WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN

Murchison Heritage Centre

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

The Neighbourhood House Murchison

- The Preloved shop is open Saturdays 10am-1pm
- Neighbourhood House and Preloved Shop closed from 24th December reopen 5th January (Community meals resuming on Monday the 19th January)

Murchison Swimming Pool

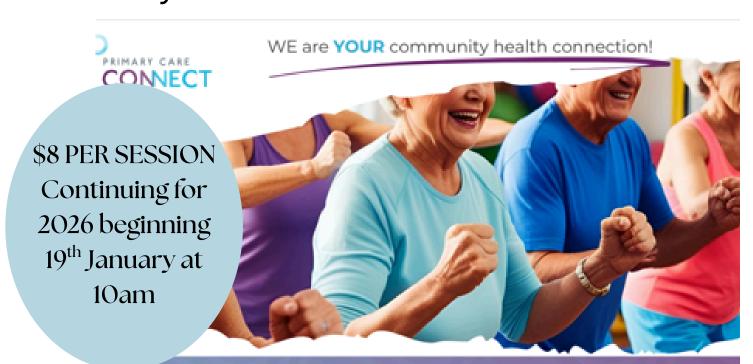
• The Swimming Pool is open

The Men's Shed

- Monday 26th January Australia Day Celebrations
- Sunday 22nd February Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Shepparton

Australia Day

 Australia Day celebration on Monday the 26th January



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!



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Murchison Mens Shed



MURCHISON MEN'S SHED INC

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10A Watson Street Murchison Vic 3610

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

Hello Murchison, Christmas is just around the corner, and like many of you, I'm excited!

I truly hope you can enjoy the festive season and all that it brings, family get togethers, barbecues, camping with friends and kids and lots of outdoor activity filled with laughter, and perhaps even some sunny weather.

Thank you those people who helped put up the Christmas decorations in the main street of Murchison, and also thank you to the members who helped with the food stall at the Christmas Carols event at the Murchison Gardens. It was the biggest crowd for some years and our most profitable for the year selling sausage sizzle, hamburgers and bacon and egg sandwiches.

Tom Cunningham was Chef on Wednesday 3rd December and produced a great meal for the guys followed by rum balls for dessert.

On Saturday 13th Decembers, a total of 26 members and their partners attended our Christmas Dinner at the Tatura Hotel. Once again we were treated to great meals and excellent service by our hosts.

Coming Events

- Wednesday 7th January 12.00 noon Lunch at the shed Chef Dennis McCullagh followed by general meeting at 1.00 pm
- Wednesday 14th January Removal of Christmas decorations from main street in Murchison helpers most welcome be at shed by 10.00 am
- Monday 26th January Australia Day Celebrations at Murchison Swimming Pool
- · Wednesday 4th February Lunch at the Men's Shed Chef Con Scarvelis
- Sunday 22nd February Sausage sizzle at Bunnings Shepparton EFPTOS available, Stall from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm

Men's sheds are all about men's health, well being, and mate ship.

There is no pressure.

Men talk more freely shoulder to shoulder, at a workbench or cooking a BBQ among other men, and this can have huge health benefits whether you talk about your health or ribbing each other about the piece of timber you cut to the wrong length, or the lousy cup of coffee you made

So if the Murchison Men's Shed "OPEN" banner is on display on Watson Street, come in, 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

<u>Murchison Cricket Club</u>

"......As of the the deadline of this newsletter (14/12/25), our D-Grade side is 2nd on the Goulburn Murray Cricket Ladder with 5 Wins & 2 Losses on 60 Points, only behind the current ladder leaders, Echuca CC who are undefeated (although we will play them on the 20th of December at Murchison in a top of the table clash).

After the Xmas/New Year break, the 'Hoppers will be playing 4 away games at Rushworth, Stanhope, Bamawn & Colbinabbin, then the finals starting on the 28th of February, if they finish 1st or 2nd, the club will host a finals match at Murchison.

The main highlights of the season so far has been the contributions of our junior players, Angus Ewart has been solid as an opening bowler (3/8 against Bamawn/Lockington being a highlight), Wal Ewart has been killing it with his batting and leg spin (10 wickets @ 10.2) & Esther Ewart has also been a key contributor (5 wickets @10.6).

Angus Young puts a very high price on his wicket and it shows with 54 runs & an average of 9, Alfie O'Mahony (24 Runs @ 6) has also contributed some hard hitting partnerships alongside Bailey Davies (22 runs @ 11), at the end of innings when they need to get quick runs.

