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MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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MURCHISON MENS SHED CELEBRATE 10 YEARS











Murchison Men's Shed Opening

Date:

Saturday 6 May 2023

Time: 11:00am

Location: 10A Watson St Murchison

Greater Shepparton City Council invites you to the opening celebration of the newly constructed Murchison Men's Shed.

This exciting new community facility was jointly funded by Greate Sheppaton City Council and the State Government with the support of the Murchison and district community.

Light refreshments and finger food provided.

For further information, please contact Greater Shepparton City Council on 03 5832 9500







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The fellas from Murchison Mens Shed Inc. are celebrating 10 years of operation in style - with the opening of their brandnew, whiz-bang shed on Watson Street and a great community event.

Join Mens Shed members and the whole Murchison community on **Saturday 6th May from 11am** for the official opening and a light lunch. Everyone is welcome!

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Join in the fun at the

Murchison Community FAMILY DAY

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 7th May 2023

At Murchison Golf Club
Starts 3pm

Golf Clinic (adults and children 5+)

Games WIN

& Competitions

BBQ & Drinks

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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 **24th April 2023**.

At Murchison Community Centre, 10 Watson Street

\$5

RESISTANCE TRAINING EVERY TUESDAY 9AM

CIRCUIT TRAINING EVERY THURSDAY 9AM

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





MURCHISON COMMUNITY CARE AUXILIARY MEETS FOR THE LAST TIME

BY MARGARET LOCK



Community Care Auxiliary in 2023



Longstanding members of the Auxiliary

Past and present members of Murchison Community Care Auxiliary met at "Wybalena" recently for their final meeting, followed by a celebratory afternoon tea.

Margaret Brown gave an informative talk about the Auxiliary's long history from when the group originated in connection with Murchison Bush Nursing Hospital. At its first meeting on 8th November, 1934, the Ladies' Auxiliary appointed Mrs C. Tait, President and Mrs Woolcock, Vice-President, after Mrs Tait announced that the Bush Nursing Hospital Committee empowered her to convene the meeting to outline the purpose of an Auxiliary and the nature of work it could undertake.

It was agreed members would bring an item to each meeting, November being "eggs". At the December meeting, with 24 people attending (including invited members from Nagambie Auxiliary), Miss Cahill was elected Secretary and Miss A. Stewart, Treasurer. Four further Vice-Presidents were also elected: Mrs Bayliss, Mrs J. Anderson, Mrs A. McLean and Mrs Tweddle. It was agreed to open an account with the State Savings Bank. Thirty dozen eggs and 11 lbs butter were donated to the November Appeal after Mrs R. Nicholls and Miss M. Brisbane visited local homes to advise residents of the formation of the Auxiliary and its intention to carry out catering to raise funds for the Hospital.

At the March 1935 meeting, Miss M. Orr was elected Secretary. That year, caterings commenced with designated ladies providing afternoon tea at the football for 9 pence, with 10% of the proceeds being paid to the Football Club. This ceased in 1938 due to the unsatisfactory state of the facilities. However, in 1939, the afternoon teas recommenced, with the Auxiliary not having to pay commission. Central Council donated 12 pounds which assisted in buying a sterilizer and baby scales. Many 'in kind' donations were also made.

In its first five years, the Auxiliary catered for Hospital Balls, Bowls afternoon teas and a Rifle Club Dinner in the Mechanics Institute; Masonic Lodge Installation Dinners for 3/6 per head; a Hospital Fete afternoon tea, and morning teas for Hospital working bees. A Dog Show and Australian Tea in 1938 also raised 8 pounds and sixpence. For all their caterings, Mrs Orr kindly allowed the Auxiliary to use cutlery and crockery she owned. After functions, it was all packed into boxes and taken home in the horse and gig, day or night, rain, hail or shine.

The 1936 Annual Meeting saw Mrs J. Orr elected President and Miss A. Stewart taking on the Secretary/Treasurer role until c1949. Miss M. Brisbane then took on both positions, with Mrs. M. Williams taking over from 1957-59.

In 1967, Mrs M. Miller was President, followed by Mrs G. Hammond c1970 and Mrs M. Brown in 1975, until the Auxiliary's closure in 2022. Mrs P. O'Mahony was elected Secretary in 1970 and Mrs M. Trevaskis elected Treasurer in 1973, until Mrs J. Hillgrove took on the position from 1993-2015. In 1980, Mrs M. Begg was elected Secretary, with Mrs J. Revell taking on the role in 2003, followed by Mrs M. Hipperson in 2018. Mrs J. Robinson was elected Treasurer in 2015.

