

WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN

- Murchison Heritage Centre
 Back open Saturday mornings 10-12
 Group bookings please contact 0475 018 743

The Neighbourhood House Murchison

- The Preloved shop is open Saturdays 10am-1pm
 Oaks Day High Tea at the Neighbourhood House on Thursday the 6th of November
 Childrens Christmas Gift Making at the Neighbourhood House on Saturday the 29th November at 10am, \$5 per person
- Murchison Christmas Carols and Market on
- Sunday the 7th of December 4pm-8pm

 Neighbourhood House Community Christmas

 Lunch on Wednesday the 17th of December at
 12pm, \$20 per person, bookings essential 58262373

The Men's Shed

 Sunday 16th November Garage sale at the Men's Shed. All Welcome sausage sizzle available 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

Murchison Tennis Club

• Every Wednesday at 6pm the Tennis Club is hosting CommunityTEA's. Bring a salad or dessert to share if you can.









Save our planet by signing up to the digital version of the 3610 Murchison newsletter http://eepurl.com/h-iLCz

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So Much Love for Murchison

What an incredible day for our town! The recent family event brought together more than 350 people, all gathering to celebrate community spirit, connection, and everything that makes Murchison such a special place to live.

From the moment the first families arrived, the atmosphere was filled with laughter, music, and smiles. Children enjoyed the activities, The vintage car display was icing on the cake, neighbours caught up over, and new friendships were made under the spring sunshine. It was a day that truly showed how much love and pride we have for our town.

We're so grateful to everyone who made the event possible — our amazing volunteers, local businesses, performers, stallholders, and community members who helped behind the scenes. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm turned an ordinary day into something extraordinary.

Events like this remind us of the importance of coming together. To share, celebrate, and strengthen the connections that make Murchison such a vibrant and welcoming community.



Murchison Mens Shed



MURCHISON MEN'S SHED INC INC No. A01097471;ABN 47749064930 ; ATO, DGR 10A Watson Street Murchison Vic 3610

Values: Respect, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Community Focused, Integrity

We were fortunate enough to have our recreation room and mezzanine floor at the shed completed in time for the Men's Shed Gathering facilitated by the City of Greater Shepparton Council. We were able to showcase our "Wal Harrison Recreation Room" and "Alan Munro Kitchen" as well as the pool table which is now ready for action. The event was attended by 75 shedders from Tallygaroopna, Katandra West, Shepparton, Dookie, Mooroopna, Shepparton East and Tatura as well as members from council. Our President Dennis McCullagh and Jim Kane CEO of VMSA gave short speeches about the shed and the work shedders do for health and well being, which was followed by lunch prepared by the ladies from the Murchison Bowling Club.

Gary from Chevington Tools gave a metal craft display, whilst GV Health's Candice Bianchini talked to members regarding questions about health and well being.

On Saturday 4th October, we manned an American hot dog stand which was extremely popular with those who attended the LOVE MURCHISON event at the football ground. Hopefully this will become an annual event for Murchison.

On Wednesday 8th October shed members held a meeting to gauge community interest with ladies interested in starting a Women's Shed. We were pleasantly surprised to have 11 ladies attend the meeting and all seemed very enthusiastic to be involved. A second meeting will be held at the shed at 4.30pm on Wednesday 22nd October.

Coming Events:

- Saturday 18th October Land Care at the Murchison Golf Club, Sausage Sizzle 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
- Wednesday 22nd October Women's Shed meeting 4.30 pm
- Wednesday 5th November Lunch at Men's shed Chef to be confirmed
- Sunday 16th November Garage sale at the Men's Shed. All Welcome sausage sizzle available 9.00 am to 2.00 pm
- Wednesday 3rd December Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef to be confirmed
- Sunday 7th December Christmas Carols at the Murchison Gardens, Hot Dog Stall from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm
- Saturday 13th December Christmas Dinner at Tatura Hotel 6.30 pm

Meanwhile our Murchison Men's Shed "OPEN" banner will be on display on Watson Street when ever we are open, so come to the Men's Shed , meet and chat with the guys.

