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on sale till 30th Jan 2017

All our PreLoved Mens, Womens, Kids Apparel and Shoes will be on-sale for just \$2 ea\* this offer is only available until 30th January 2017, so first in, best dressed, *so-to-speak!* Offer excludes 'Specials Rack', PreLoved Shop is open from 9:30 - 12:30 weekdays.

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Murchison Neighbourhood House 23 Impey Street, Murchison

Special thanks to Tara Watson for her photography used throughout this newspaper

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December 2016 #8



## Murchison's got it covered

Murchison Swimming pool now has thermal pool covers to keep the pool warm longer thanks to the Greater Shepparton Sporting Futures Grant. The pool committee expect the pool covers will keep the pool warmer for longer, extending the swimming season and allowing the pool to be used well into March. Come down and enjoy the clear, cool water or enjoy

reading a book on the lush green lawn. We're open every day from 1pm if the temperature is above 23 degrees. The pool is available to hire for celebrations, birthday parties, Christmas breakups, etc. For further details please contact Michelle Brown on 5826 2096 or check out our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/murchisonswimmingpool](http://www.facebook.com/murchisonswimmingpool) We'd love to see you!



## Australia Day

Our Facebook page is now open as "Murchison Australia Day" and we are hoping that this will be yet another avenue for publicising our celebration and keeping locals informed about various aspects of the day. It will also provide locals with the opportunity to ask questions and provide some constructive feedback. Please check out our page.

Nominations for Australia Day Awards will be closed by the time this article goes to print so we are hoping that many, many nominations within the various categories have been received.

We are always looking for new members and/or new organisations who are keen to become involved in the organisation of Murchison Australia Day. We would love to see interested residents of Murchison, Moorilim & Dhurringile at our next meeting.

Plans continue to tick along for our celebrations in Murchison on 26th January 2017. We are hoping that Murchison students and residents are working on their entries for the Primary School Competitions and the Open Photographic Competition, see page 3.



A big thanks to our contributors to 3610 over 2016. Your efforts to write an article or take a picture are appreciated. You are our news makers, so thanks on behalf of everyone who reads 3610.

The closing deadline for the February 2017 edition is midday January 18th, 2017. Early contributions most welcome.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New year. We look forward to you being part of our 2017 stories.

Reporters & Photographers Wanted - more info [murchison.org.au/presspass](http://murchison.org.au/presspass)





# Course & Activity Guide

## Term #1

January to March 2017

### Social and Community Connections

#### Men's Shed

Wednesdays 1:00pm - 2:30pm - Gold Coin  
All welcome. Resumes February 1.

#### Murchison Book Club

Fridays Febuary 24 & March 24

#### Murchison Garden Group

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month 7:30pm - \$1  
New members always welcome.  
For more information call Beth- 0458262282

#### Cuppa and Chat

Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am - Gold Coin  
Resumes January 31

#### Simply Lunch

Mon & Wed from 12pm - \$5  
Join us in a two course meal, every Monday & Wednesday from 12 noon.  
Everyone welcome \$5 per person.

#### Monday Activity Group

First and Third Monday of the Month - \$2  
Starts 1pm, variety of activities, games, DVDs, speakers, craft, short trips

#### Community Café

Open Monday & Wednesday 10-11am.  
\$1 capuccino, latte, hot chocolate or tea.  
Homemade slices and cake on sale.

#### Monthly Movies

Tuesdays Jan 17, Feb 14 and Mar 14 - \$2

#### Writers Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month - 10.00am - \$1  
Past and new members always welcome.

