beneath the end of a railway vehicle). Front carriages of both engines were extensively smashed.

Sadly, the goods train driver, James Patrick Howard (59) of Shepparton died, and the fireman, Keith James Provis (22), was treated for shock at Seymour Hospital. Amazingly, Frederick Henry English, driver of the passenger train, fireman Patrick Carton and guard Casey – along with the passengers – all escaped injury. The main line remained blocked for several hours, with trains being sidetracked until the line was cleared by 7.00am.

An inquiry later confirmed that the accident was due to faulty points which allowed the passenger train to veer from the main line onto the siding where the goods train was shunting to detach trucks.

The crashed train engines along the highway at Murchison East must have been a spectacular sight for locals and travellers alike, as the accompanying photograph shows. However, there was very little publicity about this accident at the time and the line was cleared very quickly possibly due to the fact it was wartime and as there were hundreds of Americans based at Tocumwal Aerodrome, publicity was not welcome.

Tocumwal has a really good Aviation Museum, at the Aerodrome in Burma Road, open each day except Wednesday, 10 am to 4pm. Enquiries (03) 5895 0602. Bit of a drive (1 hour 20minutes) but well worth it. Hopefully there will be enough fuel to make the journey during the coming school holidays. If not make a note and visit there another time. Murchison Heritage Centre at 4 Stevenson Street is open Saturday mornings, 10am -12pm for something closer to home! You will be made very welcome.

Kay Ball, Murchison & District Historical Society Inc.



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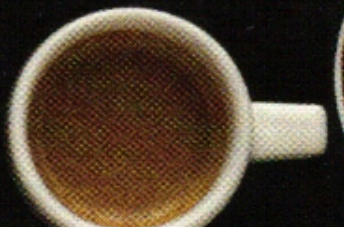
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Murchison RSL Honour Roll Update

You may have noticed that something is happening at our Cenotaph. For many years the RSL members and committee have discussed what we could do to improve the Honour Boards. Having names that were difficult to read due to fading lettering and a constant issue with condensation was not acceptable.

We are looking to eventually get a grant for a more traditional wall or similar but that take time, and a lot of it. Before we are even in a position to apply for a grant, we need to finalise the concept, design, materials, drawing etc.

So, with input from community, members and the committee we came up with a plan for immediate restoration of the Honour Boards. The new vinyl wraps that will cover the stand, will be installed within the next week. We gave the idea, names and images to Bicknell Signs and we were very happy with what they put forth for approval.

We look forward to sharing the outcome with you, either at the Anzac Dawn Service or prior if you are taking a walk in the park, we hope you are as happy with the updated Honour Boards as we are.



Murchison Mens Shed

Eighteen members and friends attended the information session on Dementia presented by Olivia Terrance, a dementia support specialist from DementiaAustralia. Dementia affects thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday tasks. Dementia can happen to anybody, but the risk increases with age, however it is important to remember that most older people do not get dementia, as it is not a normal part of aging, but is caused by brain disease. Some of the most common forms of dementia are Alzheimer's disease, Vascular dementia, Lewy Body disease and Frontotemporal dementia. Early signs may include memory loss, confusion, personality change, apathy and loss of ability to perform everyday tasks.

John McKenzie was our chef for lunch on Wednesday 1st April, cooking a very hearty sausage and veggie stew with plenty of garlic bread to mop up. This was followed on the Easter Saturday by an Egg and Bacon breakfast along side King Billy's coffee to raise money for BLAZE AID for those affected by the recent fires at Longwood, Euroa and surrounding areas.

Coming Events:

- Saturday 25th April ANZAC DAY
- Wednesday 6th May Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Bob Maitland
- Wednesday 3rd June Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Ian Tavener
- Wednesday 1st July Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Rob Cornelious
- Wednesday 8th July Cancer info session – Lung, Bowel and Prostate 11.00 am

FOR SALE:

Bromic industrial heater, air nail guns, hand tools, electrical bench saws, table saw, wood lathe, cross line laser, assorted Haron drill bits etc.
Low prices or make donation

