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MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



MURCHISON PRIMARY SCHOOL BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

Our senior students travelled back in time recently - to Sovereign Hill and the gold rush era. Students were lucky enough to take part in a range of experiences including a light show, lolly making presentation and even holding on to a gold bullion - for real life!

Students had shown such wonderful behaviour, and upheld our Murchison Primary values so well, that they even got to go on a bonus wagon ride. Thanks for setting such a wonderful example and making us proud.

We are so happy that our students got to go on this wonderful adventure, especially with the recent floods and the ongoing COVID situation. Our students have shown remarkable strength and resilience over this time. Adventure well deserved!



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MURCHISON PRESENTS

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DECEMBER

11

4PM - 8:30PM



MURCHISON RIVERSIDE
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FOOD TRUCKS

CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS

LOCAL ARTISTS

FREE COMMUNITY BBQ

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BYO PICNIC RUG/CHAIR

RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES

SPECIAL GUEST -FROM THE NORTH POLE



WELCOME TO OUR RIVESIDE COMMUNITY



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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVITIES



If you wish to take part in the Christmas Lights Competition, please contact Australia Day Committee President Bruce Smith 58262721/0437627210.

Lights to be kept on at least till 10:30pm for Judging between 20th - 23rd of December 2020.

Prizes, Certificates and Acknowledgement will be awarded and mentioned on Australia Day Acknowledgement Ceremony.

Venue: Murchison Pool Thursday 26th January 2023 from 8:45am.

MURCHISON FLOODS-COMMUNITY SPIRIT - PHOTO COMPETITION

The photo Competition is for Amateur Photographers of all ages

- Photos must be hard copies only of Dhurringile, Moorilim & Murchison in 2022/23
- Photos must be No Larger than 8"x10" (20cmx25cm)
- Photos must be mounted on cardboard and captioned.
- On the back of the photo place either Primary, Secondary or Open Category with Name & Mobile
- Must reside in the 3610 area.

Please note: By submitting your entry you are giving permission for your photo to be used for publicity and promotion for the Murchison Australia Day Acknowledgment Ceremony in print and in social media and they will become the property of the Australia Day Committee.

Closing Date: Friday 18th January 2021 at 4 pm.

Entries to: Donna 0407571831 or Murchison SUPA VALUE. The winner will be announced at Australia Day Acknowledge Ceremony at Murchison Pool on Thursday 26th January 2022.

Duck Racers on again + Sandbag Filling Competition



MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

BY BOB LANGFORD

THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD AND FIRE RESTRICTIONS - WHAT THEY MEAN TO YOU

In our October newsletter, we touched briefly on recent weather events and the need to transition from 'floods to fires' in terms of public safety. The fire threat is something that we should not ignore. We do so at our peril.

The Annual Fire Danger Period is almost upon us and the extremely wet Autumn season has left our local area with high vegetative growth which when dried out will represent a major communal threat. It's the time of year in our locality that we resort to clearing and cleaning up our respective properties to keep ourselves safe and reduce the risk of fire. Clearing vegetation around the house, clearing guttering etc. are just a couple of things that need a mention, but often the need to burn off garden rubbish is high on the list of priorities, as is the need to use burn-off as a pasture management tool in the agricultural sector. Connect with the Murchison Fire Brigade CFA and Murchison Victoria Community Facebook pages where topical advice on these subjects and others is often posted.

Annual Seasonal Fire Restrictions will be introduced soon governing the use of 'burning off'. These restrictions are heavily enforced to maintain public safety and will be announced when deemed necessary by the authorities.

Should you find a burn-off necessary the CFA question 'Can I or Can't I?' should be considered before taking any action involving open fire and CFA advice is to link to the MyCFA website for up-to-date information in this respect. Don't ask your mate or the bloke next door, seek professional advice - it's free, and might keep you out of Court.

Fire Restrictions will be broadcast on the above-mentioned social media including this page when the season is scheduled to commence.

Please do not forget that either at home or in the paddock, fire safety begins with you. CFA are here to advise on all aspects of fire safety and will render assistance in the case of emergency. Plan and Prepare are the watchwords!

CFA will continue to promulgate Fire Safety at all levels. Stay safe and act responsibly, always considering the consequences of your actions on others.

Remember, in case of an Emergency do not dial your local Fire Station. Dial 000 and when asked state your message clearly giving your name and location and type of incident. Emergency services will be actioned and will attend as soon as practicable.

Visit Murchison Fire Station any Sunday morning between 9 and 12pm and chat with our happy volunteers who will be pleased to help with any enquiry.