#### Bus Trips Away

Sat Feb 11 - Violet Town Market 8am - \$15pp  
Wed Mar 15 - Echuca, Great Aussie Beer Shed - \$35pp includes morning tea & lunch  
Places are limited, first in best dressed. Payment is required to secure booking

### Health and Wellbeing

#### Walking Group

Wed during the school term 10am - Gold Coin

#### Regional Eyecare Mobile

By Appointment - Free  
Ph: 5826 2373

#### Balancing Act

Tue 10:30 - 11:30am Resumes Jan 24 - \$2  
Aimed at beginners, sessions will be conducted by Primary Care Connect staff. Medical clearance may be required to participate

#### Modified Strength Training

Thur 9:30 - 10:30am - Resumes Jan 19 - \$2  
Join at any time, all fitness levels welcome. All equipment provided, sessions conducted by Primary Care Connect staff. Medical clearance may be required to participate

### Craft

#### Yarning with Helen

Fridays 10 - 12pm Resumes Feb 3 - \$2

#### Friday Craft

Friday 12 - 3pm Resumes Jan 6 - \$3  
Group members available to offer support and advice on patchwork projects as required.

#### Quilting Frame

By Appointment - \$15 p/h  
Have an unfinished quilt at home? We can help you finish it off. Available for \$15 per hour

### Languages

#### Conversational French

Beginners 9.30am - 11.30am - \$10  
Intermediate 12pm - 2.00pm - \$10  
Resumes February 2

#### Conversational Italian

Tuesdays 9.30am - 11am - \$10  
Resumes February 7

### Everyday Services

#### St Vincent de Paul

Volunteers from St Vincent de Paul are available for help from 3-4pm Fridays.

#### Room For Hire

Room For Hire for meetings or classes.

#### Toy Library

Open Wednesday & Thursdays 9:30-11:30am  
Annual Membership \$10

#### Maternal & Child Health

Fortnightly service by appointment only  
Ph 5832 9312

#### Immunizations

4th Tuesday of each month - 12:15-12:30pm  
Ph 5832 9731 for more information

#### Internet Cafe

Open during office hours - \$2 per hour

## Community Bus to Shepparton



Community Bus to Shepparton  
This community service runs from Murchison to Shepparton and back every Thursday. Bus leaves the Murchison Neighbourhood House at 9am sharp. Cost \$5 per person, booking essential.

## Dhurringile PS Melbourne Adventure!



Brooke and Andee on the morning train to Melbourne – excited for the first day of camp!

the Victorian Arts Centre to learn how to make our own music, MSAC for a swim, slide and play in the water. We went to the State Library and saw Ned Kelly's armour and wandered the lanes of Melbourne checking out the street art. The Eureka Tower was brilliant, and we could see everything from high above the city – the MCG, the bay and the Arts Centre spire. All in all the kids had a great time – with the final day being a big highlight – we saw Matilda the show – it was mindblowing!!



Can you find Georgia, Andee, Tiahna, Maggie, Ellie, Tayla and James?

## Its worth a shot

The ever popular Photo competition will again be a highlight of Australia Day with entries closing on January 16th, 2017. This competition is for amateurs from Year 7 to adult. Photos must be hard copies only, taken around Murchison, Dhurringile or Moorilim during 2016, no larger than 8"x 10" (20 x 25cms), mounted on cardboard and captioned. Photos can be left at the Murchison Post office during business hours



Photo by Shannyn Bathman



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# Murchison Community Plan

In 2011, Murchison embarked on a huge process to create its community plan. The Community Plan set out a vision for Murchison and a series of strategies and priorities to support this. For the last 5 years a small group has been working on this and the time has come to touch base in a more comprehensive way to make sure the priorities are still relevant to all in the community and to highlight new or emerging areas of focus.

This will be done in early 2017. The review will be by questionnaire online and in hard copy and through a series of discussion groups.

Results of the plan review will be released to the public at the What's Happening in Your Town event on March 1, 2017, displayed at the Community Plan display board on the post office wall and be posted on the Murchison Neighbourhood House and Council website. In 2011, Murchison embarked on a huge process to create its community Plan. The Community Plan set out a vision for Murchison and a series of strategies and priorities to support this. For the last 5 years a small group has been working on this and the time has come to touch base in a more comprehensive way to make

sure the priorities are still relevant to all in the community and to highlight new or emerging areas of focus. This will be done in early 2017. The review will be by questionnaire online and in hard copy and a series of discussion groups.

