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MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



A BUSY FEW MONTHS FOR MURCHISON LIONS CLUB

BY NATASHA BOYLE



Hello to all in our Murchison and surrounding Community, It is Natasha again from your local Lions Club reporting on another amazing few months. We helped a lot of community organisations and locals with donations totalling over \$5000, what an achievement and honour to be a part of.

We are always on the look out for batteries as we recycle them and sell them to help raise funds to give to local organisations so if you have any laying about please contact myself on 0448589014 or see John Ferguson getting about our fantastic community.

Because of our longstanding donation to Legacy, we had the honour during their Centenary Legacy Relay to have a Lions member in the relay holding the torch. Lion Gordon Newton had the honour of carrying to torch that has travelled from Pozieres France, and travelled all across Australia including through Shepparton.

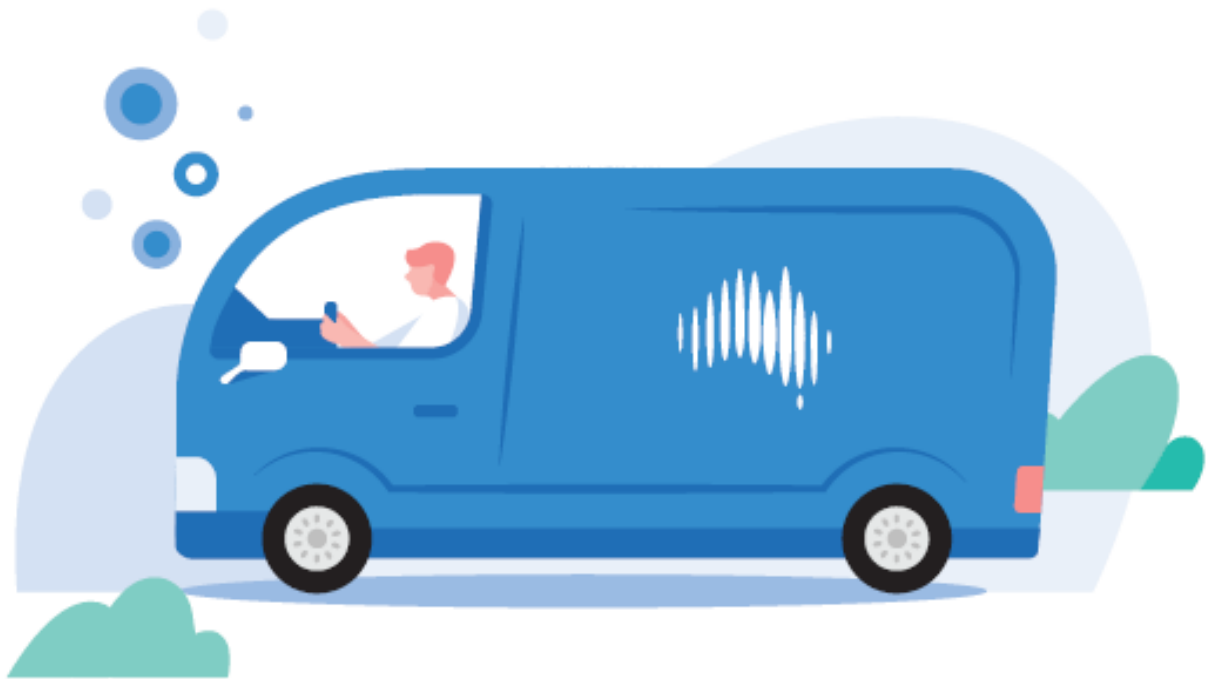
If you want to know more about our amazing local Lions club please don't hesitate in contacting myself and I will happily give you the details.

Early October NBN came to Murchison to help promote their new Fibre to the Premise network. Murchison & District Lion's Club was asked to run a bbq to help with their event. It was fantastic to get out into the community and help locals get connected to the wider world out there.

We will soon be starting our Christmas Raffle so look out for us down the street.



Hearing Australia is coming to you



Hop aboard for a free* hearing check

MURCHISON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE - BOOK A TIME OR POP IN!