Cheers

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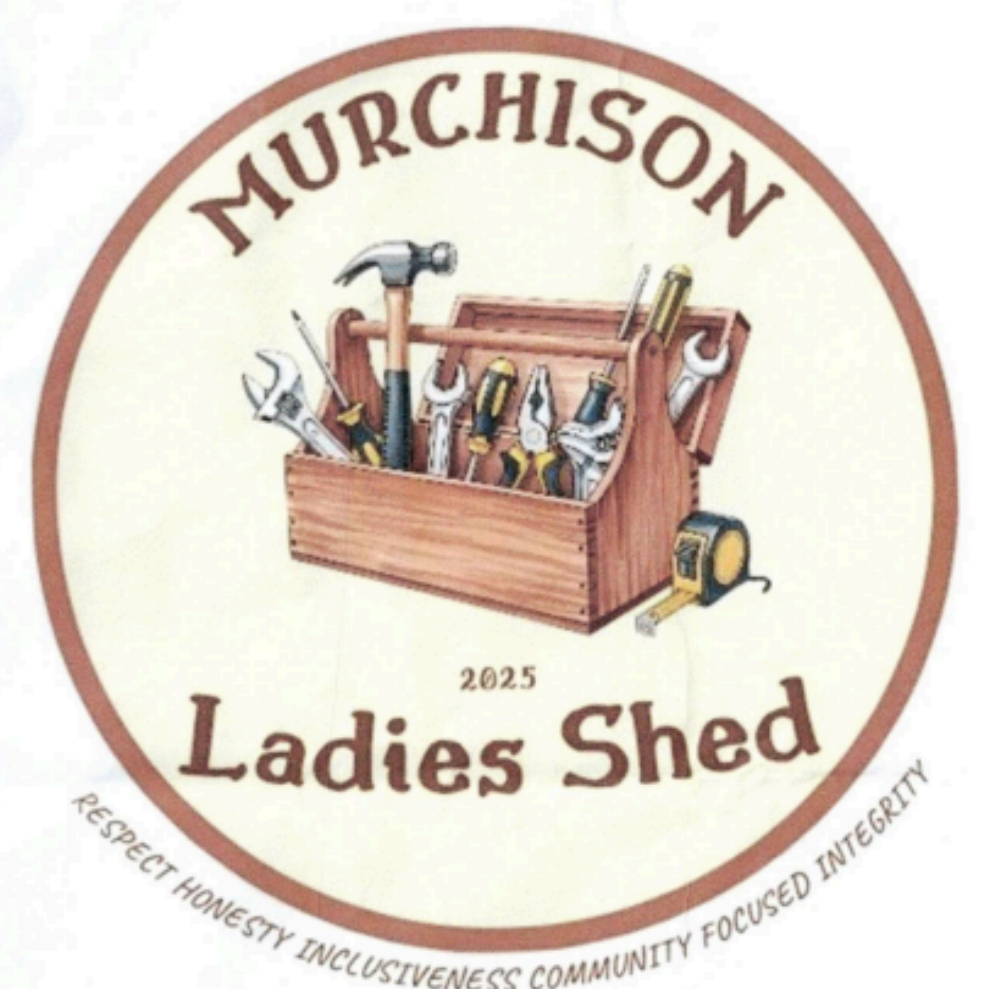
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2nd Tuesday of each month

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BIRRELL APPOINTED TO SHADOW ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AT CRITICAL TIME FOR SECTOR