The results will be summarised and fed back to community at the What's Happening in Your Town event on March 1, 2017. Copies will be put up on the Community plan billboard on the post office wall and on the Neighbourhood House and Council websites.

Broad terms, the 2011 plan can be summarised as\*\*

Strategic direction - what	Strategic focus - how	Priority action	Achievement to date
Retain the essence of what we have in 2011	The river environment Services Safe, friendly, happy Clean & tidy	Determine how the community comes together to be involved in community plan actions.  Create iconic entrances to Murchison from all four directions	✓ Community plan logo ✓ Community noticeboard
Balance population growth with enhancing the natural environment	Environmentally sensitive development  Popular Growth  Partnerships for growth	Development a district energy strategy	
Celebrate our identity and heritage	An iconic identity  Annual festival & events  Promote our uniqueness  Family walks, bikes & trails  Celebrate our heritage	Develop rail, cycling, walking, horse riding trails.	✓ Funding for Murchison Rail Trail, Stage 1 ✓ Funding allocated for feasibility study Rail Trail Stage 2 ✓ Heritage Centre redevelopment
Provide facilities & activities for people of all ages	Activities for people of all ages  Modern sport & recreation facilities  High quality child & youth development & Education  A youth friendly town	Build a skate park  Support the pool where possible	✓ Skate park site found, Stage 1 developed 2017/2018 ✓ Men's shed development assisted
Attract appropriate investment & employment	Residential housing  Accommodation for tourists  Employment  Tourism  Viable agriculture  A variety of shopping & dining experiences	Promote tourism through a tourism strategic plan  A town skills audit to connect local skills to local organisations	
Offer high quality infrastructure	Communal facilities  Communication connectivity  Civic infrastructure	Fenced off playground  Shade Structures  Advocate for footpaths	✓ Fenced playground, shade structure for playground to be built 2017 ✓ McKenzie St footpath extension 2017
Supply good transport services	Transport services  Public transport infrastructure  Road improvements		

\*\*Taken from the 2011 Community Plan supplementary document

## Centenary Movie Night

**Friday 17th March**

Dhurringile Primary School for our Centenary Movie Night, which is part of the City of Greater Shepparton's Festival in the Park season. The school will be open during the afternoon with fun activities to commence at 6.30pm before the movie at 8.30pm.

**Saturday 18th March**

Dhurringile Community Hall for a celebration dinner.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks and in the meantime we are looking for any information, photos, images or stories of the last one hundred years here at Dhurringile PS. Please get in touch with us!

**Angela Holleran**  
Principal  
0418 383 064

**Jodie Brisbane**  
School Council President  
0408 417 852  
dhurringile.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Join the Dhurringile 100 FaceBook group  
We plan to sell bricks engraved  
**100 Years of Dhurringile Primary School**

## Gift Problem Solved

Christmas gift giving made easy by the Murchison RSL and their wine selection, choose from a Shiraz, Chardonnay and a Port. Purchase your Murchison RSL Triple Pack for just \$50 or ask about individual bottles.

The labels have been created by our own local Murchison Primary School students.

To place your order, call Doug Messer 5826 2328.



## OCCASIONAL CARE WITH FLARE

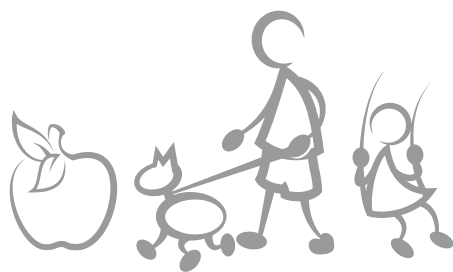


Fun "Dress Up Day" at Murchison Occasional Care was enjoyed by the children, parents and staff.

The Pre School was visited by Princesses, Pumpkins, Witches, a Knight, an Angel, Rock Star, Skeleton, Batman, Iron Man and a very large Penguin.

Murchison Occasional Care 2017 bookings are open, call the Pre School 58 262 485.