Our senior contingent in Ray Young, Daniel Aquilina, Shannon Broadbent, Jason Batty & Jake Ewart have all been putting up some nice stats & that's why they are 2nd on the ladder, with a big chance of playing in the finals for the first time since COVID-19, and the rest (Wayde Petersen;-), well I'm just happy to go along for the ride.

Our training night are still on Thursday at 6pm (starting on the 29th of January), so if you want to be a part of a team that plays D-Grade for fun (with Jonathon Cooper playing, that's a certainty) and has a few good results along the way, come on down to the Rec Reserve Nets on a Thursday nights and have a look.



".... Murchison CC putting their bats out in tribute to Ben Austin, a young cricketer from Melbourne who passed away in a freak training accident last November"

Wayde Petersen, MCC

CFA MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE

By Bob Langford

Hello Murchison, as Christmas approaches once again and the holiday season descends we again remind readers of the dangers of fire. The Fire Danger Period (FDP) is with us and the possibility of a large scale bush/grassfire is ever present. CFA do not have sufficient vehicles or manpower to cover every eventuality so there are some questions we have to ask our selves in respect of our individual preparedness level. These question are set out below:

Mhat have you done to prepare around your house and property for summer?

What type of fire hazards do you think are on your property?

Have you a fire plan? If not then we can help you with a home visit.

When would you leave in the event of a fire, where would you go and how would you get out?

How is your fire plan being communicated to all your family?

If you have pets or livestock have you included provision for them in your plan?

Remember that disruptions to power/telephone/water/internet are common on fire risk days. These interruptions could limit your information sources.

Have you downloaded the Vic Emergency App and set up your watch zones? If not and you have difficulty as any CFA member for assistance.

Can we access your property with a tanker?

Please consider these question seriously as -

You may not be able to control fire, but

You can control your response to a situation!

Let's face it, your preparedness is up to you!

For further information visit cfa.vic.gov.au./plan-prepare/fire -safety-programs



Carols in the Park

CFA Murchison Recently attended Carols in the Park at Murchison and in addition providing Fire Safety information to those interested, had the privilege of escorting Santa on his visit to the children of the town. A great evening was had by all and our thanks to the organisers for a well managed event.



Santa Around the Town

Again on Sunday 21 st December Santa returns to Murchison for his annual drive around the town when we lend him a fire truck and escort him on his visit. We intend to leave the Murchison Fire Station at 5pm sharp as children will understand that Santa is extremely busy at this time of the year and we'll follow the route as advised.

Should children living outside of the town area wish to see Santa then please request your Adult companion to accompany

you to a spot on his route and wait. Please be patient, Santa will appear.





Volunteers

CFA Murchison Fire Brigade is actively recruiting new members. Should you be interested in joining the CFA and contributing to the safety of the community please come and talk to us. CFA is an equal opportunity organisation, come and help!

On behalf of our Captain Thaniel Meyer, the Brigade Management Team and Members of CFA Murchison Fire Brigade we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Our sincere wishes also for a safe and peaceful 2026!

Murchison Historical Society

40 years! Let's Celebrate!

And that's what we did! Sunday 30 th November was a very happy day celebrating what Murchison and District Historical Society has achieved since it formed 40 years ago.

In October 1985, the local Primary School held a 'back-to' event. For this occasion, From Protectorate to Smaller Premier Town, a book written by Derek Pearson, Bill Stewart and Keith Gregory about the school and town history over 125 years was published. Stimulated by the book, memorabilia, photos and stories shared on the day, a strong interest in forming an Historical Society grew. By December the first meeting of the Society was held and Committee of Management elected. Warwick Finlay was elected President, a position he held for 28 years and Keith Gregory Vice President, holding that office for 17 years.

By the end of 1986 Bryan and Loel Thomson generously opened Noorilim for a whole week staging An Edwardian Christmas which was very successful and provided initial funds for the Society.

Meetings for the first 10 years were held in the RSL rooms. Guest speakers, sharing local history stories and building up a library all added to the knowledge of the town's history for the 45+ membership. Acquiring a home for the Society was always on the agenda.

In 1995 the Society leased the vacant Infant Welfare building in the River Bank Gardens. It ticked all the boxes; prominent position, in good condition, room for expansion, plenty of parking and as it was a Council owned building, we received great support.