Date 14/11/2023, **Time** 10:00am - 2:30pm

23 IMPEY STREET

MURCHISON VIC 3610

03 5826 2373



*Only 15 minute hearing checks are free. Other services may attract charges/fees or may be subsidised for those eligible under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program.

A hearing check is a screening that helps identify people that may have hearing loss.

MURCHISON BOWLS CLUB CONGRATULATES SEASON 2022 - 2023 WINNERS



The Murchison Bowls Club would like to congratulate all our winners from last season. What a great effort by all. Lots of fun and laughs. Great to see everyone back at the club and out on the green.

From left to right:

- Gloria Higgins
- Brian Carlon
- Marlene Lockyer
- Tony Martin
- Wayne Brown
- Margaret Twedde
- Jim Twedde

Congratulation also to Glen Thomas who was unable to attend



MURCHISON SWIMMING POOL IS OPENING ON THE 24TH OF NOVEMBER

3:30PM -6PM
SEE YOU THERE

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SENIOR/PENSIONER	\$65.00

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OR
BSB 633 000 ACC 16698 4021 DESCRIPTION -SURNAME
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REMITTANCE TO MURCHISONSWIMMINGPOOL@GMAIL.COM

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P: 03 5826 2373

E: info@murchison.org.au

www.murchison.org.au

Opening hours; 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday (excluding Thursday).

WATERCOLOUR AND WINE

Saturday 11th November
Commences 6pm
\$65pp
Murchison Bowls Club

Join us for an evening of skill building as we are guided through a range of watercolour painting techniques by local artist Meg Love. Finger food and art supplies provided, drinks at bar prices. Funds raised for Murchison Primary School.

To book: (03) 5826 2391
murchison.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please note this is an 18yrs and over event. Spaces limited, book early to avoid disappointment!



GIANT BUBBLE PLAY

CREATE AND POP GIANT BUBBLES

Murchison Public Gardens

Saturday 4th November
10:00am - 12:00pm

FREE ACTIVITY



activities
in the park

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MURCHISON RSL SUB-BRANCH INVITES YOU TO REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023



Remembrance Day is a day of memorial observed all around the world, on November 11th. The official end of World War I was set for the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month (11:00 am, November 11th).

Since the end of World War I, on November 11th each year we take time to remember those who fought for our country, to protect us, and our freedom. It is a day for us to observe and show our gratitude for those who risked and ultimately gave their lives for us.

We ask the community to join us at 10.30am on 11th November at the Cenotaph on Stevenson St, to honour the sons of Murchison and all who served our country. We remember them, and their families, as well as those serving now and in previous conflicts.

The Murchison RSL will be selling Poppies and Pins as part of the 'Poppy Appeal' in the lead up to Remembrance Day starting on the 3rd November 8.30am - 1pm (ish) outside Supa Valu and on certain days at The Railway Hotel, Murchison East. So, grab a poppy or 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.

Many thanks to all community groups and many individuals that provide ongoing support, If you feel inclined to get involved and volunteer, or you are a veteran in need of assistance or just a friendly chat please email us at murchrsl@outlook.com.

We look forward to seeing you in the lead up to, and on Remembrance Day.




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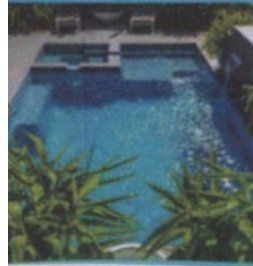
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WELCOME TO MURCHISON MEDICAL CLINIC DR. GANGA RANASINGHE

I'm Dr. Ganga Ranasinghe, a senior and dedicated General Practitioner with a diverse background in medicine. Originally from Sri Lanka, I bring over 20 years of medical experience in providing patients with healthcare. My journey began with a passion for healing, leading me to achieve an MBBS qualification. Experiences in the National Hospital of Sri Lanka and many other teaching hospitals exposed me to various medical disciplines, including Chronic diseases, Dermatology, Respiratory diseases, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation, Urology, Antenatal Care, Paediatrics, Gastrointestinal medicine, Chest Medicine, Child and Women's Health, Men's Health and Mental Health Management. I advanced my surgical skills in teaching hospitals, enhancing my knowledge. I provide medical care to patients of all ages. After years of experience as a doctor, my enthusiasm for healthcare remains undiminished. Every day, I'm committed to providing comprehensive and compassionate care to individuals and families in the Murchison community. I am Dr. G Ranasinghe, a seasoned General Practitioner dedicated to the well-being of those I serve.