## Get Moooving Murchison!



### Gentle Green Yoga

Yoga will be held on the lawn for a relaxing way to end your day at work or home\*.

This is a basic class focused on yogic breathing, gentle movement & meditation. The Healthy Living class follows with a healthy snack and nutritional information from Shepparton naturopath, Phil Chua. These classes will provide information about the science of nutrition, healthy cooking and will discuss how to use nutrition to combat stress.

This class is open to all ages and will have a special segment on youth stress.

A series of free regional events will be held over the Summer in Tatura and Murchison.

### Cool Yoga (poolside yoga)

12:45pm – 1:15pm

Yoga mats provided.

### Evening Unwind (yoga) and Healthy Living Series

Tatura Community House

5:15pm – 7:15pm

Mon. 28 Nov. & 5, 12 Dec. 2016

### Water Waves Aqua Aerobics

Tatura Swimming Complex

12:15pm – 12:45pm

Wed. 23, 30 Nov. & 7, 14 Dec. 2016

### Evening Unwind (yoga) and Healthy Living Series

Meteorite Park & Murchison Community Centre

5:15pm – 7:15pm

Mon. 16, 23, 30 Jan. & 13, 20 & 27 Feb. 2017

Spaces limited, RSVP Rachel rdsmithdownunder@gmail.com or request specific nutritional topics contact Phil at chua.phil.m@gmail.com

These classes are free to the public, thanks to the support of the Greater Shepparton's Free Activities in the Park program.

\*Weather Permitting

## Successful History Week



Murchison's Heritage Centre was a hive of activity during History Week. From Sunday 16th October to Sunday 23rd October the Centre was open each day and lots of visitors enjoyed seeing our displays, finding out about their own family history and history of the district.

A large group from The Caravan Muster staying in Shepparton came down by coach for the day and experienced a History Meander around Murchison. Kay Ball hopped on the bus to provide the visitors with commentary as the coach toured

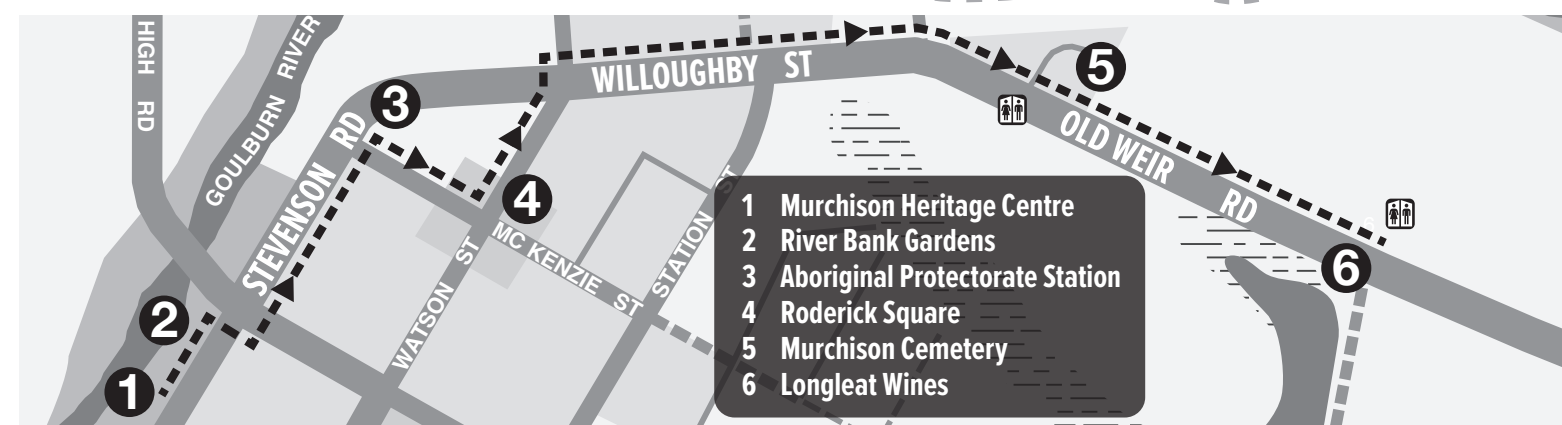
the town taking in the site of the Aboriginal Protectorate, historic Aboriginal graves and the Ossario. The group then returned to the Heritage Centre for morning tea and information about the Murchison Meteorite and time to enjoy the displays in the Gallery. Over their lunch break they were free to wander around the gardens, reading the interpretive signage about many things of interest. After lunch it was back on the coach to hear about our irrigation history, a look at the site of Camp 13 and hear the story of the POW and Internment camps in the area. Our visitors tell us they had a great day.

