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MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



CELEBRATION AT MURCHISON EAST RAILWAY STATION **BY KAY BALL, MURCHISON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Despite the chilly wind that was blowing, local residents happily joined in the activities provided by Regional Rail Revival at the Murchison East Railway Station on the evening of Friday 2nd September, celebrating the multi-million-dollar upgrade that will result in improved and more frequent rail services.

Murchison Primary School’s orchestra played, refreshments were provided, information and give-aways from Regional Rail Revival were available and Murchison Historical Society set up railway history displays. Official guests included Suzanna Sheed MP - who has long voiced the need for more trains on the Shepparton line - and Jon Davis - the last Station Master to work at Murchison East Railway Station.

The upgrade features platform extensions to accommodate the longer trains, as well as asphalted carparks and increased spaces, CCTV coverage of the platform and better lighting, seating and shelter. The Murchison East crossing loop is also being extended, allowing more opportunities for trains to pass each other.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

To all members and prospective members

The Committee of Management for
Neighbourhood House Murchison (VIC) Inc.

will be holding their AGM

on **Monday, 17th October 2022 at 7pm**

at The Neighbourhood House

23 Impey Street Murchison

Contact Louis on **5826 2373** or
at manager@murchison.org.au to become a
member or to find out more

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of
members of

Murchison Retirement Village Inc.

will be held on

Wednesday 12th October, 2022

at 2pm

in the Community Room at

Wybalena Village

25-27 Impey Street

Murchison

CELEBRATION AT MURCHISON EAST RAILWAY STATION CONT.



The friendly, convivial atmosphere on the night was in stark contrast to the frosty greeting the completion of the railway extension from Avenel to Murchison East received back in 1879, as the then Minister for Railways would not permit the use of the line until it had been carried through to Shepparton. Also, the location of the station was some distance from the town with access via a road that was often impassable in wet weather. The first train to reach Murchison East was in January 1880 once the track was completed through to Shepparton. Shortly afterwards, sparks from the engine ignited devastating fires alongside the line, causing stock and crop losses worth thousands of pounds, for which farmers received hefty compensation pay-outs!

It would be another 10 years before the bridge was built over the Goulburn River for a branch line to Rushworth and the provision of a station in the township of Murchison. Community leaders agitated for further lines from Rushworth to Colbinabbin, completed in 1914, and the Rushworth to Stanhope extension which opened in 1917. Large volumes of grain and farm produce have been carried by rail over the years, as well as providing passenger services. The railway was critical during World War 2, supplying provisions, transporting army personnel and equipment, along with prisoners of war and internees destined for the camps located around Waranga Basin. It was during this time that a serious head on collision occurred between a goods train and a passenger train due to faulty controls, that resulted in the death of the goods train driver. Another drama was the fire in 2014 that totally destroyed the 130-year-old station building.

The branch lines to Rushworth and beyond closed in 1987, and are slowly being developed into rail-trails for pedestrian and non-motorised vehicles. The Murchison to Channel Inlet Road Rail Trail was opened in February 2015.

These improvements in the rail infrastructure mean better rail services for our local community as well as surrounding towns such as Tatura and Rushworth, whose residents access the train at Murchison East Railway Station.

Join in the fun at the
Murchison Community
FAMILY DAY

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 2nd October
At Murchison Golf Club

\$10 Entry
Golf Competition
11am - 3pm

Games
2pm - 4pm
BBQ & Drinks

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

MURCHISON FAMILY & COMMUNITY DAY AT MURCHISON GOLF CLUB

Neighbourhood House Murchison is partnering with Murchison Golf Club to host a Family & Community Day on Sunday, 2nd October. The event will be held at the Golf Course on Murchison-Violet Town Road from 11am – 4pm and will feature a golf tournament, prizes, competitions and activities for children, as well as food and drinks.

The Family & Community Day provides a fabulous opportunity for the whole town to get together after a rainy winter and a couple of years of COVID uncertainty, and to raise some funds for community organisations to be able to bring more programs and services to Murchison.

Join in to welcome the warmer months and to celebrate our glorious little town.

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CELEBRATING 53RD ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING OF MURCHISON METEORITE

WHERE : Murchison Heritage Centre, 4 Stevenson Street, Murchison

WHEN : Wednesday 28th September, 10am to 12md

WHAT : 10 am: Story of the Murchison meteorite by Kay Ball
10.30: Morning tea
10.58: *Ring of the Bells*
11.15: Talk by Graeme Hanigan: Global Meteor Watching.