Business hours are 8:30am - 5:30pm M-F

21 Impey Street

Murchison VIC 3610

58 262 575 or book online via the Hot Doc app or MMC Facebook Page.

Dr. Ganga will begin seeing patients at MMC in November and will be a permanent doctor at the clinic.



CHRIST CHURCH MURCHISON SERVICE TIMES

The Anglican Parochial district of Murchison and Rushworth, Christ Church Murchison and St. Paul's Rushworth, welcome their Vicar, Father Andre du Plooy, Our services in Murchison are on Sundays at 11am, followed by tea or coffee, and on Thursdays at 10.30 am. Services at Rushworth are the second and fourth Sundays, at 9.30 am. The second Sunday is Holy Eucharist, and the fourth is normally Lay Led Morning prayer.

Everybody is welcome.

Andre's ph. no. is 0458155930.

Email: murchwithrushinganglicans@gmail.com



EXERCISE CLASSES

RETURN TO MURCH IN TERM 2 2023

Facilitated by Primary Care Connect and supported by Neighbourhood House Murchison, exercise classes will commence the week of 23rd April 2023.

At Murchison Community Centre, 10 Watson Street

ONLY \$5 RESISTANCE TRAINING EVERY MONDAY 9AM

CIRCUIT TRAINING EVERY WEDNESDAY 9AM

Contact Primary Care Connect or the Neighbourhood House to register and to find out more.



MURCHISON COMMUNITY

Walking Groups

ALL WELCOME



9:30AM EVERY TUESDAY

FOR FUN AND FITNESS

Meet at the Neighbourhood House 23 Impey Street, Murchison

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



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TESTING KIT



Have you ever wondered how energy efficient your home or office is?

Now you can find out!

An energy efficiency kit is now available to borrow from Neighbourhood House Murchison. Test the energy efficiency of buildings using technology and know-how and find out where you can improve and save!

Get in touch with the Neighbourhood House to book or to find out more.

03 5826 2373 | manager@murchison.org.au



Murchison Community

Tuesdays 11am - 1pm

ARTS & CRAFTS

at the Neighbourhood House



Commences 13th June 2023 Some materials supplied



A Program of Neighbourhood House Murchison (VIC) Inc. 23 Impey Street 03 5826 2373 info@murchison.org.au



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

23 Impey Street

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

Come join the fun at the

Murchison Community

Fridays 11am - 2pm

SEWING GROUP

at the Neighbourhood House



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MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

By Bec Catania

Now is the time to **PREPARE** your property for the coming fire season, cut long grass, clear leaves around the property, and from gutters on your buildings. These little things can stop an ember from a fire starting a new fire.

Murchison and surrounds are situated in a wildfire prone area of the State and it is important all residents whether in the urban or rural environments take steps to minimize the risk of an outbreak of fire in our area. **PLAN** and **PREPARE** your properties for the season, but also **THINK** of the affect your actions will have on others. The watchwords this season are **THINK, PLAN & PREPARE**. Guidance can be obtained from the CFA website: cfa.vic.gov.au.

Town residents who consider burning off prior to the Fire Danger Period are recommended to contact the Shepparton Council first and check the by-laws covering this particular activity. Landholders in the rural sector are recommended to advise CFA by calling and registering their burn off to: 1800 668 511. Registering this way avoids CFA responding vehicles to unnecessary smoke sightings. Please remember that when these vehicles are responding to smoke sighting's they are unavailable for other emergency calls. This can affect you! CFA Murchison has already turned out to one unregistered burn off this season as the landholder deemed it unnecessary to register. Care for your local community and do the right thing. No cost involved, just an 1800 phone call. **THINK, PLAN & PREPARE!**

If travelling know what fire ban district you are in and what the days rating is our district is Northern Country.