MURCHISON COMMUNITY CARE AUXILIARY MEETS FOR THE LAST TIME

CONTINUED

Following the closure of the Murchison Bush Nursing Hospital in April 1995, the Auxiliary changed its name two years later to Murchison Community Care Auxiliary. They had supported the D.P. Jones Nursing Home since its opening in 1982 by providing curtains to go around beds, as well as window curtains. A lifter was also purchased. The Auxiliary continued to cater for parties, afternoon teas and suppers for families, as well as occasional weddings and funerals. Caterings for the Masonic Lodges continued until they closed their doors in 2000.

In later years, the Auxiliary ceased running General Meetings and the Secretary or President contacted members to tell them what catering was required, asking if they could provide what was needed, along with helping on the day. Over the decades, the Auxiliary committees proved to be a truly valuable asset to the Murchison district, raising over \$95,000 for the community. Their dedication is to be applicated.

DAYS MILL OPEN DAY



This Mother's Day, Parks Victoria invites the community to visit the rare and remarkable Days Mill as part of the Australian Heritage Festival. Drop in, grab a coffee and a treat from one of our vendors. Enjoy the ambience of this well-preserved 19th Century Flour Mill complex, have a chat to 'Friends of Days Mill' volunteers and Parks Victoria staff. You can also discover opportunities to get involved as a volunteer in caring for this special heritage-listed place.



Days Mill Historic Area, 5 Day Road Murchison South

Sunday 14 May 2023 10am - 4pm



THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL 2023

Another successful year for the Murchison and Rushworth communities. Many thanks to the Volunteers who assisted with this year's appeal and to all who donated! Over \$8000 was raised.



Good Friday Appeal flag flies at Murchison CFA Station

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WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF 150+ YEARS OF SCHOOLING IN MURCHISON

MURCHISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY







What a wonderful day it was on April the first, 2023 when Murchison Primary School No: 1126 was at last able to commemorate 150+ years of education in the town. Past students, from both interstate and overseas, along with current students and teachers came together to mark this special occasion. The school has a remarkable history deserving of celebration.

In 1842 there was a school attached to the Goulburn Aboriginal Protectorate and after that closed in 1853, a Day School was organized for the town's children by the Presbyterian Community, held in the church building of the time. A government grant assisted with salary for the teacher and by 1862 was known as Common School No. 420. In later times the school was situated in a separate slab building facing Roderick square but blew down during a storm in December 1870.

Increasing Government regulation and funding of schools meant that by the end of 1871, a substantial building was opened in Willoughby Street known as State School number 1126, the forerunner of Murchison's present school.

As needs grew, a new building located in Impey Street was opened in 1906. Once the Impey Street School was in use, the Willoughby Street School was used for Cookery and Woodwork classes. In 1970 the Impey Street school was named Murchison Primary School. On 3rd August 2012, a modern, open plan style building, was officially opened at the Impey Street site.

2023 finds the school with 71 pupils with 8 teaching staff and 3 Education Support Staff. The Murchison After School Kids (MASK) program, also employs 2 co-ordinators.

Murchison Primary School's aim is to provide 'High quality, all-round education to the children in the Murchison community'. The school motto is:

'At Murchison Primary School we strive to be the best we can be by being safe, responsible, respectful, learners within our community'.



Willoughy Street State School 1871 Impey Street Primary School opened 1906



On the Monday of the last week of term, we took part in our Annual Athletic Sports at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton. This year, three new schools joined with us taking the number of schools participating to nine.

For first term, our physical education lessons focus on learning about the events at the athletic sports and then practicing them. To start our lessons, we have been running laps around the school each morning to assist in increasing our general fitness and to help in learning how to pace ourselves during the distance running events.

Events the students participate in include: distance running, sprints, shot put or vortex, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump, and hurdles. The older students also have the chance to represent their school in the relays.

The Dhurringile students didn't manage to earn lots of ribbons at the sports however they thoroughly demonstrated our school values of respect, achievement and resilience through their efforts and sportsmanship. Well done.









STITCHED UP WORKSHOP: TALKING TEXTILES WITH JUDITH ROBERTS

FRIDAY 12 MAY, 2 TO 4PM. MURCHISON COMMUNITY CENTRE 10 WATSON STREET MURCHISON

Initiated through Greater Shepparton City Council's new arts strategy, Creative Cities, this event is one of several presented by local arts workers and artists. Hosted by Rhonda Chrisanthou, textile artist Judith Roberts will present a lively talk and demonstration about her experience as a textile artist working and exhibiting in regional Victoria.



MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD

The seasons have definitely turned since our last newsletter and with the advent of cooler weather our emphasis on fire safety also takes a different turn. The overall importance of fire safety indoors or outdoors should never be underestimated but let's face it - **FIRE SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!**

HOME SAFETY

SMOKE ALARMS - Working Smoke Alarms save lives. You are more likely to die in a residential fire without a working smoke alarm. Specialised smoke alarms are available to people who are deaf or hard of hearing and can be linked to personal alarms such as those used by older people or those with a disability.