A highlight of History Week celebrations was the launch of the 2nd edition of Warwick Finlay's book Winter-Irving. This book tells the story of a pioneering family who have left a legacy of significant homesteads throughout the Goulburn Valley, most notably Moorilim south of Murchison.

The book can be purchased from the Heritage Centre which is open each Saturday morning or telephone Kay, 5826 2518, if unable to access the Heritage Centre. The book sells for \$18.

Greater Shepparton City Council's support during History Week is greatly appreciated by the Historical Society.

## History and Winery Walking Tour



Last edition included a short walk around town called Murchison History Meander. This time a longer walk is featured as the weather is more favourable. Although this second walk is much longer there is no compulsion to walk the

full distance! The return trip is 3.95kms so if you want to cut it short, you can still enjoy a really interesting walk. You may like to turn around at the Cemetery after reading the interpretive signage near the double gates entrance. Booklets featuring the

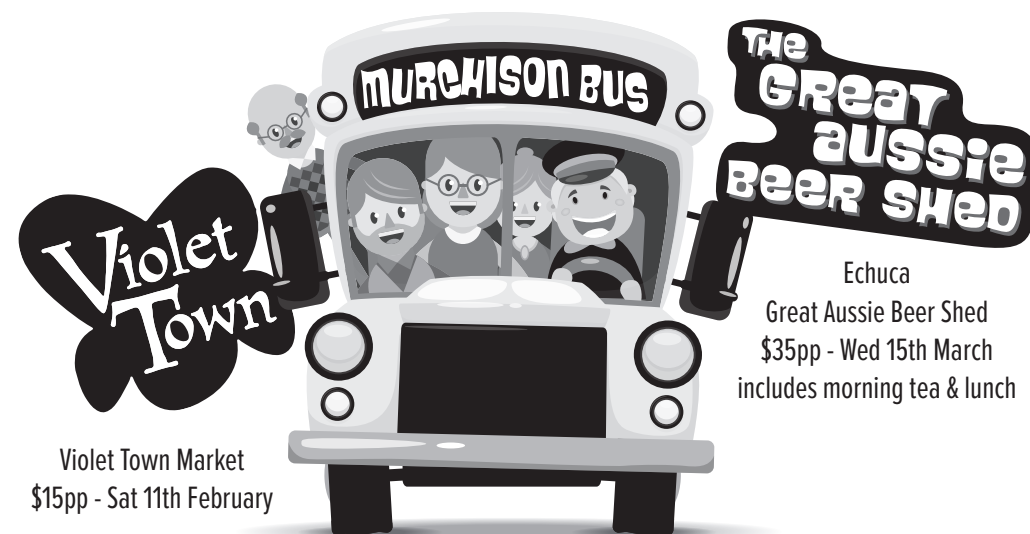
walks around Murchison and in Greater Shepparton are still available at both the Bakery and Wagners. Enjoy the fresh air but take some mozzie repellent as they are out in force at present. Kay Ball, President, Murchison & District Historical Society Inc.

## \$1 COFFEE

Capuccino, Latte, Hot Chocolate or Tea

Murchison Neighbourhood House  
Monday and Wednesday 10 - 11am

Indoor and outdoor seating available,  
homemade slices and cake on sale.