MODERATE Plan and prepare	HIGH Be ready to act
EXTREME Take action now to protect life and property	CATASTROPHIC For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas



SMOKE ALARMS. CFA Murchison crews are busy throughout the town fitting smoke alarms to local resident's dwellings. This is a free service. Interested residents are invited to contact our colleague Emily Guthrie at CFA Shepparton Regional Office to register for this service. Emily can be reached at ph: 0447 415 849 or via email at emily.guthrie@cfa.vic.gov.au. Please note that this free service does not extend to rental properties, this is the responsibility of the Landlord. Commercial properties for instance holiday rentals or B&B are also exempt. Readers might have elderly or vulnerable family or friends living in their own homes who might benefit from a smoke alarm installation. If this is the case you can register on their behalf, but please discuss it with them first. Remember these



MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

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smoke alarms are non-invasive and have a guaranteed battery life of 10 years. Consider this replacement as part of your THINK, PLAN & PREPARE.

COMMUNITY FIRESAFE – ADVANCE NOTICE! CFA intend to hold a town meeting on this subject on Thursday 23rd November. All members of the Community will be invited to attend. Chaired by CFA Community Engagement, all aspects of FIRESAFE will be discussed in public forum. Murchison Community will receive formal notice of this through local media in due course.

BRIGADE GENERAL. You may notice some CFA traffic on the roads in and around Murchison. The Brigade is participating in pre-season exercises, sometimes singularly or jointly with other local Brigades and of course driver training. In the last month we attended a group exercise held at the Murchison Golf club to work together and prepare for the coming fire season.

Keep a look out on our Facebook page for the commencement date for fire restrictions.

Please don't forget that in the case of emergency do NOT call the Fire Station. Dial 000 and when answered clearly give your name, nature of emergency and address, and your contact number. Units will be dispatched to assist at the earliest opportunity. Stay safe!

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COME TO MURCHISON AND STEP BACK IN TIME

BY KAY BALL, PRESIDENT - MURCHISON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



Walkers pause to admire 1915 streetscape - photo Rhonda Christanthou



Off to view the river - photo Jackie McLean

Guided History walks in Murchison will continue until the end of October to celebrate History Month and Seniors Month.

The information supplied may surprise you! Did you know we had paddle steamers in Murchison? Have you heard of Plan Spotters or a Coffee Palace? Why did the manual telephone exchange have to be staffed 24 hours a day? Learn about the Aboriginal Protectorate Station and rare historic Aboriginal Graves. Hear how locals saved the buildings in the main street from being burnt down and also inundated by flood waters. And you can admire the lovely restored period homes in the town. And of course, we love to tell people about the Murchison meteorite!

Each Wednesday at 9.30 am and Sundays from 1.30pm, we start the walk from Murchison Heritage Centre, 4 Stevenson Street, Murchison. STEPPING BACK IN TIME - a walk around the centre of town, lasts about 40 - 50 minutes, with pauses and seating available along the way. WALK 'N TALK follows the same pathway but has the option of a shorter route if needed. All paths are sealed, flat and suitable for walkers, wheelchairs or motorised scooters. We end the walk at the Heritage Centre where morning or afternoon tea is served. The Centre has all abilities access and toilet available, with plenty of car parking adjacent. After refreshments you are free to browse through the Gallery area where we have our displays of local history.

Entry is \$5 - Seniors are free this month. We have a great supply of books for sale to further explain our special history, souvenirs and information handouts if desired. Come along and join in!



WYBALENA RETIREMENT VILLAGE INC.

LIVE LOCAL, RETIRE LOCAL AND REMAIN LOCAL

Keeping you informed about your local Murchison Retirement Village.

In our last update, we provided a short story on John Pearce one of our volunteer team member's at Wybalena, in this edition, we have a short story on another of our team members, this time it is Gerry Kleyn-Hesselink.