THE KITCHEN - Often the busiest area in the house and a prime spot for starting house fires. Never leave cooking unattended. Always supervise children and their activities in this area and ensure your kitchen has a suitable Fire Extinguisher and Fire Blanket to hand in case of any emergency.

HEATING - Heaters are a major cause of fires, especially during the winter months. Be careful in drying wet or damp clothing and laundry and ensure that combustible items are kept at least 1 metre away from a heat source. Remember - '1 METRE FROM THE HEATER', but still keep your items in view. Always supervise children when close to a heater or an open fire and use a fire screen in front of an open fire to prevent items falling into or sparks or embers escaping from the fire.

COMBUSTION HEATERS and STOVES - Before lighting up for the first time this season, think of last years gunge still clinging to the inside of the flue. This is highly combustible at elevated temperatures and presents a hazard to safety. Please ensure your flue is clean and free of last years deposits. Remember - **'CLEAN YA FLUE, BLUE!'**

ELECTRICAL - A very common cause of fire. All equipment should have an Aust Standard or Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM). Ensure power boards have overload protection and aren't covered eg. clothing, pillows and doonas etc. Also do not piggback plugs into one socket or use double adaptors. One plug per device per outlet is recommended.

CIGARETTES AND OPEN FLAMES - Cigarettes, candles, incense and oil burners can cause fires. Always extinguish any open flame or cigarette before leaving home or going to sleep. Just think, that beautiful soporific aroma of a scented candle burning prior to sleeping might easily turn into your worst nightmare if not extinguished.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN - If you haven't got one then make one. It could save your life or lives of loved ones and pets. In fact, all of the house occupants.

The CFA/MFB publication 'HOME FIRE SAFETY' provides sound advice on all aspects of home fire safety and is one of the more often referred to publications in the CFA/MFB list.

These are available FREE in Murchison from the POST OFFICE, PHARMACY, BAKERY and SUPERMARKET and also direct from the MURCHISON FIRE STATION on Robinson Street (when manned). Definitely recommended reading. If you have an elderly or infirm neighbor pick one up for them and help spread the word. One house fire in Murchison would be one too many. Please don't become a statistic!



MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD













On Saturday 1st April 2023 Murchison Primary School celebrated their 150th Anniversary and Murchison Fire Brigade were in attendance to support this great occasion. A great day was had by all and we must congratulate school Principal Karen Goodwin and her team for a magnificent effort. A credit to all concerned. Murchison Fire Brigade CFA provided a static display comprising the Tanker and Ultralight Tanker, together with an information marquee dealing with general CFA and safety enquiries.

Murchison Junior Fire Brigade also provided a short skills display in running out hoses, connecting, calling for water and directing hose streams. The two members concerned, Hailey Gell and Charlotte Robinson provided confident and disciplined teamwork and should be given credit for their efforts. They were also a credit to our Junior Leaders Bec Catania and Andrew Gell present on the day.

Some pictures taken and thanks to Bec Catani and Andrew Gell



Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra, supported by Riverlinks, will once again present its Annual Concert as an afternoon performance at 2pm on **Saturday the 17th of June**.



The concert carries the sub-title, 'Local Luminaries' and will shine a light on some of the wonderful artists with which we share our community.

Tickets are available from the Riverlinks Box Office and the concert will be held at **Westside in Mooroopna**.

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OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY EXC THURS.

9AM TO 3.00PM



READERS GROUP MEETS 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH .10AM TO 11AM.

A program of the Murchison Neighbourhood House. 23 Impey Street. Murchison. VIC 3610



MURCHISON SES

BY JO SAPWELL







Murchison SES at Driver Reviver

Thank you to everyone involved in our recent very successful **driver reviver**. All of our 150 snags were devoured, 4Kgs of onions gone, along with 60 cups of tea and coffee, 20 cups of Milo and drinking chocolate with over 200 weary drivers stopping by. Steve Addison, Jo Sapwell, Alan Rosser and Margie Forde attended.

Thanks again to VMS for your generous donation - our weary drivers mentioned they saw your sign and pulled in!

A job well done by the members of the Murchison SES.



Murchison SES is proud to announce that there will be an AED at Murchison Supa Value store

Hand over will take place on the 22/04/2023.

What a fantastic day at Murchison Primary Schools 150th birthday celebration. Show bags were a huge hit And the kids had a ball of a time dressing up the in the SES Uniform and learning what's kept in our storm trailer.

Thanks to Murchison Primary school we have received inquires for new member both senior and juniors.