SAM BIRRELL MP
Federal Member for Nicholls



Federal Member for Nicholls Sam Birrell has been appointed Shadow Assistant Minister for Agriculture in the new Shadow Ministry. This is a big responsibility at an important time for agriculture, with the sector continuing to underpin Australia's economy and future. Mr Birrell thanked Nationals Leader Matt Canavan and said it was an honour to serve in the role at an important time for one of Australia's most important sectors. Mr Birrell also retains the role of Assistant Shadow Minister for Regional Education. An agronomist who graduated from the University of Melbourne University's Dookie College campus, Mr Birrell spent years working with farmers on crop production, soil health, pest management and irrigation. He later worked for world-leading irrigation company Netafim, carrying that expertise to farms across Australia, New Zealand and beyond. "Australian agriculture continues to demonstrate enormous resilience and strength, producing the food and fibre the nation relies on and contributing significantly to the health of the national economy," Mr Birrell said. "I have always championed agriculture and the upstream and downstream jobs it supports, particularly in food processing, transport and distribution," Mr Birrell said. "What is produced in our regions underpins our food security and our economy," Mr Birrell said. Mr Birrell said while the sector is performing strongly, farmers are facing increasing pressure from policy decisions, rising input costs and supply chain uncertainty. "Australian farmers are among the most efficient and innovative in the world, and they continue to deliver despite the challenges confronting them," he said. Mr Birrell said the focus must be on removing the roadblocks that are holding agriculture back and limiting food production. "If we want agriculture to keep growing, we need to be clear about what is getting in the way," he said. "In irrigation regions like the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District, access to affordable water has become a major roadblock." "Fuel and fertiliser are also critical to production," he said. "These challenges directly affect what farmers can produce and how they plan for the season ahead." Mr Birrell said strengthening agriculture will require a focus on productivity, innovation and education, including maintaining Australia's strong biosecurity system. "We need to keep improving efficiency, adopting new technology and supporting the next generation into agriculture," he said. Mr Birrell will work closely with Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Deputy Leader of The Nationals, Darren Chester MP, Member for Gippsland. "I'm delighted to be working alongside Darren Chester as shadow agriculture minister. Darren brings enormous experience and an absolute commitment to standing up for Australian farmers, fishers and forestry workers - and together we'll be a formidable team for our agricultural sector." Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.



Urgent action needed:

Regional Victoria is running on empty

I know how incredibly tough this situation is right now, and I want you to know I am pushing at every level to secure real relief for our community. I've been speaking directly with the Petroleum Association and industry leaders to ensure we are working off facts, not rumours, to pinpoint exactly where the pressure points are failing our local supply, pricing, and distribution. Last week, I wrote to the Premier with two urgent demands. First, I've called for an immediate cut to the fuel excise to take the edge off for families, farmers, and small businesses. Second, I've requested the release of Minimum Stockholding Obligations (MSO) onto the spot market here in regional Victoria. This would put fuel directly into the hands of our independent suppliers, the ones who keep our farms, freight, and local businesses moving. I am making sure the Allan Labor government hears the real, on-the-ground impact of this crisis, from farmers heading into sowing to families struggling with the daily school run. Our region cannot afford to wait while the government moves slowly, and I will continue to press for the urgent, practical action we need to stabilise prices and ease the pressure on our community.



Annabelle CLEELAND MP
Member for Euroa
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Lovell calls for extra rail services to meet additional demand

Today's announcement by the State Government that Victorians can travel free on public transport for the month of April will place additional pressure on already overcrowded VLine train services between Shepparton and Melbourne, highlighting the need for the Government to deliver the nine weekday return services they promised on the Shepparton line. In 2021, Jacinta Allan promised Shepparton rail users that nine return weekday services would run between Shepparton and Melbourne by 2023. However, completion of the track and signal upgrades needed to provide the additional services fell behind by more than two years. Late last year the Government claimed the work would finally be completed by 14 December 2025, but since then no additional services have been announced, nor have the traffic lights on Wyndham Street at SAM been turned on. Overcrowding on Shepparton trains services is a frequent problem and passengers often tell me they had to stand or sit on the carriage floor for significant portions of their trip between Melbourne and Shepparton. Free travel will only add to this overcrowding, and the Allan Labor Government needs to deliver on the promise of nine return weekday services to meet the additional demand. Additional information: A new rail timetable released by the Government commenced in early February included dozens of extra rail services on other regional lines but not a single additional service on the Shepparton line.

WENDY LOVELL MP
LIBERAL MEMBER FOR NORTHERN VICTORIA REGION



Murchison Planning Group

Who are Murchison Planning Group (MPG)?

The Murchison Planning Group have been active in developing community projects, events and place-making since establishing in 2011. The Murchison Rail Trail (2012-14) was one of our first projects. The group is made of ten local representatives and we meet monthly. Our meetings are regularly attended by a Council Community Development Officer and often include other Council staff. Providing valuable support to other groups, many members are active in other local clubs or organisations.