New members are always welcome

For more information contact

Con Scarvelis (Secretary) on 0421525665

or Dennis McCullagh (President) on 0428148210









Tuesday the 4th November 10.00am

1st Race at 11am

Sweeps for all races

Meat and Salad lunch / afternoon tea

\$15.00 Adults

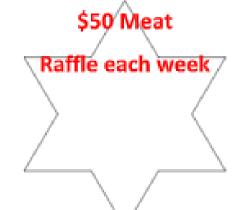
MUST BOOK to save disappointment.
Contact Wendy to book 0419 622 909

Murchison Bowls Club

Every Thursday night, the Murchison Bowls

Club is open for Barefoot Bowls, Socialising and Dinner.

Starts on Thursday 9th October 2024





Great atmosphere for all ages.

Everyone welcome.

Bowls coaching always available

Barefoot Bowls FREE starts at 4pm

Dinner \$10.00 per person starts 6pm

Children under 12 FREE

Bookings please call Wendy 0419622909



Notice is given of a Public Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at The Railway Hotel, Murchison East, On Saturday the 1st of November at 1pm.

Come along and see what has been achieved over the past year, what projects are on the horizon and how we invest back into the community.

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in local projects, be a part of a progressive and supportive team and contribute to one of our community's much needed facilities.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office, or at the meeting. All welcome, for catering purposes, please contact Juliet Palmer:0400 073 475.



CFA MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE

By Bob Langford

Hello Murchison, it's getting closer to that time of the year when we have to consider the approach of the Fire Danger Period (FDP) which we expect to be implemented in the coming weeks. Personal safety is of course paramount, but we must also consider the broader aspect of Community Safety. As we approach the FDP we know residents and farmers will take the opportunity to burn off grass, stubble, weeds and undergrowth which please do safely and within guidelines.

CFA's overwhelming message to community members this spring is very clear -

DO NOT LEAVE BURN-OFF'S UNATTENDED!

To put this in perspective, in 2024 CFA volunteers responded to more than 930 private escaped burn-off's, resulting in more than 11,925 members jumping on the truck to respond. This meant that more than 19,000 volunteer hours were spent responding to preventable fires last year putting an unnecessary strain on CFA crews, neighbouring properties and the community.

As we at CFA Murchison continue to advise our local community of the fire risk we can occasionally receive a negative comment from the public, but we have to face facts. Murchison because of its situation, being close to bushland and surrounded by grassland is in a highly vulnerable position and preparedness is important. Emergency Services therefore have a duty of care in advising their community of the risks and how to avoid them. The escaped burn-off scenario is only one of many but that is what we are dealing with in this month's 3610.

Rain deficits continue to be severe across the state, and the landscape remains dry enough to allow fires to start and spread quickly if a burn off gets out of control. As we move forward Victoria will soon start to experience warmer and drier North to North Westerly winds, and conditions will need to be monitored closely before any burn-off is considered.

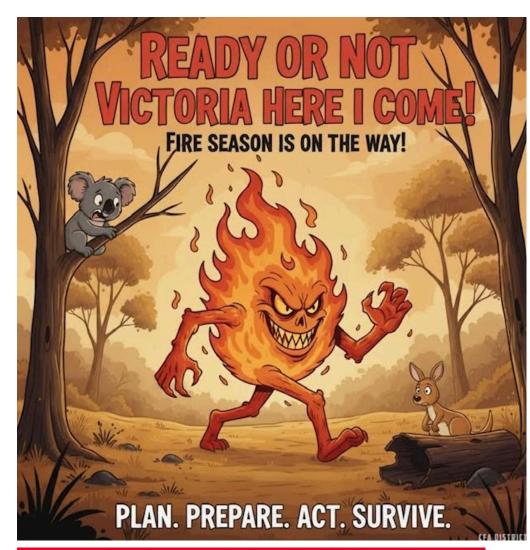
CFA actively encourages people to prepare but consider this – YOU LIGHT IT – YOU OWN IT! Letting a burn-off escape can result in severe penalties.

The message is simple:

- A 3m break is left, free from flammable materials around the burn
- Weather forecasts have been checked for the day of activity and days afterwards, particularly wind.
- Burn-off is registered at Fire Permits Victoria on firepermits.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 668 511
- Enough water is available to control and extinguish the burn
- There are enough people available to monitor, control and extinguish the burn
- The burn-off is NEVER LEFT UNATTENDED!
- Regulations or laws by CFA and local councils are followed
- Neighbours are notified if activity will generate fire and smoke.