Violet Town Market  
\$15pp - Sat 11th February

Echuca  
Great Aussie Beer Shed  
\$35pp - Wed 15th March  
includes morning tea & lunch

Places are limited, first in best dressed. Payment is required to secure booking. Call today 03 5826 2373



# Playing can be fun with Play 2 Learn Playgroup



Playgroup families have been enjoying the new play-yard of the Murchison and District Pre-School and been busy with lots of activities outside. The trikes and sandpit are favourites with children of all ages with lots of energy to burn. During the colder months we made use of the Senior Citizens rooms to provide special activities such as

writing invitations to 'Bring a Friend Day' which the children then posted to a friend. For this playgroup we had a Teddy Bears Picnic and all children decorated biscuits, getting sticky fingers into the bargain. We have had activities such as painting, water play in the sandpit, playdough and tea parties. A treasure hunt in the yard with special items to find

and take home was enjoyed by the parents and children. The CFA Fire Truck attended, with Sharon and Tom showing off the truck features and providing some important information leading up to the fire season.

We are leading up to Christmas now and so will be having activities with glitter and paint, and lots of outdoor fun with water play. (We will be using lots of mozzie repellent too.) Most of our playgroup activities are simple and can be done at home with little money needed to have fun.

Playgroup is on every Thursday afternoon from 1 – 3pm at the Murchison and District Pre-school. Our role is to assist parents in preparing their child's path into pre-school and primary school. A Family Support Worker is there to assist those who need more individual support. Maree and I welcome you to join us for fun, afternoon tea and a chance to chat with other parents.

Here we are making sandbags using plastic bags and socks

## Murchison Medical Clinic

The community has embraced Dr. Satinder Kaur who's almost booked out but taking new patients. Due to Satinder's four days per week, we're able to make more urgent appointments when we have three GPs on site relieving patient wait times. Due to Doctors going on leave there can be some waiting thus we encourage regular appointments booked in advance.

Due to the demand for quality podiatric services, Great British Podiatry is now at the clinic three alternating Wednesdays and a Friday once a month. Have you noticed our new bulletin board in the waiting room? It contains a wealth of medical and health information, and programs on our Tonic Media tv. We are also expecting to have on screen subtitles for the hearing impaired next year.

To book appointments simply Google "Murchison Medical Clinic." Booking online saves time and clears the phone for patients needing test results and other requests. These are small ways we're improving. If you have any feedback ask for Rachel the next time you're at the clinic. Your team at the Murchison Medical Clinic



## A big thank you

The Murchison RSL would like to thank everyone who has helped us with our activities over the last 12 months. We believe that the success of our ANZAC day and Remembrance day services are due to the willingness of the community to get involved.

Looking to the future, the RSL will be having an ANZAC Day ball on April 22, 2017, and on Remembrance Day 2017 will unveil the WWII roll of honour. Fundraising for the roll of honour is progressing well and the list of names collected to date will be circulated again in the new year. One of our greatest fears is that someone may be left off the Roll, so if you think you have a family member who should be listed, please check it out.

From all in the Murchison RSL, we hope you have a merry Christmas and happy New Year, and look forward to being of further service to the community in 2017.





# THERE'S never too many TOYS

## Quiz question:

Do you know a place in Murchison where fun, creativity and play are valued and promoted? I would love to hear your guesses, but the correct answer is the Neighbourhood House Toy Library.

Toy libraries are places where you can borrow toys that cover a range of ages and stages in your child's early development. Although catering predominantly for children under five, for an annual membership of \$10 per family, you can borrow and exchange toys to provide variety and range of experience for your children.