Initiated to support small towns in our local government area, Greater Shepparton City Council, supports groups like MPG through advocacy, training and access to funding. For example, following the 2022 floods, the urgent need for upgrades to the riverbank stormwater and installation of the penstock were high priorities for the group. We also advocate to Council on relevant matters to the community and collaborate with them on projects. The One Tree Per Child is an example and the recent upgrade of public toilet facilities in Lions Park another.

Our current work is underpinned in strategies and priorities outlined in Community Strategic Plan, which has been updated twice and was last adopted by Council in 2025. Neighbours Day events and community consultations have also been supported through Council Specialist funding. Individual community members with a strong interest in community development are welcome to join the group. Please contact us if you're interested in receiving a copy of the Strategic Plan or would like to join our group - rhondachrisanthou@gmail.com

Over the last two years some of our activities have included the following local projects:

Murchison Rail Trail

- Seating along the trail, including two replacements, Community Planning Implementation Fund, (CPIF) Operational Funding 2024.
- Support Campaspe Shire development of the **Waranga (sing), Rail Trail** which meets up with Murchison Rail Trail.

Community Matching Grant 2023- Murchison Town Directory

- Map of Murchison and photos of places of interest, and online business directory in partnership with Neighbourhood House. 'I Love Murchison' Stickers and Murchison Magnets. Men's Shed assisted with placement on masonry walls at the Heritage Centre and in Stevenson Street. Maps distributed through Supa Value store, Neighbourhood House and Heritage Centre.

Feasibility Studies

Goulburn River Trail - Murchison to Mooroopna

- Extensive design of route, costings and impacts by professional consultants who submitted reports to Council. Current costings vary widely, from 1.4 to 7 million dollars. Further funding needed for Business Study (\$600,000). A detailed business case would allow for the project to be shovel ready if funded. Council is reviewing recommendations for a multi-use trail by Standen Tech. and current Councillors were briefed late 2025.
- **Murchison Riverbank Development** Initial enquiries made with urban designers early 2024. Currently revisiting.

Resilience and Recovery Projects

- Liaising with Greater Shepparton City Council on major drainage upgrades and new infrastructure (Pen Stock) needed on the riverbank. Project completed late 2025.
- Consultations with community to promote social connection and well being amongst residents. This included: input into Flood Study Steering Committee and Disaster Recovery Group to progress community involvement in flood mitigation mapping project, emergency and recovery processes.
- Building social connection visual art workshops - January, May, October and December 2025. Catered to local residents with an interest in visual arts. Small group sessions were also conducted at Neighbourhood House, July to October.

Other Works in Progress

- Consultation with Council on public amenity upgrades along the river bank. New toilet facilities with historic photographic vinyls, currently under construction. Two historic images sourced through the collection of the Murchison & District Historical Society.

Riverbank Weed Removal

- Urban Waterways grant via GMCMA for Council to undertake removal of weeds and invasive, Desert Ash, trees on north bank of the river between the bridge and Lions Park. Maintaining site is subject to further funding.

River Steps and Flood Marker

- Consultation with Council on closure and repair of steps damaged by 2022 floods. Need to progress to gain access to river and complete works.

Neighbourhood House Murchison

Mondays at the Neighbourhood House Murchison

23 Impey St

The Preloved Shop is open 9am-3pm
Immediate food relief available Mon-Fri

Community Meals
Monday and Wednesday
Served at 12pm
\$8 For 2 courses

Art Group
EVERY MONDAY
10AM - 2PM
\$2 PER PERSON
NEW FACES WELCOME

Primary Care CONNECT
Primary Care Connect provide fortnightly health assessments and exercise classes

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Tuesdays at the Neighbourhood House Murchison

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Wednesdays at the Neighbourhood House Murchison

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Immediate food relief available Mon-Fri
The Preloved Shop is open 9am-3pm
Coffee Hub open 9am-11am

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Wednesday Mornings
9am - 11am
Embrace the community spirit by creating beauty

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Community Soup Lunch
Thursdays
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\$2 Per Serve

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Fridays at the Neighbourhood House Murchison

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Bookclub meet last Friday of the month

Sewing Group
Every Friday
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\$2 per person

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Every Friday at 2pm until 3pm
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