View an excellent sample of the Murchison meteorite.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL : via Eventbrite - \$10 adult, plus up to 2 children.
Includes entry, information handout and morning tea.
Book early – spaces limited

Books about the Murchison meteorite and meteorite souvenirs available.

ENQUIRIES : murchison-historical-society@hotmail.com / 0475 018 743

All abilities access and plenty of parking adjacent to the Heritage Centre.



MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA PUBLIC OPEN DAY

AT MURCHISON FIRE STATION, ROBINSON STREET
9:30AM - 12:30PM, SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

- Call into the fire station and inspect our vehicles and equipment
- Chat with the 'firey's', the guys and girls who have Community
- Safety in mind and will turn out at a moment's notice to assist.

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- **Also, a special appearance by our Group -Toyota Landcruiser 4WD 'BIG FILL' – highly flexible pumping unit capable of replenishing several Tankers water supply simultaneously thus saving time on the fireground**

Have your photograph taken at the wheel of, or standing next to a badged vehicle (own camera)

Children are most welcome

Have a close look at a BRT (big red truck !

Inspect the office and communications area and our workshop and recreation areas

Raise any concerns you may have on aspects of fire safety

Enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee with a sausage in bread

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

Murchison Bowls Club

Invites you to

Barefoot Bowls and BBQ Dinner

Every Thursday night, the Murchison Bowls

Club is open for Barefoot Bowls, Socialising
and BBQ Dinner.

Starts on Thursday 6th October

Great atmosphere for all ages.

Everyone welcome.

Bowls coaching always available

Barefoot Bowls FREE starts at 4pm

BBQ Dinner \$10.00 per person starts 6pm

Children under 12 FREE

Bookings please call Wendy 0419622909



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Assistance is available

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MURCHISON RETIREMENT VILLAGE INC WYBALENA VILLAGE

LIVE LOCAL, RETIRE LOCAL AND REMAIN LOCAL.

This is our third article in 3610 to help keep you informed about your local Retirement Village.

You may recall from an earlier issue, that the Committee was keen to add a further three units to our existing 11 units in the Village and as such, have applied for funding support as part of the Federal Government's "Building Better Regions Fund". Our grant application is still being considered by the Federal Government with an update expected in the next month or two.

A little about one of our residents, and the Murchison Retirement Village Community

Judy Revell – has been an active resident of the Wybalena Village for nearly 10 years.



"We first came to Murchison with my husband John around 57 years ago. Our three children have grown up here and all went to Murchison primary school. I taught swimming for 25 years to all the school children in the district – there was no heating at the pool then! I have always loved cooking and was active on the DP Jones Auxiliary, catering for weddings, funerals and lots of other gatherings".

Judy is well known for her champion Yo Yo's – a real family hit and those yummy sponges too.

"Both John and I played bowls and we enjoyed the games and still enjoy the bowling club friendship. We also enjoy lunch at our Neighbourhood house on Monday's and Wednesday's and home help which we value and appreciate.

We moved to Wybalena village almost 10 years ago at a time when our home was getting too much for both of us. After making the decision to move John said "it was the best thing we have ever done" – we love it here.

The people here at Wybalena are always ready to have a chat and have become good friends and we look out for each other, but don't live in each other's pockets. The security is really good mostly because there is always someone at home. Each unit is very functional, everything works and if it doesn't, we just call the maintenance men and it is fixed. It's marvelous here."

We appreciate Judy making the time to tell everyone a little about her family's life in the town and how she finds life at Wybalena Village.

We will be providing a story of another of our residents in the next addition of "3610"

We value and appreciate your support of your Murchison Retirement Village (Wybalena).

Please check out future editions of 3610 for more information but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members



MURCHISON PRIMARY SCHOOL BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

WE'VE HAD SO MUCH GOING ON AT MURCHISON PRIMARY LATELY, LUCKY WE HAVE HOLIDAYS COMING UP SOON!



While it wasn't ideal conditions for our House Athletics Sports, students did not let muddy conditions slow them down. We love that we once again got to use the Murchison Recreation Reserve for this event. Students had to wait a few days to find out who had won. Congratulations to Goulburn on their narrow win and to the age group champions on their success at the House Sports. Thanks to all who attended the Athletics and our assembly to support our students.

A group of students from the senior area got the wonderful opportunity to attend the Picasso exhibition in Melbourne at the NGV. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the experience of seeing such masterpieces in real life. Students also had the opportunity to create their own portrait prints. Thanks to Karen Vraca for organising this experience for our students.