 If this would severely impact a neighbouring property consider postponing the activity until a more favourable change of wind direction.
- Logs, stumps and standing dead trees should be monitored closely as they may burn more readily and could be difficult to put out. Also beware of the possible spread of any burn to dead trees and brush through a dead root system.

Please stay safe in the run up to the FDP and do not take chances. Fire doesn't recognise the 'She'll Be Right Mate' approach. It is an unpredictable and dangerous thing with its own rules but can be an extremely useful tool if controlled properly.





Murchison Fire Brigade had a busy weekend over the 4 th and 5 th of October with two public activities each designed to target fire awareness. The public were able to meet Brigade Members and inspect equipment at the following locations.

'LOVE MURCHISON' expo at the Murchison small cricket oval on Saturday 4 th October. Organised by the Murch Neighbourhood House this expo was to promote Murchison and what the community has to offer. On a beautiful Saturday CFA manned an information stand discussing fire safety issues and awareness and dealing with membership enquiries. Our Tanker and FCV (Forward Control Vehicle) were both points of interest for the public with the Tanker a focus for both old and young. Thank you Jessie for a great day out.





'GET FIRE READY' BRIGADE OPEN DAY AND COMMUNITY SAUSAGE SIZZLE.

Sunday 5 th October saw the Murchison Fire Brigade open its doors to the public. As part of a statewide initiative by CFA termed "Get Fire Ready' brigades were encouraged to take part in this campaign to increase public fire awareness. Residents who took advantage of this dropped by were able to discuss a range of fire related issues and meet our happy crew whilst enjoying a 'fire ready' snag. A hose running display by Murchison Junior Fire Brigade completed the day which was deemed a success.







CFA Murchison Fire Brigade would like to offer sincere thanks to the support given us by local residents at both of the above events. We enjoyed hosting you and should you wish to discuss anything further, you know where to find us!

PROPERT ADVICE VISIT SERVICE (PAVS)

CFA Representatives from our Regional Community Safety section will soon doornock vulnerable parts of Murchison to offer residents information and advice about preparing their properties for bushfire/ grassfire. This will happen on **SATURDAY 15 th NOVEMBER** next. Should any resident feel the need to discuss fire safety you can book a time to have a chat by contacting Emily Birch at our Regional HQ on emily.birch@cfa.vic.gov.au or by phone on **0447 415 849**MURCHISON JUNIOR FIRE BRIGADE has vacancies for new members. Children between the ages of 11 and 15 years are eligible to join. CFA's Junior development program provides safe, enjoyable and challenging

activites for this age range with the emphasis on teamwork and friendship while having a lot of fun. Should readers wish to discuss the opportunities available please do not hesitate to

contact our Junior Brigade Co-ordinators Bec on 0408 262 369 or

Sharon on 0438 262 172

Thank you, and stay safe!









Murchison Historical Society

THE OSSARIO IN MURCHISON

A unique feature of Murchison is the Italian Ossario, located to the rear of the town Cemetery in Willoughby Street. It is one of three foreign war grave cemeteries in Australia – the others being Tatura (German) and Cowra (Japanese). A memorial service is held here annually.

The Italian word 'ossario' (old bones) is a place of final rest for human remains that have initially been buried elsewhere. The building has an attractive Mediterranean appearance; built of Castlemaine stone and roofed with Roman tiles. An altar of white Italian marble, with a wooden cross suspended above it, and an ornate copper lamp hanging from the ceiling are located in the sanctuary. Memorials are located on either side of the forecourt. The Ossario has been listed on the Victorian Heritage Register since 2020. This unique building is the last resting place of 130 Italian POWs and internees who died while in detention camps in this country during World War II. Their names are recorded on bronze plaques in the sanctuary. Listed are 36 civilian internees, 73 privates, 2 sergeants, 1 sergeant-major, 3 corporals, 3 lieutenants, 2 majors, 3 corporal majors, 2 captains, 3 marshals and 2 seamen. One of the internees is a woman, and there is also an eight-day-old baby boy.

Some of the Italians in the Ossario died from wounds, some from natural causes and suicides, but most from drowning. One was killed in a road accident near Nagambie; one being transferred from South Australia to Murchison jumped under the train at Seymour and Carmelo Caraccioli was murdered by a compatriot.

After Italian migration to Australia commenced in the post-war years, the Murchison Cemetery began to be a place of pilgrimage, as it was where a number of Italians from nearby detention camps were buried. Mass was celebrated annually, out in the open, before a temporary altar draped with the flags of Australia and Italy. Then the idea of an Ossario evolved.