Much of the work to maintain the village is undertaken by a very active volunteer team as part of our commitment to keep the village costs as low as possible for our residents. Where required, we engage local trades to support this effort to maintain the village and its garden in good condition for our residents.

Our second volunteer story is that of Gerry Kleyn-Hesselink, who has been a volunteer member of the Wybalena Committee of Management and maintenance team since 2013.

Gerry was born in Holland, and came to Australia in his very early teens. Gerry left school at 14 years old to take on an apprenticeship as a painter/decorator. In 1973, Gerry made the big step of moving from Mitcham in Melbourne to the Murchison area.

Gerry has always had a love of horses and it can be said that he has horses in his blood. He saw that there was a role open at a horse stud close to Murchison so he immediately applied and got the role, he packed up his bags and made the move out of the big smoke. Gerry describes himself as a "horse nut", including stud grooming, breeding, riding, owning and looking after horses for the next six years at Pilgrims Warrick Stud.

Painting was a natural skill that Gerry had and his trade qualification topped that off and following his time at the local horse stud he decided to move back to his trade, painting and decorating.

The love of his life is his family including his wife Trudy and their two daughters, Kelly and Donna. Gerry and Trudy have four grandchildren and believe it or not all of the family are keen on anything to do with horses.

Gerry has a keen interest in restoring old cars and these have included a 1940 Chevrolet, 1980 Mercedes, 1982 Datsun Ute. One of his pet projects was the restoration of a 10 year old ambulance into a motor home with all the bells and whistles you could imagine. Their motor home recently took both Gerry and Trudy (and their 12yo dog Ruby) on a trip to Northern Australia as part of their 50year wedding anniversary. The whole family love the community spirit in Murchison and as such, both daughters have set up their homes in the Goulburn Valley area.

WYBALENA RETIREMENT VILLAGE INC.

LIVE LOCAL, RETIRE LOCAL AND REMAIN LOCAL

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Over the last 10 years, Gerry has been a very active member of the volunteer maintenance team and is well-liked by all our Wybalena residents and his tireless painting efforts and maintenance work is much appreciated by everyone.

Thank you, Gerry for making yourself available to prepare this short summary about your life and your much valued contribution to Wybalena over the last 10 years.

In the next edition we will be providing another short story about one of our volunteers who help maintain Wybalena for its residents.

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 including:

- Bruce Smith | 0437 627 210
- Marg McMaster | 0417 162 213
- Lee Gardiner | 0438 464 913

OPEN STUDIO AND ART SALE IN TATURA - NOVEMBER 18TH & 19TH

Rodney Arts Inc has been part of the fabric of Tatura and the surrounding district for almost 50 years. It has changed its focus and membership a great deal over those years depending on the members' needs and prevailing trends. The current Tatura Creative Arts Group, which includes members from Tatura, Murchison, Rushworth, Kialla, Mooroopna and Shepparton, is a vibrant group of people who meet each Thursday morning at The Mechanics Hall in Hogan Street to enjoy each other's company whilst engaging in a wide variety of artistic pursuits. Each member works on their own art and craft works or engages in the workshops, outings and collaborative projects which are offered regularly. It is a great place to get encouragement and honest and supportive critique as well as to learn new skills.

Some of the workshops we have conducted over the recent years have included watercolour painting, mosaics, acrylic pouring, felting, silk paper making, silk dyeing, blown ink art, collage, life drawing and dried flower wreath making. Our current joint endeavour, which has taken several weeks, will soon be unveiled in our front window.

Last year, after covid shutdowns had ended, we decided to have a workshop open weekend and sale so the community could enjoy seeing our "lockdown" art works and purchase some if they wished.

As we had such an enthusiastic response, we are having our second Open day and sale with a bit more emphasis on Christmas this year

Our open days this year will be Friday November 17th and Saturday November 18th from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

Entry is by Gold Coin Donation and there will be a raffle of a painting by one of our artists.