Our Book Week Parade and celebrations were again a resounding success. We headed to the Park to show off our costumes and share some stories read to us by Mrs Goodwin and our Grade 6's. Princesses, Cowboys, Witches – you name it, I think we saw it! Our Staff also took part, I am glad the Green Sheep was found!

Our wonderful Chappy once again led us in our Father's Day celebration. The sun was shining and Chappy had the BBQ fired up for a wonderful morning with dads, grandfathers and families. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the importance of these great role models in students' lives. Students also got the chance to make some heartfelt and creative gifts for their fathers.



Thanks to the students and their parents for enduring the chilly conditions at the Murch East Upgrade Celebrations. Once again, our talented students impressed the crowd. Thanks to Ms Thorne who travelled back from an excursion in Melbourne to lead the band.

LONGLEAT WINERY

First planted in 1975, the Longleat vineyard was purchased by husband and wife team Guido and Sandra Vazzoler in 2003. In keeping with Guido's heritage, Italian varietals such as Garganega, Sangiovese, Montepulciano and Lagrein are grown along with Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. The Longleat vineyard is nestled on the west bank of the Goulburn River in Murchison and enjoys the perfect terroir for grape growing.



With a majestic backdrop of river red gums, the newly redeveloped cellar door complex is the ideal place to explore the wines made onsite or enjoy a meal in the casual café. There is an open fire and the chimney is constructed with a collection of local bricks that is both an art piece and history book. Magnificent feature doors and benchtops handmade from timber reclaimed from the original buildings onsite connect the past and present. Guido and Sandra's love of Italy is obvious with house made pasta or wood fired pizza starring on the ever changing menu. Take the time to have a coffee under the wistful gaze of "La Zingara" a mosaic of over 2000 handmade ceramic tiles created by local artist, Angie Russi – this spectacular 4.5metre high mosaic depicts La Zingara, a gypsy and the migration of the Italian grape varieties to the Australian river country.

Wander out onto the deck and take in the stunning views over the vineyard.

Guided wine tastings are also available on-site upon booking with the winemaker.

"This is one of the prettiest vineyards you could hope for, an out of the way little pocket of vineyard backed by Hans Heysen-style river gums along the banks of the Goulburn." RALPH KYTE-POWELL

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Cellar Door Open weekends 10 am – 5 pm and weekdays by appointment only

Café offering meals, as well as homemade cakes and local boutique coffee. Bookings Recommended

Weddings & Functions: Max 90 seated, 150 cocktail

Additional Features: Deck overlooking the vines, annual guided food and wine tour of Italy



The Zingari range at Longleat showcase more unusual varieties, generally of Italian origin – the Italian word Zingari translates to gypsies in English and is an acknowledgment of Guido's Italian heritage and the grapevines themselves - Grapevine varieties spread throughout parts of the world in a random fashion. Much like gypsies they wander and roam and find themselves in new homes.

These Zingari (gypsies) have found themselves into our hands and consequently into your glass. We hope you enjoy our contribution to their journey.

Wines produced under the Murchison label showcase Longleat's more traditional varieties and those grown at the Longleat vineyard in Murchison on the banks of the Goulburn River – the vineyard was established in 1975

All For You



These are some events that youth can participate in this month

By Amber McNally

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE YOUTH SERVICES IS PROUD TO PRESENT

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NAGAMBIE 20TH AND 27TH WITH GNARLY NEIGHBOURS

Violet Town 10-12, Euroa 1-3, Nagambie 11-4.

VIOLET TOWN AND EUROA 23RD WITH THE YMCA

Nagambie Workshop Bookings: gnarlyneighbours.com.au/get/free-nagambie-lessons

HERE & NOW YOUTH FEST SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Strathbogrie HOPE E

Violet Town & Euroa Workshop bookings and further information 0456 631 912

Here & Now Youth Fest Program September 2022



30th September 2022 THOR
6pm – 8.15pm "Thor: Love and Thunder" finds Thor on a journey unlike anything he's ever faced – a quest for inner peace. But his retirement is interrupted by a galactic killer known as Gorr the God Butcher, who seeks the extinction of the gods. To combat the threat, Thor enlists the help of King Valkyrie, Korg and ex-girlfriend Jane Foster. Together, they embark upon a harrowing cosmic adventure to uncover the mystery of the God Butcher's vengeance and stop him before it's too late

Free Screening Drink and Popcorn/ice cream supplied. Rated M. Anyone under 15 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBKAV>
Photosensitivity Warning: Thor: Love & Thunder contains several sequences with flashing lights that may affect those who are susceptible to photosensitive epilepsy or have other photosensitivity's.