Mr Luigi Gigliotti of Kyabram proposed that the bodies of all Italian Prisoners of War and Internees, who died during their incarceration in Australia during the War, should be brought to the one burial place and set about raising the needed funds. Murchison was the site chosen for the Ossario and bodies were exhumed from Kerang, Murchison, Tatura and Sale in Victoria; Albury, Bathurst, Bourke, Hay and Mudgee in New South Wales, and from Bridgetown, Corrigan, Harvey, Karrakatta, Katanning, Kondinin, Narembeen, Narrogin, Northam, Three Springs and Wyalkatchem in Western Australia. Costing £25,000 the Ossario building was completed and dedicated in 1961.

This year the annual service will be held on November the 9 th, the official procession commencing at 11.30am. All are welcome to this moving event and it is wise to bring a chair and arrive about 11am. Murchison Historical Society will have a table at the cemetery gate with bunches flowers available from Avonlea Flowers, and information about the Ossario. Due to the diligent work by researcher Joanne Tapiolas, the details of each of the Italians who are resting in the Ossario can be obtained from the Society.

Kay Ball, Murchison and District Historical Society Inc.



Sue O'Mahony and Kay Ball lay wreaths during the ceremony



Colourful Italian uniforms

MURCHISON CRICKET CLUB



Now that the winter sports are finished for the year (Congratulations to the MTFNC for another great season) now it's the time for the summer sports to start again.

The Murchison CC will begin it's debut season in D Grade of the Goulburn Murray CA on Saturday the 25th October at home against Stanhope starting at 12:30pm

All games are one day matches with 36 Overs each, 60* retirement for batters & 7 Overs Maximum for bowlers

Training is on Thursday nights at the MCG Nets starting at 5:30pm, fees are \$10 Per game for Adults (\$140) and \$5 for Students (\$70)

All Past, Present & Future players most welcome For further information, please contact WAYDE PETERSEN on 0409783048



PETER RAGLUS SHIELD D GRADE DRAW 2025 / 2026

ROUND 1 - SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

Moema v Tongala @ Brick Alley

Grgarre v Rushworth @ Girgarre Rec #2

Colonabbin v KFB @ Coloinabbin Rec

Murchison v Starthope @ Murchison Rec #

BLU v Echuca @ Bamawm Rec #2

ROUND 2 - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1
Moams v Colbination @ Brick Alley
Murchison v Gitgare @ Murchison Rec #2
Tongals v Echoca @ Brose Reserve
BLU v Rushworth @ Bamawm Rec #2
Stanhope v KFB @ Stanhope Rec #2

ROUND 3 - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8
Stanhope v BLU @ Stanhope Rec #2
Cobinship v Tongala @ Colbinabbin Rec
Murchson v Rushworth @ Murchison Rec #2
Echuca v KFB @ Echuca 208
Moams v Grgarre @ Brick Alley

ROUND 4 - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15

Murchison v Moaria @ Murchison Rec #2

Echuca v Colbination @ Echuca 208

BLU v Girgarie @ Barnawm Rec #2

Tongala v Stanhope @ Brose Reserve

Rushworth v KFB @ Rushworth Rec

ROUND 5 - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22
Echuca v Moama @ Echuca 208
BLU v Murchinon @ Barnawm Rec #2
Colbinabbin v Starkope @ Colbinabbin Rec
KFB v Girgarre @ Girgarre Rec #2
Rushworth v Tongala @ Rushworth Rec

ROUND 6 - SATURDAY HOVEMBER 29
Moama v BLU @ Brick Alley
Stanhope v Echuca @ Stanhope Rec #2
Colbinabbin v Rushworth @ Colbinabbin Rec
Girgarre v Tongala @ Girgarre Rec #2
Murchson v KFB @ Murchison Rec #2

ROUND 7 - SATURDAY DECEMBER 6
Moama v Stanhope @ Brick Alley
KFB v BLU @ Brose Reserve
Rushworth v Echuca @ Rushworth Rec
Murchison v Tongata @ Murchison Rec #2
Grigarre v Colbinabbin @ Girgarre Rec #1

ROUND 8 - SATURDAY DECEMBER 13
KFB v Moama @ Girgarre Rec #2
Stanhope v Rushworth @ Stanhope Rec #2
Tongala v BLU @ Brose Reserve
Echuca v Girgarre @ Echuca 208
Cobinabbin v Murchison @ Colbinabbin