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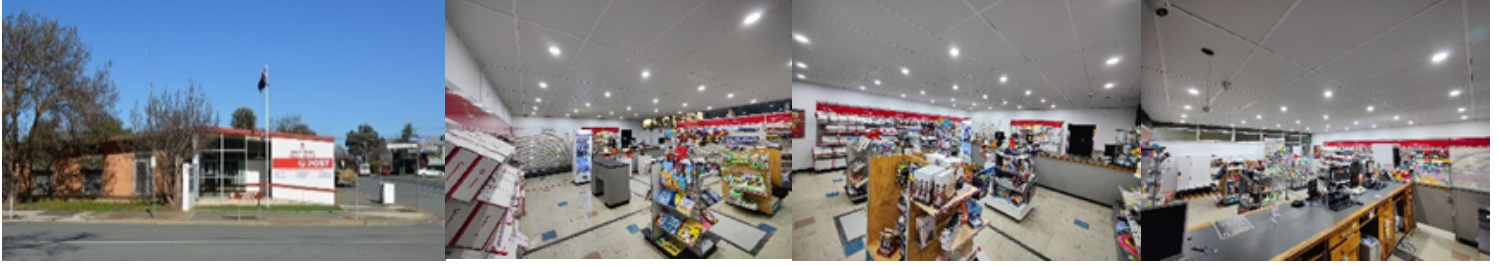
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MURCHISON POST OFFICE UPDATE

Murchison post office has recently completed its renovation project. With the hard work and dedication of our staff Kirsten, Jodie, Hard and Ishan it was completed in just 4 days.

Keeping the vintage look of the building, the inside is now more modern, spacious and brighter. These change have created more privacy for incoming parcels and a lot more space which is now occupied by range of Christmas decorations and gifts for all age.

Our community has always supported us and we hope to continue this bonding into the future.

UPDATE FROM MURCHISON SWIMMING POOL

Unfortunately, the Swimming Pool could not open on Friday 25th November as initially scheduled due to floods. But don't fret, we should have a new date soon. Stay tuned over the next few weeks.



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 Secretary Gabe Bryson
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Murchison Swimming Pool Committee would like to invite your Community Group or club to use our beautiful grounds for your next fundraising event.

Take advantage of the spacious green lawn and shady trees. You can bring your own cooking equipment or hire our BBQ for \$10 (to cover gas expenses). We also have tables and a marquee available for use.

During the summer months, hordes of families converge on the pool grounds for much needed relief from the heat. As our kiosk only sells treats, ice-creams and drinks at the pool, there is definitely a great opportunity for community clubs to fundraise with BBQs, hotdogs or other foods to sustain those hungry bellies!

In an effort to support and promote strong bonds between our community organisations and services, the Murchison Swimming Pool Committee invites you to take advantage of this opportunity, free of charge. In return, all we ask is that you do not sell drinks and treats, as they are two of our major sources of income.

Murchison Swimming Pool is open from 1 – 6 pm every day during the Christmas school holidays, 3pm – 6pm Monday to Friday during the school term and 1 – 6pm every weekend. To increase your profit-making opportunity, our records indicate that the highest volume of people attend the pool at 3pm.

To make a booking for your next fundraising BBQ, call Leanne on 0458 561 095 or email Leanne.houkes.wilson@gmail.com

2022/23 Admission Prices:

A family is those listed on the Medicare Card – which may be requested to verify members

Season Pass:

	Rates after December 14 th	Early bird rates (till December 14 th)
Large family (4 or more people listed on Medicare card)	\$165	\$150
Small family	\$135	\$120
Child	\$70	\$60
Adult	\$80	\$70
Senior	\$70	\$60
Pool parties/bookings	\$100 per hour (up to 25 people)	

Daily Entry:

Family \$17.00 Adult \$5.00 Child \$4.00 Senior \$4.00

Preferred method of payment is EFT. Banking details are:

Murchison Swimming Pool

BSB: 633-000 Account number: 16698 4021 Description: Surname

Please email remittance and names of your family members to Tash at:

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If you need assistance

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23 Impey Street | 5826 2373

- **Food Care Packs**
- **Material Aid and Support**
- **Information from Council**
- **Assistance with Emergency Relief Grants**



If you've been affected by the recent floods, Neighbourhood House Murchison can help. We can provide assistance with emergency relief grants, information about various services and who to talk to, and food and material support. Generous people from the community - and from organisations all over Victoria - have donated loads and loads of clothing, blankets, toiletries, cleaning products, hygiene products and much more, and it's available for those in need.

Get in touch with Louis on 03 5826 2373 or at manager@murchison.org.au if you need anything.