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HERE & NOW YOUTH MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

1st October Here and Now Youth Festival
The Here and Now Youth Music and Arts Festival is an exciting all ages event celebrating the music, art and projections of young people from across the Strathbogrie Shire and the region. Held at the Violet Town Memorial Hall from 2 – 10pm the event will feature a bevy of bands and soloists including Moze, Bad Ibis, Swim State, Inversion, YNOT, The Counterfeits, Asha Bright, Nick Keogh, Viceroy's, Meiki Bosland and others still to be announced. There will also be art exhibitions, short film screenings, projections, and food vans. Free Buses will run from Benalla, Wangaratta, Shepparton, Seymour, Nagambie, and Euroa. As well as other destinations if needed. Follow this link to book your ticket and a spot on the bus. Tickets are free.
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCUUD>

2nd October Amped Ramp
Live Youth Music at the Band Stage during the Euroa Show and Shine. Featuring Bad Ibis, Mason Rae-Green, YNOT, The Counterfeits and others to be announced. Starting at 10am and heading

through to 3pm. Kirkland Ave Euroa



2nd October Northeast Skatepark Series
The series is a great opportunity for both seasoned veterans and young enthusiasts to get involved. Skate, Scooter and BMX Categories, lots of laughs and free giveaways. Register for the event at www.skateparkleagues.com
11am – 4pm Kirkland Ave Euroa

Here & Now Youth Fest Program September 2022

15th September Projections
A fun and exciting workshop where you will learn how to create artwork and short films to project on to buildings and other surfaces. Bring along your imagination. Projections will then be exhibited at Here and Now on the 1st October. Euroa Youth Space – Bury Street Euroa. 2pm – 5pm No Booking Necessary. Age 12 and Over

20th September Skateboard Workshops
at Nagambie Skate Park with the amazing crew from GNARLY Neighbours. Please book by following this link: <https://gnarlyneighbours.com.au/pages/free-nagambie-lessons>
Nagambie Skate Park – Filson St Nagambie 11am – 3pm.

21st September Chatting about Climate
A positive and informative discussion, with hands on activities, talking about the changing climate and differences we can make in our community. Euroa Youth Space – Bury Street Euroa 2pm – 5pm. No Booking Necessary

22nd September Italian Cooking
Come along and learn how to make some yummy savoury dishes, which we will all get to share. Learn a bit about nutrition and smart food choices. No Cost must be 12 and over.
Nagambie Youth Hub Filson St 1 – 4pm

23rd September All Aboard Skateboarding
at both the Violet Town and Euroa Skate Parks, come and join the folks from the YMCA and learn some cool tricks and how to ride the Violet Town and Euroa Skate Parks. skatepark.ymca.au/all-aboard
Violet Town Skate Park Tulip St 10am – 12pm
Euroa Skate Park Kirkland Ave 1-3pm

26th September Projections Part 2
Finish creating projections and films for the Here and Now festival. Edit and run through the projections. Bring along your imagination. Euroa Youth Space – Bury Street Euroa 2-5pm No Booking Necessary

27th September Creating Flowers
Did you know that more than 6,000 kilograms of clothing and textiles are sent to landfill every ten minutes? Come along to this fun hands-on workshop where you will learn how to turn some of this waste into beautiful, delicate poppies. Participants can make poppies to take home and wear and we will also make a collaborative flower wall hanging for display in the Youth Space.

Nagambie Youth Hub Filson St 10.30am - 12.30pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCFNQ>
Euroa Youth Space Bury St – 2pm – 4pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/CCFNV>

27th September Skateboard Workshops
Gnarly Neighbours at Nagambie Skate Park with the amazing crew from GNARLY Neighbours. Please book on using the following link: <https://gnarlyneighbours.com.au/pages/free-nagambie-lessons>
Nagambie Skate Park Filson St 11am – 3pm

28th September Mexican Cooking
Come along and learn how to make some yummy savoury dishes, which we will all get to share. Learn a bit about nutrition and smart food choices. No Cost must be 12 and over.
Nagambie Youth Hub Filson St 1-4pm





RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIAN BRANCH) INC. MURCHISON SUBBRANCH

It was with great sadness, we woke to the news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passing. Within the RSL, we not only mourn the loss of our Queen but also our patron of more than 70 years. The RSL will never forget Her Majesty's commitment, encouragement and support for our veterans and service personnel. On behalf of the Murchison RSL Sub Branch, we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to King Charles III and Queen Elizabeth's family. As a mark of respect and mourning, flags at Murchison Cenotaph and Murchison Sub Branch were flown at half-mast till the day after Queen Elizabeth's funeral and official portraits of Her Majesty have been draped in black. Governor-General David Hurley proclaimed Charles III as monarch at a ceremony at Parliament House on Sunday 11th Aug 22, our Sub Branch arranged for the national flag to be flown at full mast from noon till dusk and return to half mast on that day.