OPEN STUDIO AND ART SALE



Come and enjoy our art and crafts on display.
Art and craft work for sale including paintings, textile art, collage, photos, Christmas cards, and more.
Friday 17th November and Saturday 18th November

Mechanics Institute, Hogan Street, Tatura
10.00am – 4.00pm

Gold Coin Donation

RODNEY ARTS INC
TATURA CREATIVE ARTISTS



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

During the last two weeks we have trialled opening on Saturdays to encourage anyone working during the week to join the shed. So far one new member has joined, whilst two others have taken membership application forms. We will continue the Saturday trial until Christmas and then review our situation.

With Christmas quickly approaching, we will again be looking for volunteers to help install Christmas decorations in the main street of town. We will also be supporting the Christmas Carol community event on the Sunday 10th December, so come along and have a chat with the guys.

Members would like to acknowledge the support of the Tatura Rotary, who kindly made a monetary donation to the shed at our recent open day.

Upcoming Events:

- 1st November - Member's Lunch with chef Dennis McCullagh | 12pm
- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 22nd November - GV Health Presentation on Bowel Cancer | 11am

For further information contact:

murchisonmensshed@gmail.com

Dennis McCullagh | 0428 148 210

Con Scarvelis | 0421 525 665

MURCHISON MEN'S SHED

OPENING
SATURDAYS

From

7th October



10am - 2pm

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MURCHISON BOWLS CLUB



Tuesday the 7th 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



AUTHOR MEGAN ROGERS TO VISIT NEWLY RE-OPENED NAGAMBIE LIBRARY



The Nagambie Library will welcome author Megan Rogers to speak about her recently published book *The Heart is a Star* on Thursday 23rd November at 2.30pm.

Layla Byrnes is exhausted. She's juggling a demanding job as an anaesthetist, a disintegrating marriage, her young kids, and a needy lover. And most particularly she's managing her histrionically unstable mother, who repeatedly threatens to kill herself.

When her mother rings just before Christmas, she doesn't follow the usual script. Instead, she tells Layla that there's something she needs to tell her about her much-loved father. In response, Layla drops everything to rush to her childhood home on the wild west coast of Tasmania. She's determined to finally confront her mother - and find out what really happened to her father - and lay some demons to rest.

The Heart is a Star is an engrossing and powerfully absorbing novel about the complicated and beautiful messiness of life and about how we can uncover our true selves.

Megan Rogers began her working life as an editorial assistant at Allen & Unwin, before moving to the State Library of Victoria as a Marketing Manager. In 2014 Megan finished a PhD in Creative Writing at RMIT, which resulted in the book, *Finding the Plot: a maternal approach to madness in literature* published by feminist publisher Demeter Press. She also has a Bachelor of Arts/Science (Monash), a Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing (RMIT), a Graduate Diploma in Professional Communication (Deakin), and a Masters of Marketing (Monash). *The Heart is a Star* is her first novel.

If you would like to join Megan Rogers at the Nagambie Library located at Shop 5 Nagambie Central, High Street Nagambie to hear her speak about her book on Thursday 23rd November at 2.30pm please contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765 or email nagambie@gvlibraries.com.au. If you can't make it to the Nagambie Library at 2.30pm Megan is also visiting the Numurkah Library at 11.00am on the same day. Copies of *The Heart is a Star* will be available to buy at the event and Megan will be pleased to sign copies of her book.

Bronwyn Cole | Program Co-ordinator, Goulburn Valley Libraries | 1300 374 765 | bronwync@gvlibraries.com.au



2024 CALENDAR COMPETITION

Do you have the top shot that represents Nicholls? Entries for my 2024 calendar competition are now open!

I want the pictures to be local and of something that represents Nicholls. It could be a farm, art mural, tourist destination, watering hole, sports club, community club, post box, shed, puppy, person, weather, historic site, a house, garden; the options are endless, but it must be local. The free calendar will be distributed across our region and the photograph that makes the front cover will receive a \$100 gift voucher at a photography shop of their choice.

Pictures can be sent to sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au

Entries close Wednesday November 1.



MDBP HEARINGS

Water buybacks rip the economic heart out of our region – I get it. But it’s hard to get some people in Canberra to understand. The Senate will hold an inquiry about changes to the Murray Darling Basin Plan but there will only be two hearings, and both of those will be held in Canberra. This is incredibly disrespectful to Basin communities whose economic future is on the line.