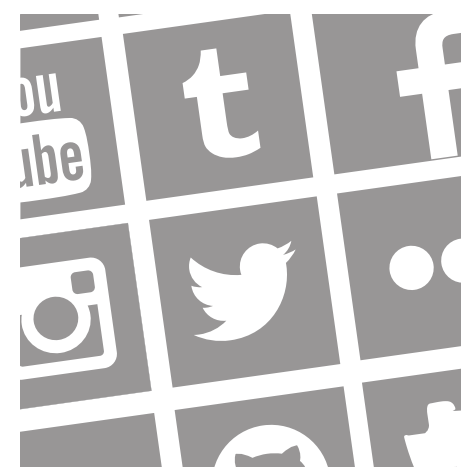
Neighbourhood House Toy Library is open from January 25th, Wed and Thur 9:30 - 11:30am (closed Australia Day)



Cyber Safety for children is a topic for all parents to be aware of. Most of us are fearful of the unsavoury elements of social networking online. However, collectively we have the skills to protect our children. By sharing and discussing this information parents will grow in confidence in their ability to combat the small percentage of people that use the Internet for unlawful means.

The Internet and social media is a part of our children's lives. It provides them with the opportunity to meet and communicate with people from all over the world. However, online technology and new modes of communication have also been used by predators to exploit and harm children.

While the Internet generally offers great opportunities for children to learn and play, there are some areas of cyberspace that are not appropriate. Parents need to ensure children are actively supervised when using the Internet, particularly time spent chatting online.



## Steps for improving your child's safety

- ☺ Be aware of the programs and files children use.
- ☺ Consider installing filtering software on computers used by young people.
- ☺ Be aware of the programs and files that are on your family's computers.

# CYBER SAFETY FOR KIDS

- ☺ Place the computer in a public area of the home, such as a living room.
- ☺ Ensure you are able to access your child's email and randomly check the contents.
- ☺ Check your phone bill for unusual outgoing calls or consider using a 'caller ID' device to identify incoming calls.
- ☺ Discuss online safety with your child's school, public library or anywhere that you believe your child accesses the Internet.
- ☺ Make sure children are aware of some of the issues involved with spending time on the Internet.
- ☺ Show children what sites they can go to and what information they can send out.
- ☺ Sit down with your children and discuss the issues.
- ☺ Provide a positive example with your own usage.

## Risk factors

The following may be signs that your child has been targeted by an online predator:

- ☺ You find pornography on your child's computer.
- ☺ Your child is receiving phone calls from people you do not know or is calling numbers you do not recognise.
- ☺ Your child is spending a large amount of time on the Internet.
- ☺ Your child is receiving gifts or mail from people you do not know.
- ☺ When you enter the room your child changes the screen or turns the computer off.
- ☺ Your child is becoming withdrawn or displaying behavioural problems.

## Advice for your children

It is advisable to tell your children:

- ☺ Not to send a picture of themselves to someone they do not know.
- ☺ Never place a full profile and picture of themselves anywhere on the Internet. If using a Facebook page or similar, ensure your child blocks everyone's access to the page and only allows friends to have access. Ensure all pictures are set to 'friends only'. Increase your knowledge on security settings.
- ☺ Never give out personal information including their name, home address, phone number or school.
- ☺ Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they have chatted with on the Internet.
- ☺ Encourage your children to trust their instincts if they are uncertain about anything. Develop strategies together if they feel at risk. "What if" training.

Further information Visit ACORN – Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network.

Always remember regardless of how we as adults feel about the social media and the internet, children will only increase the usage of this modern technology, so travel the journey with your children as they increase their use and skills online.

## Ricky Keast

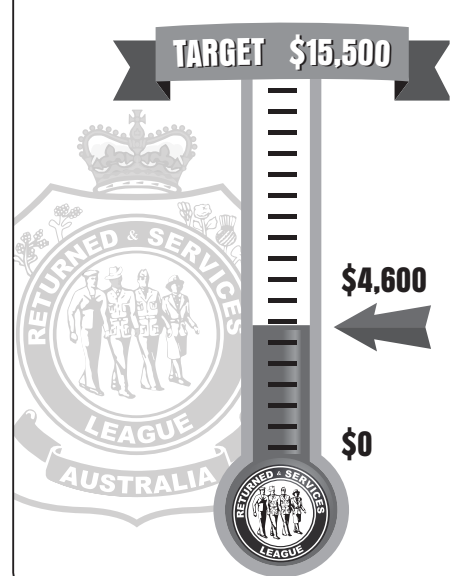
Leading Senior Constable 26060  
Office in Charge - Murchison Police Station

## Pluck a Lucky Duck 🦆🦆🦆

The local ducks are in training for the annual Duck Races in the pool and members of the Swimming Pool Committee will be selling them on Saturday 14th and Saturday 21st January. Please support the Pool Committee by buying a duck. You've got to be in it to win it!