As we enter into Spring and commence monthly meetings I would like to thank our members that continued to perform RSL Sub Branch tasks during our winter recess, it's the many tasks that continue to be carried out behind the scenes including but not limited to veteran welfare, Sub Branch administration including finance and appeals organising and a big thankyou to those members that have provided mateship to each other during the period of recess, a beer with a member or a phone call can go a long way.

To Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) Exhibition, working with Murchison and District Historical Society (MDHS), I would like to give thanks to management and staff of SAM and MDHS along with our Sub Branch members that were involved in planning, delivery, opening address for exhibition, pickup of the Hans Wolter von Gruenewaldt murals and safe delivery back home to Murchison, with special mention to Kay Ball from MDHS and thanks to Warick Gregory RSL for representing our Murchison Sub Branch and addressing the opening exhibition. Special mention also with thanks to Bob Cornelius RSL who once again was very quick to offer his services and provide the transport of murals to and from SAM.

Planning for Remembrance Day activities are well under way and we as a Sub Branch of RSL look forward to involvement from our local primary school and community groups in providing a service for our community that honours and remembers those that served our nation.

Justin Appleton, President - Murchison RSL Subbranch.

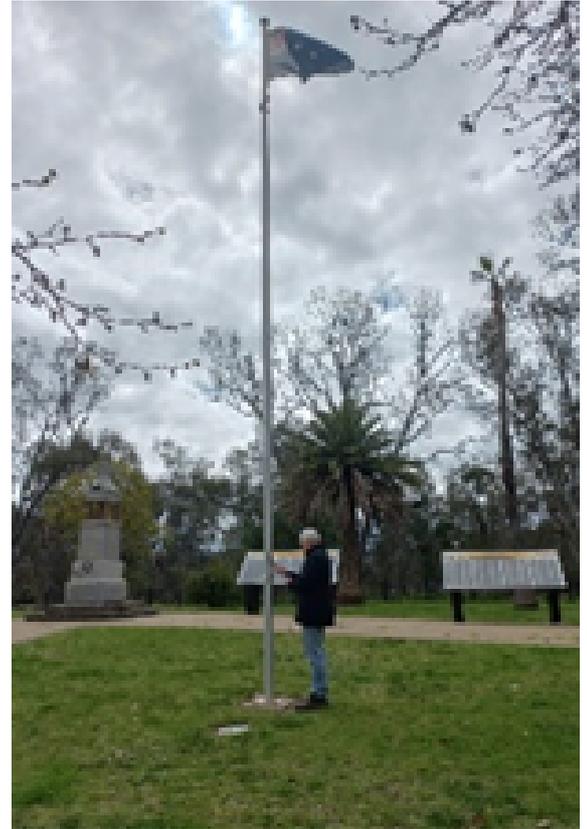
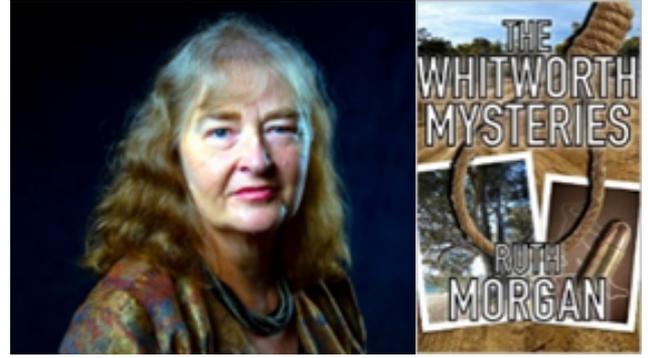


PHOTO: Murchison RSL Appeals Officer of several years and Somalia Veteran Luke Appleton performing flag duties during the period of mourn of our late Queen Elizabeth II and proclamation by Governor-General David Hurley of MH King Charles III.



MURDER, MYSTERY AND THE MURRAY

Author Ruth Morgan has the Murray River in her blood. Ruth spent the first years of her life on Wilkurra Station, near Pooncarie, where the red sand and blue saltbush made an indelible impression on Ruth's imagination.