The Thomson's again invited the public to their beautiful home Noorilim, for An Edwardian Evening, this time for 10 days. Visitors flocked there to experience the mansion set up with models about to enjoy a social evening in the Edwardian period. Profit from this wonderful gesture provided \$43,000.00 and with other accumulated funds we set about adding the gallery area to the rear of the small building.

The gallery gave us a large display area but we lacked meeting space and facilities to host group visits in the original rooms to the front of the building. Another extension nd remodeling were undertaken to that area and officially opened in Feb 2015. This gave us all abilities access, larger foyer with shop-front for display, wheelchair toilet, suitable kitchen, meeting room and the best view of the River Bank Gardens in Murchison!

Our latest display showcases the achievements and activities of the last 40 years; listing our exhibitions & events, our awards, books published, interpretive signage installed, weekend & day trips to historic places, and fundraising efforts.

Faithful volunteers have brought the Historical Society to the much-admired position we are in today through their dedication & energy thus ensuring the Historical Society is a success and the Heritage Centre a great town asset, where we can continue to preserve, promote and present our significant history.

Kay Ball, President, Murchison and District Historical Society Inc.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS

The winners of the baskets filled with great Christmas goodies were:

First Prize – Derek Pearson, second prize Teresa (from Euroa) and third prize Noel Williams.

Thank you to everyone who donated contents for the baskets and for all the support in buying tickets – we raised nearly \$500.







<u>Murchison Neighbourhood House</u>

Murchison Christmas Carols and Market Brings Community Together

The Murchison Christmas Carols and Market was a wonderful celebration of community spirit, with over 500 people coming together to enjoy a festive evening filled with live music, great food, vibrant market stalls, and plenty of activities for kids. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with families, friends, and visitors soaking up the Christmas cheer. Live music set the tone for the evening, creating a relaxed and joyful vibe that carried across the event. Food vendors and market stalls were kept busy throughout the night, while children enjoyed a range of fun activities that added to the excitement. A heartfelt thank you goes to the incredible volunteers, whose time, energy, and dedication helped bring the event to life. Without their support, the night simply wouldn't have been possible.

Special thanks to Bridie, who once again made the music look effortless and helped create such a memorable soundtrack for the evening.

Most importantly, thank you to the Murchison community for coming together to celebrate, connect, and share in the Christmas spirit. Events like this truly highlight what makes Murchison such a special place.

We look forward to celebrating again with you next year 🎄 🦮



Community Christmas Lunch Celebrates Connection and Generosity

The Community Christmas Lunch was a truly special day, bringing together over 50 people, including community members and volunteers, to share a meal, conversation, and Christmas spirit.

The success of the day was made possible by the extraordinary efforts of our volunteers. Their generosity, teamwork, and willingness to give their time ensured everyone felt welcomed and supported. This event simply could not have happened without them.

A special thank you goes to Jacquie and her team from Primary Care Connect, whose assistance and support on the day made a meaningful difference and helped ensure the lunch ran smoothly.

We would also like to share a very special goodbye to Noela, our long-term Community Meals volunteer. Noela's dedication, kindness, and commitment over the years have left a lasting impact on so many people. She has been a constant, caring presence and will be deeply missed by all who have had the pleasure of working alongside her. We thank her sincerely for everything she has given to our community.

Most importantly, thank you to the community members who joined us and made the day so special. Sharing this time together highlighted the importance of connection, care, and belonging during the Christmas season.

We are grateful to everyone who played a part in making the Community Christmas Lunch such a memorable and heartfelt occasion 🎄







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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





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Neighbourhood House Murchison (Vic) 2026 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 Saturday | 10am - 1pm Preloved goods at very low prices Clothing, Toys, Kitchen goods, etc.

Community Book Store Monday to Friday | 9am - 3pm Saturday | 10am - 1pm 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 & Vegles 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 - Ilam \$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 58262373

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ST VINCENT DE DAUI SUDDORT 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 83 Per Wash or Dry

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Housing for the Aged

Providing housing assistance to seniors who need help

Primary Care Connect Paramedio 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

Cot 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 Croup 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, everyone welcome

Murchison Cardening Group 4th Wednesday of the month SI Der Derson.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

Sewing Group Friday | Tlam - 2pm | \$2 Per Person BYO (Anyone is welcome to join

Art and Craft Group Monday | 10am - 2pm | 82 Per Person Create your very own masterpiece

SKILLS AND TRAINING

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

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