ROUND 9 - SATURDAY DECEMBER 20
Rushworth v Moama @ Rushworth Rec
KFB v Tongala @ Brose Reserve
Girgame v Stanhope @ Girgame Rec #2
Cobinabbin v BLU @ Colbinabbin Rec
Murchsion v Echuca @ Murchsion Rec #2

ROUND 10 - SATURDAY JANUARY 17
BLU v Stanhope @ Barnawm Rec #2
Tongaia v Cobinabbin @ Brose Reserve
Rushworth v Murchison @ Girgarre Rec #2
KFB v Echuca @ Stanhope Rec #2
Moama v Girgarre @ Brick Alley

GENERAL BYE - SATURDAY JANUARY 24

ROUND 11 - SATURDAY JANUARY 31

Rushworth v Girgarre (2) Rushworth Rec

KFB y Coltinabbin @ Girgaire Rec #2

Echuca v BLU @ Echuca 208

Stanhope v Murchison @ Stanhope Rec #2

Tongala v Moama @ Brose Reserve

ROUND 12 - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7
Colbinsbbin v Moama & Colbinsbbin Rec
Growne v Murchison & Girgame Rec #1
Echuca v Torigela & Echuca 208
Rushworth v BLU & Rushworth Rec
KFB v Stanhope & Brose Reserve

ROUND 13 - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14
BLU v Moama @ Barnavem Rec #2
Echuca v Stanhope @ Echuca 208
Rushworth v Colonabon @ Rushworth Rec
Tongala v Girgarre @ Brose Reserve
KFB v Murchison @ Stanhope Rec #2

ROUND 14 - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21
Mosma v Murchison @ Brick Alley
Colbinabbin v Echuca @ Colbinabbin Rec
Girgarre v BLU @ Girgarre Rec #2
Stanhope v Tongala @ Stanhope Rec #2
KFB v Rushworth @ Brose Reserve

SEMI-FINAL - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

1v4

FINAL - SATURDAY MARCH 7 winners of Semi-Finals

SPARE DAY - SUNDAY MARCH 8

ROUND	OPPONENT	VENUE	DATE
	Stanhope	HOME	25/10/25
2	Girgarre	HOME	1/11/25
3	Rushworth	HOME	8/11/25
4	Moama	HOME	15/11/25
5	Bamawm Lockington Utd.	Bamawm #2	22/11/25
6	Kyabram Fire Brigade	HOME	29/11/25
7	Tongala	HOME	6/12/25
8	Colbinabbin	Colbinabbin Rec. Reserve	13/12/25
9	Echuca	HOME	20/12/25
10	Rushworth	Girgarre #2	17/1/26
10	GENERAL BYE. AUSTRALIA	DAY WEEKEND	24/1/26
11	Stanhope	Stanhope #2	31/1/26
12	Girgarre	Girgarre #2	7/2/26
13	Kyabram Fire Brigade	Stanhope #2	14/2/26
14	Moama	Brick Alley, Moama	21/2/26
	NALS - 28/2/26 1 v 4, 2 v 3. GRAN	D FINAL: March 7. Winners of S	emi Finals

MIDALISON CC COLLIDION MIDDAY CHARET







\$10 Per Adult Per Week (\$140)

\$5 Students Per Person Per Week (\$70)

Please see Daniel Aquilina before every game to sort out payments.

Training is on Thursday's nights starting at 5:30pm at the ground.

All past, present and future players welcome in our new beginning in the Goulburn Murray C.A.

For further information, please contact:

WAYDE PETERSEN: 0409 783 048

KEEP OUR POOL OPEN

Murchison Community Swimming Pool is calling for HELP!

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR POOL OPEN

Can you help with any of the following:

- Sell meat raffle tickets at The East on a friday night
- · Help on a working bee for pre open spruce up
- · Work in the Kiosk
- · Help with event set ups
- Share ideas to help us make money to stay open
- Help tend a stall
- Be part of our teeny tiny committee and share ideas
- Come to our meeting for moral support



Next pool meeting 25th September, 6pm at Historical Society

Contact Jackie 0411 106 096

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

\$8 PER

SESSION

BOOKINGS

ESSENTIAL

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

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1/8 (business card): \$15

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Business card size.