At the age of 62 Ruth has launched herself into a new career after winning a publishing contract in 2020 with UK publisher Clarendon House. The Whitworth Mysteries, published in 2021, is the result. The book is a collection of crime stories set in the fictitious town of Whitworth, a border town on the Murray River. The landscape for the stories, a character all on its own, is reminiscent of Mildura and Wentworth.

Now based in Northern New South Wales, Ruth tells stories of the characters and outback country she knows and loves. Her preference is crime fiction with a twist and the landscape is a crucial character in the stories, along with criminals and the police who hunt them. Themes of retribution and revenge, love and redemption, are set along the Murray River, the Hay Plains and surrounding towns and landscapes.

Ruth's tour of Victoria's northern region earlier this year was cut short, but fortunately she can now return to the area with a new, updated schedule.

Ruth's visit includes:

- Cobram Library Tuesday 18th October 2.00pm
- Nagambie Library Tuesday 18th October 6.30pm
- Yarrawonga Library Monday October 17th 1.00pm

If you would like to join Ruth Morgan at the Cobram Library, Nagambie Library or Yarrawonga Library, please contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765 or email cobram@gvlibraries.com.au nagambie@gvlibraries.com.au or yarrawonga@gvlibraries.com.au to reserve your place. Copies of The Whitworth Mysteries will be available for purchase.

For more information:

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NEW EXCITING POWER SAVING BONUS PROGRAM FROM 1 JULY 2022

As you all might be aware of by now, Premier Dan Andrews recently announced a \$250 million funding package to help ease cost of living pressures for Victorian households.

From 1 July 2022, a new \$250 payment will be open to all Victorian households who use the Victorian Energy Compare website to compare their energy deal and seek out a better price.

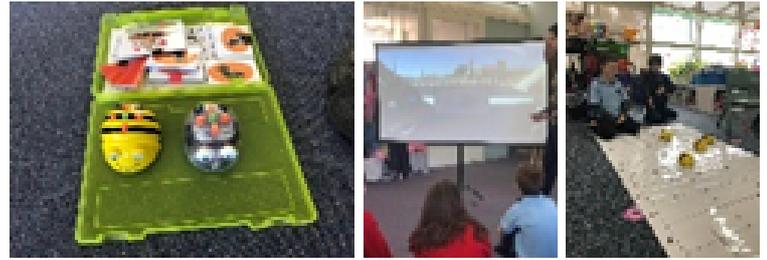
This new program will be open to all households, and concession card holders who previously received the bonus will be able to apply for it again.

Just over 220 Neighbourhood Houses are currently participating in the Power Saving Bonus outreach program, facilitated by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and Good Shepherd in partnership with the Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DELWP).



**DHURRINGILE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

'Aim High' Respect Achievement Resilience



Beeps and whirrs being emitted are familiar noises at Dhurringile Primary School as we have a 'hive' of 6 Blue Bot robots and 6 Edison robots. The robots support our digital technologies curriculum.

Through the digital technologies' curriculum or digi tech for short, students get to design, create, manage and evaluate digital solutions through problem solving. Students are encouraged to become discerning decision makers around the benefits and potential risks for our society and the environment with the use of digital technology.

Recently we had a small school cluster day with Wunghnu Primary, Waaia-Yalca South Primary, and Zeerust Primary schools. The year 3-6 students were fortunate to have a session with Museum Victoria while the Foundation to two students got to explore Bee Bots and Blue Bots with Mrs W.

Bee Bots and Blue Bots are relatively simple robots that can be programmed directly onto the robot. They are an excellent robot for students just starting to learn about algorithms and programming. Blue Bots have the additional feature that they can be programmed through devices such as computers or iPads via Bluetooth.

Museum Victoria provided the iPads and robots for the students to use during their session. The students were introduced to 'drop and drag' programming language which is also used with the Edison robots. Working in pairs, the students designed an algorithm, and programmed the robot. An essential part of learning about technology is to learn to debug our programming.

The small schools are planning further technology interaction days for next term.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

In 1972 Mooroopna Secondary College opened. It closed in 2021 and if concerned community members have their way, it will reopen as the second public secondary school in Greater Shepparton. Campaign coordinator Lea Campbell recognised the need for action, especially while a future use for the site has not been declared. Lea said "As a community, we have both a vision and claim to the site and the type of education opportunities we want to see delivered in the future". A recent meeting has established a vision for the school on the site. Political candidates have been invited to a public event on Thursday October 13 to respond to the vision set out by the group. This is a developing story that welcomes the support and input of all interested people.