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



A Big Thank You to the Murchison Community!

This year the Poppy Appeal was a resounding success raising over four thousand dollars.

The monies raised go directly to supporting Veterans and their families throughout Victoria with 50% remaining within the local area. We could not have done it without your support and generosity. It was wonderful to see those that made it to the service, especially the smiling faces of the students from Murchison Primary School.

A special mention of thanks to the volunteers that manned the stalls daily, rain or shine, Dhurringile Prison, the Murchison Bakery, Supa Value and the Railway Hotel – all of which were an integral part of this year's success.

As the year winds down the Murchison RSL Sub-Branch wishes you the best for the festive season, look out for each other and take care on those roads.

If you are a local veteran or resident interested in talking to someone from the RSL or becoming a member please reach out via our email murchrsl@outlook.com we would love to hear from you.

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).



MURCHISON MEN'S SHED INC

INC No. A01097471; ABN 47749064930; ATO, DGR

23 Impey Street Murchison Vic 3610

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

Unfortunately there has been no movement at the new men's shed site during the past month. We don't know when the shed will be completed which now could be some time away, possibly in the new year, but the morale of the guys is still high.

We have kindly had some equipment and timber stored at a resident's garage for some time waiting for the shed to be completed which now needed to be removed. Fortunately the Shepparton Council has come to our assistance and hired a 20 foot container which we can store equipment and timber until the shed is completed.

Since the floods Annabelle Cleeland (Nationals candidate for Euroa) and Angela Tough (labour candidate for Euroa) have visited our shed on different days. Both ladies had a cup of coffee and long chats with the members who were present. They acknowledged the importance of the men's shed movement and promised future support for our shed in Murchison.

Members of the shed with support from Donna and Paul Makin have been busy installing Christmas decorations in the main street of the town.

The nutcrackers at the hotel were so popular last year, a number of resident have commissioned us to build 3 stick versions for their personal use. Ian has been busy lately painting them and putting on the final touches.

Some Murchison Men's Shed members attended Remembrance Day at the Park, where Dennis McCullagh laid a wreath on our behalf.

If you are interested in being a member, join us at 23 Impey Street, Murchison, for 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. If you can't make it to the shed, we will probably have a stall at the Christmas Carols night at the Park on the 11th of December so drop in and have a chat.

In the meantime stay safe, if you need help, contact a mate, enjoy the festive season, have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Contacts

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

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

Future Events

Saturday December 10th - Men's Shed Xmas Party

Sunday December 11th - Christmas Carols Night

Saturday December 17th - Sausage sizzle at Murchison Pharmacy | 8am - 2pm



ITALIAN OSSARIO REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022 – SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Flood waters this year inundated the Cemetery, including the Ossario building and surrounding grounds. This made the site unsafe and so the annual Italian Remembrance Sunday event was held at the Murchison Community Centre and approximately 200 people attended. It was still possible to give due reverence to the occasion even though it did not take place at the Ossario.

Dignitaries, those in military uniforms and others representing local organisations processed down the main hall to stand in front of the stage while the Australian and Italian national anthems were sung, followed by the very moving trumpet rendition of 'Il Silenzio' (The Silence) that never fails to bring tears to the eyes. Speeches followed by Mayor of Greater Shepparton, Shane Sali, and Italian Consul General of Victoria, Hanna Pappalardo. A full Catholic Mass was held and a small choir sang accompanied by guitar, with the mandolin adding a distinct Italian sound. Altogether, the ceremony, although not at the site, managed very adequately to honour the memory of those who lie in the Ossario. After the formalities, the attendees set up their picnic lunches in the Community Centre and were soon enjoying music and even some dancing in true Italian style. Later in the afternoon Consul General, Hanna Pappalardo and also Manager of the Italian Historical Society and Museum, Elizabeth Triarico visited our Heritage Centre to learn more about the Ossario and local Camp history.

The Murchison Ossario is unique. It is one of three foreign war grave cemeteries in Australia, the others being at Tatura (German) and at Cowra NSW (Japanese). Situated in a peaceful setting in the south east corner of the Murchison Cemetery, the Ossario is built of Castlemaine stone, roofed with Roman tiles and has an attractive and distinctly Mediterranean appearance - a little piece of Italy, in a rural Australian setting.

The Italian word 'ossario' (old bones) is a place of final rest for human remains that have initially been buried elsewhere. The Ossario shelters the remains of 130 Italians who passed away during their imprisonment in Australia during the second World War. They were military Prisoners of War brought to our shores and Italian civilians, thought to be a security risk, who were both resident in Australia and from allied territories overseas and detained in many camps across Australia.