\$150 for 12 editions.

Annual sponsorship also includes

1x half page article per annum with photos.

For further details Contact Jessie Boer at

3610ourplace@gmail.com

Ph: 58262373

Monday to Friday 9am-3pm

LOCAL **ADVERTS**

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

OUR community health connection





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ses.vic.gov.au/joinus.



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 nonjudgemental assistance







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



St Vincent de Paul Society VICTORIA



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



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Neighbourhood House Murchison (Vic) 2025 Annual Program Guide

Open Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm

(Please note: Programs/Activites don't operate during school holidays or public holidays)

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

PRELOVED SHOP

Murchison Preloved Shop

Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm Preloved goods at very low prices Clothing, Toys, Kitchen goods, etc.

Community Book Store

Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm Great quality books at low prices

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Food Share Program

Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm Donation | Replenished every week

FREE Fruit & Vegetable Exchange

Help yourself to Fruit & Vegies (Donate:

Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm

Community Meals

Every Monday & Wednesday 12pm - 1pm | 2 Courses | \$8 Per Serve Enjoy a lovely home cooked meal along with other members of the community Everyone is welcome

Coffee Hub

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 9am - Ilíam \$5 Coffee & a home made sweet or \$3 for just a coffee or tea

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE SERVICES

- Commercial Kitchen Hire
- -Room Hire
- Private Office Hire

Please contact the Neighbourhood House Manager for availability and prices on 58242373

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Every Friday | 2pm - 3pm | FREE

Community Computer

Computer Available & WIFI | FREE Monday to Friday | 9am-3pm Printing, Photocopying, Scanning | Fee's apply

Laundry Services Available

Washing | Drying \$3 Per Wash or Dry

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Published Monthly | Contact the Neighbourhood House Manager if you'd like to help on 58262373

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Housing for the Aged Action Group

Providing housing assistance to seniors who need help

Primary Care Connect Paramedic Program

Free health assessments, blood pressure checks, diabetes checks

Community Calendar of Events

Neighbourhood House Murchison plans multiple events for all members of the Community to join such as Fund Raising Activities, Town Events, Christmas Carols and more To get involved or to find out whats happening please speak to the Neighbourhood House Manager on 58262373

Got an Idea!!!

Please reach out to the Neighbourhood House Manager to share your idea or to start up a Community Activity on 58262373

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Murchison Walking Group

Tuesday & Thursday | 9:30am FREE | Departs from the Neighbourhood House

Community Garden

Wednesday 9am - 11am | FREE 19 Impey St, Murchison Embrace the community spirit by helping to create a garden to be shared by all

Murchison Gardening Group

4th Wednesday of the month SI Per Person

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Murchison Readers Group

Last Friday of the month 10am - Ilam | \$2 Per Person Enjoy the pleasure of each others company while discussing books

Sewing Group

Friday | Ilam - 2pm | \$2 Per Person BYO Anyone is welcome to join

Art and Craft Group

Monday | 10am - 2pm | S2 Per Person Create your very own masterpiece.

SKILLS AND TRAINING

IT Support

murchison.org.au

Wednesdays | Fortnightly 930am - 230pm | Gold coin donation Bring your own device

Skill Building Workshops

Workshops are planned monthly and published through communication channels, social media and flyers

























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Family Medicine







<u>Transparency needed on Dhurringile Prison future</u>

The Nationals' Member for Euroa, Annabelle Cleeland, has again called for transparency from the Allan Labor Government over the future of Dhurringile Prison, after receiving no response from the Minister for Corrections to questions raised two months ago.

Ms Cleeland said the Minister has failed to provide any clarity on what decisions are being made about the future use of the Dhurringile site, or whether any expressions of interest have been sought for redevelopment. "These were straightforward questions about what plans exist for the former prison site and who, if anyone, is

being consulted. Yet, once again, we've heard nothing back," Ms Cleeland said.

"This is the same lack of transparency we saw last year when I first raised these concerns in Parliament and was met with vague and outdated responses that ignored the reality that the prison had already closed and begun decommissioning."

Ms Cleeland said the government's continued silence was deeply frustrating for the wider Dhurringile community, which has been left in the dark for over a year.

"The closure of this facility affected local workers and the regional economy, and yet there's been no meaningful engagement with the community about what comes next," Ms Cleeland said.

"One thing I can't wrap my head around is how the Allan Labor Government closed Dhurringile Prison overnight, through the media no less.