To stay up to date with the project, join the Facebook group – www.facebook.com/groups/coolm/

Regular updates will be offered to the local media or get your updates direct to your inbox.

For more information about this campaign
Lea Campbell 0405 600 889 or leadotcampbell@gmail.com

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LONGLEAT LITERARY LUNCH



Spring is now well and truly with us and what could be more pleasant than enjoying a delicious lunch overlooking the Longleat Wines vineyard on the banks of the Goulburn River, followed by a book talk with Tatura author Pam Wells? All of these things will come together on Friday 7th October at Longleat Wines when the Murchison Book Group have invited Pam to speak about the biography of her late husband, Lt.-Co. Rod Wells, 'The Tiger Has Many Lives', which was published in April. Rod grew up on a dairy farm at Dhurringile and as a Signals Officer in WW11 Malaya spent some years as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. His exploits while incarcerated were daring and dangerous and he narrowly escaped execution by the Kempeitai. Post war he enjoyed several careers with various government departments which were equally as exciting as his POW days.

During lockdown closures the owners of Longleat Wines, Sandra and Guido Vazzoler, have transformed their premises into a magnificent dining and tasting area and we are fortunate that it so accessible to our local towns, has plenty of parking space and is wheelchair friendly. Other features are the impressive ceiling-high mural by Rushworth artist Angie Russi and the 'new' fireplace featuring old and handmade bricks.

Cost of the lunch is \$38 which includes a complimentary drink on arrival and must be booked on line as below. A signed copy of the book can also be pre-ordered and pre-paid for \$35 OR purchased on the day for \$35 cash sales only. Tables of eight can be reserved; smaller groups or individuals will be accommodated in a friendly atmosphere.

Numbers are limited so book early on the following link sheppartontickets.com.au/event16747
For further information contact Margaret McMaster on 0417 262 213 or email mundoona3@bigpond.com

Proceeds from book sales and raffles will be donated to the Murchison community.



MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS 2022

On Saturday 10th September the Community Centre in Murchison was the venue for a Presentation and Awards night for Members of the Murchison Fire Brigade CFA. Well attended by Members, wives, partners and some parents, a buffet meal provided by Azem Elmaz (People Supporting People, Shepparton) together with music by Adam Roach made for an enjoyable and relaxing evening.

Medals and Certificates are awarded to CFA Members, recognizing their contribution and efforts throughout their dedicated service. On this occasion awards were presented by Volunteer Firefighter Ross Coyle AFSM (Australian Fire Service Medal), a Member of the Board of CFA and Commander Rohan Taylor of CFA Region 22 Shepparton.

Apart from awards presented to Members acknowledging varying lengths of service, National Medals were presented.

The National Medal, created by Royal Warrant is awarded by the Governor General to personnel in Australia's Emergency Services.

This award recognizes prolonged exposure to hazard in the service of the community and is available to those with a minimum of 15 years of such diligent emergency service Australia wide. Murchison CFA Members who have qualified by such diligent long service to the community are mentioned below.

Name and Rank - CFA Service and Award

Firefighter Dan Buchtman - 10 years National Medal (incl. service in NSWRF, RAAF & NSWPOL)

First Lieutenant Tino Catania. - 35 years Life Member | National Medal 2nd Clasp

Firefighter Jon Crowley - 35 years Life Member | National Medal 2nd Clasp (Jon is our ex Captain with 28 years of service in that capacity)

Firefighter Milton Hammond - 55 years Life Member | National Medal 4th Clasp

Firefighter Anne Maree McNamara - 30 years Life Member | National Medal 1st Clasp

Firefighter Gordon Newton - 55 years Life Member: National Medal 4th Clasp

Firefighter Alan Rosser - 35 years Life Member | National Medal 1st and 2nd Clasps

Service awards presented to other Brigade Members too numerous to mention individually ranged from 5 Year Certificates to 10, 15, 20, 30 and 35 Year Medals however special mention and congratulations go to John Ferguson on his award of a 55 Year Service Medal.

Murchison Fire Brigade is proud of our Members and their selfless dedication shown when assisting in matters of Community adversity.

This is indeed at the forefront of CFA and Community values.

	<h2>MURCHISON MEN'S SHED INC</h2> <p>INC No. A01097471; ABN 47749064930; ATO, DGR 23 Impey Street Murchison Vic 3610</p> <p>Values: Respect, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Community Focused, Integrity</p>
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THERE'S MOVEMENT AT THE SHED.

You may have noticed that there has been movement at the site of our new shed. The wall of the western side of the shed and part of the front has been erected. As you can see from the photos they have actually got two teams working.