Recently a Coalition Committee held hearings in Shepparton about changes to the plan. Myself and a number of Basin Coalition MPs listened to major processors, farmers and community leaders about how water buybacks and taking away an extra 450GL of water would devastate regions like ours. This was the first leg of a tour, listening to Basin communities.

We will take the damning findings back to the Senate Committee to ensure the voices of the Basin are heard. I encourage people to also make a written submission; it doesn’t matter how short, to help me in the fight to protect our precious food bowl. Written submissions can be sent to my email or PO Box 884 Shepparton, VIC, 3632.

SALUTING THEIR SERVICE

Nearly \$30,000 will help fund commemorative projects across the region as part of the Federal Government’s Saluting Their Service Grants Program.

The next round of the funding is open, and I encourage people to apply, to help support grassroots projects which honour the service and sacrifices of Australia’s service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

The funding can support a range of projects and upgrades. For more information visit - www.dva.gov.au

TELL ME ABOUT MURCHISON'S WORST ROADS

ANNABELLE CLEELAND MP, VICTORIAN MEMBER FOR EUROA

Nationals Member for Euroa Annabelle Cleeland wants to hear from you about the worst roads in the electorate.

The quality of our roads has deteriorated dramatically in the past few years, with regional Victoria bearing the brunt of repeated roads budget cuts and neglect.

"Sadly, road maintenance and the road resurfacing budget have all but been abandoned under this Labor Government," Ms Cleeland said.

"There are potholes, crumbling roadsides and compromised surfaces in almost every town in the region.

"These roads are causing problems for commuters, the transport industry, and visitors to our towns. Something needs to be done to address this issue."

Ms Cleeland said the safety of our roads remained a priority, with poor maintenance and conditions contributing to a higher than normal road toll so far this year.

"The road toll continues to rise, with far more deaths on our roads than previous years," Ms Cleeland said.

"We should be doing what we can to help prevent this issue, and it starts with the quality and safety of our roads.

"These roads needed fixing before the October floods and now the issue has only gotten worse."

If there are roads near you in dire need of attention, please contact me at (03) 5762 1600 or Annabelle.cleeland@parliament.vic.gov.au and I will bring this to the attention of the Minister for Roads and Road Safety.





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Murchison SES Unit RECRUITING NOW

We are looking for people or the following:

Operational Roles

- General Rescue
- Road Rescue
- Chainsaw Operations
- Land Search
- Urban Search & Rescue
- Traffic Management



Non-operational Roles

- Administration
- Fundraising
- Media & Public Relations
- Community Education

*Talk to one of our volunteers for more information or call / SMS Steve on 0400 509 552
and or email murchison@ses.vic.gov.au*



Murchison SES Unit OPEN DAY

**Sunday 19th November
11am - 2pm**

Activities:

- See rescue techniques
- Car demonstration
- Displays
- Mock car rescue (RCR)
- Spreaders (jaws of life)



- FREE Sausage Sizzle
- Coffee Van
- Displays
- See Paddy the Platypus

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HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT

Housing for the Aged Action Group (HAAG) are coming to Neighbourhood House Murchison to assist with housing issues and to answer your questions.

TUESDAY 2ND, 17TH & 31ST OCTOBER

10:00AM - 1:00PM

23 IMPEY STREET MURCHISON



FREE



HOME
at last





Free Blood Pressure and Health Assessments (Adults 18+)

Where: Murchison Neighbourhood House
23 Impey Street, Murchison VIC

When: Tuesday 31st October 2023
11am - 1pm

The CP@clinic/CP@team Program is a free health check-up.
You can talk to a registered nurse about your health and well-being. All personal information will be kept private.

The CP@clinic/CP@team Program is a program of research being evaluated by Dr. Gina Agarwal, McMaster University and Dr. Evelien Spelten, La Trobe University

For more information, please call:

Primary Care Connect
at (03) 5823 3200



Family Medicine