"This was a highly successful low-security prison that not only helped reintegrate people into the community, but also contributed more than \$20 million every year into the local economy. That vital support was ripped away with no warning to staff, prisoners, or locals."

Ms Cleeland said she recently met with the Planning Minister to press for groups like Destination Goulburn Valley (DGV) to have the opportunity to put forward their vision for the site through an expression of interest process. "Thankfully, organisations like DGV aren't willing to let this site sit idle. Their proposal to transform Dhurringile into an event space, accommodation, venue, and even an equine facility is the kind of creative, community-driven plan we need," Ms Cleeland said.

"When I sat down with Eugenie and Natalie from DGV, I was struck by their determination to deliver jobs and opportunity while respecting the site's historical significance.

"As the old saying goes, 'you may say I'm a dreamer, but I am not the only one.' These women, and many others, are dreaming on behalf of our community." Ms Cleeland said she would continue pressing the government to ensure that community groups with strong proposals are not shut out. "Twenty million dollars was ripped out of our economy overnight. It must be returned to where it belongs, right here in our region."



Photo caption: Destination Goulburn Valley's Natalie Akers and Eugenie Stragalinos, joined by The Nationals' Member for Euroa, Annabelle Cleeland, and Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell.







Lovell urges state government to speed up approval for flood recovery funds

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell

has slammed the Allan Labor Government for causing lengthy delays in approving flood recovery funding claims for local councils, and called on the government to speed up the approval process for all outstanding claims. Yesterday the Victorian Auditor-General's Office released its report Relief and Recovery Funding for the 2022 Floods, which revealed that the Allan Labor Government took an average of 214 days to approve flood-related claims, and at one stage the average processing time hit a peak of 429 days. Local government authorities can make claims for reimbursement of the cost of relief and recovery activities following a natural disaster. Councils can also submit certified cost estimates for funding approval when they need to reconstruct damaged public assets like roads and bridges. For certified estimates, approval is necessary before the works can start. Ms Lovell spoke in parliament on the day of the report's release to say it was deeply troubling that more than three years after the start of the floods in October 2022, there are 44 flood-related claims still in progress and there are 33 certified estimates still waiting to be approved, preventing the work from even starting. Ms Lovell called on the Minister for Natural Disaster Recovery to expedite the processing and approval of outstanding flood recovery funding claims and certified estimates, and confirm by what date these will be completed. Many rural and regional councils face very tight budget constraints and struggle to fund all the capital expenditure projects that they would like to deliver for the year. These councils desperately need prompt payment of reimbursement claims, and many are still seeking funding for repairs to roads that were damaged in the floods. Comments attributable to Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell: "The Auditor-General's report shows that the Allan Labor Government has dragged its feet on approving flood-related funding claims, making the recovery take longer for local councils who are trying to rebuild their communities." "Rural and regional councils face tight budget constraints, and desperately need prompt payment. The state government must speed up the processing and approval of outstanding flood recovery funding claims and certified estimates."

Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell MLC

Member for Northern Victoria Region



Tyrrell moves to make burning Australian and Victorian flags a criminal offence

Member for Northern Victoria Region Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell has taken the first step in criminalising the desecration of both the Australian and Victorian flags in the State of Victoria, moving a motion in the Legislative Council calling on the Allan Labor Government to enact legislation to criminalise the act.

In her motion, Ms Tyrrell said that the Australian national flag and Victorian State Flag was the enduring symbol of the nation, representing Australian history, values and unity.

The motion comes after the burning of an Australian flag by pro-Palestine protesters at a rally in Melbourne in early August.

"Like many Victorians, I was disgusted by the scenes of the Australian flag being set alight and destroyed by so called 'peaceful' protesters," Ms Tyrrell said.

"Such desecration of our flags symbolises an attack on our State and our Country and is not an acceptable act of protest."

In her motion, Ms Tyrrell referenced a recent poll commissioned by the Institute of Public Affairs that found 77 per cent of those polled believed that burning the Australian national flag should be against the law.

"There is too much divisiveness in our society; I believe our flags represent our unity as Victorians and Australians," Ms Tyrrell said.

"The act of burning an Australian or Victorian flag should be a crime and I call on Premier Jacinta Allan to enact appropriate legislation to make it so."

After a spirited debate in the Legislative Council the motion was ultimately defeated.