Hopefully by the time this goes to print , the shed should be completed in time to hold our AGM on Saturday 22nd of October.

Our AGM will start at 11.00 am on the Saturday and will be followed by a free BBQ for those who attend.

If you would like to become a member, or you know a brother, father, uncle or a mate who you believe would benefit by becoming a member, please contact us on the phone numbers listed below. There will be no pressure to join or take on a position.

Thank you to Vic Rail Projects for inviting the Murchison Men's Shed to participate in the Murchison East Railway Station Community Event on the 2nd September. Hoping it was as successful as you had anticipated. Our members do enjoy being able to contribute to our towns community events.

We also received a wonderful donation from Tobie Eizabeth who was very appreciative and thanked members for restoring her Pop's old shaving stand.

However we are not just about projects and wood work. You will be made welcome with a cuppa, biscuit or a piece of cake that one of our members have made. We do spend a lot of time just having a chat.

In the near future, we will be canvassing for new members, and if the situation warrants it, with new membership growing we are looking at opening on Saturdays for those who are still in the workforce, or busy during the week.

Please make contact and let us know your thoughts.

Dennis McCullagh (President) | 0428 148 210 | murchisonmensshed@gmail.com

Con Scarvelis (Secretary) | 0421 525 665 | conscar2019@gmail.com



Notice is given to all members and prospective members for the Annual General Meeting to be held at the new men's shed.

10a Watson Street, Murchison 3610 on Saturday 22nd September 2022 at 11.00 am

Help us reduce waste
Pick up some

FREE FRUIT



MURCHISON COMMUNITY
Walking Groups
ALL WELCOME



Meet at the Neighbourhood House
23 Impey Street, Murchison



Neighbourhood House Murchison
The heart of our community

Followed by barista made coffee
and a homemade slice at the
Neighbourhood House Coffee Hub

Do you like arts and crafts?
Are you interested in sewing?

Come join the fun
at the

Murchison Community

SEWING GROUP

at the Neighbourhood House

Fridays
11am - 2pm



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Do you play an instrument? Do you sing?
Are you looking for people to play with?
Do you wanna learn and practice music skills?

Come join us at the

Murchison

Community

JAM SESSION!

Every Friday, 10 - 11am

At the Neighbourhood House
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Empowering people to unite and achieve community goals through support, referrals and programs.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 9am - 3pm

03 5826 2373 | manager@murchison.org.au

• @murchisonnh

• Murchison Preloved Shop



PROGRAMS



Murchison Community Meals

Monday & Wednesday | 12 - 1pm | \$5 per head
Home cooked 2 course lunch | Eat in or takeaway

Coffee Hub and Barista Training

Tuesday | 8:30 - 10:30am | Cafe prices
Cakes and variety of Teas also available



Preloved Shop & Gift Bags

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 9am - 3pm
New and second hand goods at very low prices

Food Boxes and Dignity Bags

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday | 10am - 2pm
Food staples and personal products
\$5.00 donation per box | One box per household

Community Book Store

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 9am - 3pm
Good quality books, puzzles and games at low prices

3610 Murchison Community Newsletter

Published monthly | Contact NHM Manager



FREE Fruit & Vegetable Exchange

Pick up or drop off fruit & vegies | Reduce waste

EVENTS



Family & Community Golf Day

Sunday 2nd October | Murchison Golf Club | 11am

Murchison Christmas Carols

Sunday 11th December | Stay tuned for more info

GROUPS / ACTIVITIES

Murchison Walking Group

Tuesday & Thursday | 9:30am | FREE



Murchison Garden Group

4th Wednesday of the month | 6.30pm



Murchison Readers

4th Friday of the month | 10 - 11am | \$2 per head

Murchison Community Planning Committee.

3rd Tuesday of the month | 6.30pm
New members welcome



Sewing & Craft Group

Friday | 11am - 2pm | \$2 per head

Murchison Music Jam Session

Friday | 10 - 11am | FREE



SERVICES

St Vincent De Paul Support and Referral

Friday | 2 - 3pm | FREE



Quilting Machine

Operations & hire | Contact the House

Commercial Kitchen

Contact the House for more information

- General Assistance and Referral Support
- Internet | Printing, Scanning and Photocopying
- ZOOM room - Online meeting space | telehealth
- Room for Hire - Meetings and Classes

COMING SOON!

Keep on the lookout for more information about:

- JP Services
- Yoga & Wellbeing
- IT Assistance & Support
- Food Handling Course