Any questions regarding joining please contact Steve Addison 0400 509 562











MANY THINGS ON IN MAY

May is looking very busy for Goulburn Valley Libraries. In fact there is so much happening in May we can only give you a taste of what your local library has on offer! Check out our website at www.gvlibraries.com.au, watch our socials or drop in to speak to the staff at the Mobile Library (or any of our libraries) for more details about all the amazing events we have happening in May.

Victorian Law Week 2023 is happening from May 15th to 21st May. Goulburn Valley Libraries are hosting 20 events spread throughout the region and online. So many interesting topics to look forward to, including what Legal Aid does, planning for a disaster from a legal point of view, protecting your future including wills and powers of attorney, succession planning for farms, tenancy issues, what to do if you disagree with a Centrelink decision and so much more. Join our two live zoom webinars Marram Ngala Ganbu: a Koori Family Hearing Day and Filling Skills shortages through employer sponsorship. Check out our website, watch our socials or collect a flyer from the Mobile Library for more information.





Did you know 17th May is the 80th anniversary of the Dam Busters Raid? You can learn more about the raid and what was involved in its planning and implementation at a free information session being held at the Shepparton Library on 17th May at 4pm. You could also have a day out and head to the Cobram Library for the 1.00pm session also on 17th May. Peter Spring is a very knowledgeable guest speaker with a wealth of information at his fingertips – he will keep you enthralled.

Love author talks? You're not alone! We love them too! Did you know that the Sydney Writers' Festival (an annual event) shares some it's guest speakers and panel discussions for free and you don't even have to travel to Sydney to join in? As the authors and panellists are speaking in Sydney the events are streamed straight into our libraries, Live and Local. Watch as the events happen in real time and you can participate by sending questions directly to the stage in Sydney. Check out our website, watch our socials or collect a flyer from the Mobile Library for more information about which sessions are being offered at our various branch libraries.

COLBO COMMUNITY GEARED UP FOR PICNIC AND WINE FESTIVAL

Colbinabbin is set to welcome tourists from across the state for the inaugural Colbinabbin Silo Art Picnic & Wine Festival on Sunday 7 May. The event will run from 11am till 3pm with proceeds from the day contributing to maintenance costs and improvements to the magnificent silo art precinct.



The Colbinabbin Farmers Picnic originally ran for more than half a century in the late 19th century and early 20th century. This history is now enshrined through a depiction of the event incorporated in the stunning silo art.

Project Manager, Sadie Vale, outlined the historical significance of the Colbinabbin Silo Art and the spirit of the Colbo township.

"Local artist Tim Bowtell has done an incredible job, bringing the history of the town to life through a series of colourful and engaging murals.

"You can see the railway station, our famous Tractor Pull, sporting history, beautiful wildlife and the selfless CFA all in stunning colour."

Tickets are capped at 500 so get in quick and book your ticket online at trybooking.com



POWER SAVING BONUS IS HERE!

All eligible Victorian households - including those that received payments under previous rounds - can apply for the \$250 bonus to provide relief from skyrocketing electricity prices.

Neighbourhood House Murchison is here to help if you need a hand with the application.

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NEW ENTRANCE AT MURCHISON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Federal Member for Nicholls, Mr Sam Birrell was honoured to cut the ribbon on the new pedestrian entrance at Murchison Primary School.

Mr Birrell officially opened the new pedestrian entrance as part of the 150-year celebration hosted by the school.

Mr Birrell said the day was a fantastic celebration of a historic school.

"I want to thank staff, students and the wider school community for hosting the special celebration," Mr Birrell said.







MURCHISON PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERS CELEBRATED

Murchison Primary School leaders have been officially presented leadership badges at a whole of school assembly by the Member for Euroa, Annabelle Cleeland.

Students spoke about the importance of upholding values such as responsibility, respect and supporting one another in the closeknit school community.

"Murchison Primary is in incredibly good hands with their team of student leaders," Ms Cleeland said.

"School captains Sadie and Grace displayed their wonderful values and will provide invaluable support to their peers through the year.



TERM 2 PROGRAM GUIDE 24th April to 23rd June 2023

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PROGRAMS

Murchison Community Meals

Monday & Wednesday I 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 Emergency food and personal products | Small donation

Community Book Store

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

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FREE Fruit & Vegetable Exchange



Pick up or drop off fruit & vegies | Reduce waste

Flood Relief and Recovery

Material aid | Voucher program | Advocacy & Referral

EVENTS



Family & Community Golf Day

Saturday 7th May | Murchison Golf Club | 3pm

More Autumn / Winter events to be announced soon!

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

Exercise Classes with Primary Care Connect

Tuesday & Thursday | 9 - 10am | \$5 per head At Murchison Community Centre, Watson Street

St Vincent De Paul Support and Referral

Friday | 2 - 3pm | FREE



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- Yoga & Wellbeing
- Art Workshops & Adult Learning
- Children's Activities