Initially buried in cemeteries near to the camp where they had been held, the idea to gather them all in one place was proposed by Mr Luigi Gigliotti of Kyabram who raised funds for the building of the Ossario at Murchison, which had already become a place of pilgrimage. Remains were brought from Kerang, Sale and Tatura in Victoria; Albury, Bathurst, Bourke, Hay and Mudgee in New South Wales, and from Bridgetown, Corrigan, Harvey, Karrakatta, Katanning, Kondinin, Narembreen, Narrogin, Northam, Three Springs and Wyalkatchem in Western Australia. The Ossario was dedicated in September 1961.

Hopefully next year the annual Italian Remembrance Sunday ceremony will be able to be held at the Ossario.

Kay Ball. President, Murchison & District Historical Society

MURCHISON RETIREMENT VILLAGE INC- WYBALENA VILLAGE

LIVE LOCAL, RETIRE LOCAL AND REMAIN LOCAL.

You may recall from earlier issues, that we are keen to add a further three units to our existing 11 units in the Village and as such, we had applied for funding as part of the Federal Government's "Building Better Regions Fund". With the change to a Labor Federal Government at the last election, the program has been discontinued and no further funding will be available. We have been advised that information about a new program called the "Growing Regions Program" will be available shortly. We will consider applying for funding through this program.

A little about being a Murchison Retirement Village Inc. member:

We currently have 45 members of the Murchison Retirement Village Inc. It is a very easy thing to become a member, all you need to do is to pay your annual subscription of \$5.00. All members are entitled to attend the AGM and are eligible for election to the committee of management. You also have the opportunity to nominate members to be voted in as a committee member at the AGM and naturally to vote. It is worth mentioning, that under our constitution, the residents of the Wybalena Village are not eligible for election to the committee but are still able to vote at the AGM.

The nine committee members who are elected, manage the Village for the residents and members over the following 12 months.

Our AGM is held in October each year at the Village community room. {This year our AGM was held on Wednesday 12 th October 2022}.

Your nominated and voted in committee members for this year are:

President - Stan McMaster

Vice President - Rodney Harrison

Secretary - Margaret McMaster

Treasurer - Lee Gardiner

John Pearce

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Bruce Smith

Sandra Vazzoler

Melissa Hoffman

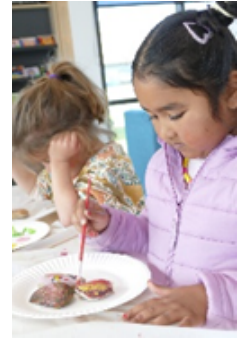
Karen Brisbane stepped down from the committee due to other commitments. The committee thanked Karen for her valued contribution and wished her all the best in her future direction. We also welcomed Melissa Hoffman to the committee and look forward to her active contribution to the Village and the Committee.

We value and appreciate your support of your Murchison Retirement Village (Wybalena), as this is vital for our continued growth and development.

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 157 319
- Marg McMaster 0417 262 213
- Lee Gardiner 0438 464 913

A special thank you goes out to everyone involved in any and every way for their efforts with our recent floods - this shows genuine and real community spirit - thank you.



FUN FOR ALL AGES WITH GOULBURN VALLEY LIBRARIES.

The BIG Summer Read is back in 2022 for kids of all ages.

From Thursday 1st December you can sign up online or pick up an entry form at a Goulburn Valley Library branch or the Mobile Library.

There will be challenges, activities, rewards and prizes to keep you reading and entertained right through till 31st January, 2023.

Keep an eye on our website www.gvlibraries.com.au or drop into your library for more information.

LOOKING FOR MORE SUMMER FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY?

Goulburn Valley Libraries 'Marvelous Makers' holiday program will include a huge range of creative activities and art making experiences throughout January 2023.

Join us for macramé, puppet making, 3D paper construction and more. We are also very excited to offer the National Gallery of Victoria Kids on Tour program: Let's Make Art. It's Free!

This program of free activities includes sculpture, collage, poetry and drawing.

Come along to create and explore different artistic styles and mediums.

Details will be available soon via our website www.gvlibraries.com.au.

The Mobile Library will continue to visit the Murchison community over the Christmas and New Year period. It is only off the road on public holidays and days of extreme or code red fire days (or when the flood waters are rising)! Come down and have a chat to our wonderful Mobile Library staff and browse the collection. Too hot or too wet to come out? Check out our huge range of eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines, or watch movies and documentaries on our Kanopy streaming service – all available at www.gvlibraries.com.au.

Put your requests in now for books about Christmas cooking, gift making or some summer reading when you have to stay inside to avoid the heat and mozzies.

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