## Roll of Honour on Track





# Work to Prevent Unwanted Fire

**Seniors** Murchison fire brigade was very pleased to speak to the community at the local car boot sale. With the summer fast approaching it is a good idea to clean up around your property, clean out your gutters and store away your chemicals safely. BBQ season is also here so make sure that your BBQ and gas cylinder are in good working condition and are free from leaks and cracks! Fire restrictions won't be far off so keep an eye out for when they come into force! **Please Register Your Burn off plans 1800 668 511.** Pamphlets and cards can be found in various locations around town. Please feel free to take them and have a read! You can never be over informed!!



**Juniors** If your child is between 11 and 16 and would like to become involved in our junior fire brigade, we'd love to hear from you! We meet on the first Tuesday of the month except for school holidays. We only meet for an hour and we learn about the equipment on the fire truck and some aspects of fire fighting. You can join the senior ranks from 16 with parents permission. Please contact Sharon on 0438262172 for more information – please leave a message if no answer and I will get back to you!!

# Ambulance Wrap Up

Murchison ambulance would like to keep everyone updated with the progress of the new ambulance station, with approval from council granted and works to commence in the early new year of 2017. We would also like to Welcome Mae our new paramedic who has transferred from Shepparton to work and live in our community and look forward to her being a part of our place.

We have organised with the pool committee to do a CPR awareness day so look out for the date that this will occur.

Looks like it's going to be a hot summer, so make sure you stay hydrated, drink water and apply sunscreen before going out in the sun. A reminder to always stay safe and be aware around water.

No doubt you would have noticed the increasing number of mosquitos around so please make sure you apply some form of repellent to prevent the possibility of insect hosted diseases if bitten. **Remember to dial 000 in a medical emergency.**

Bec  
Team Manager Paramedic Murchison

**Fitness swim laps**  
Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7 am starting Dec 12th.

**Hoping to run a more casual lap swimming**  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7 – 8 am (if there is sufficient interest)

**Learn to Swim lessons**  
offered the first two weeks in Jan with qualified swim instructors.  
Contact pool office 58262 568 or Michelle Brown 0409 565 443

# Smart Move

Balance and Core is a new program offered by Primary Care Connect in February 2017, Aimed at a beginner level, the program aims to increase the confidence with walking and general day to day movements of participants.

Classes are lead by a qualified fitness leader and nurse, Sonia Makar from Primary Care Connect. Classes will be held at 9:30am on Tuesdays in the Murchison Community Centre and cost \$2.

A medical clearance will be required, forms available at Neighbourhood House. For more information or to register, call the Neighbourhood House on 5826 2373.

# Reading is Enjoyable

The Mobile Library is a familiar sight in Murchison on Friday or Saturday mornings. While the exterior has recently been repainted with the new branding of Goulburn Valley Libraries, the same great service is on offer.

Library staff are happy to help you find your next good read, a DVD to watch or show you how to access our eBook or eMagazine collections. If you are pressed for time, reserve your books at home through our website [www.gvlibraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.gvlibraries.vic.gov.au), and collect them from the Mobile Library. Through our library catalogue you have access to nearly 3 million items.

Heroes and Villains are encouraged to register for the Summer Reading Club which will run during December and January. There are three age categories, Preschool, Primary and Secondary. Children simply register, collect their Summer Reading Club kit, and start reading.



Read more books to earn rewards, and join the thousands of children across Australia who will be reading this summer. Children of all ages are encouraged to register, and will be eligible to win prizes including an iPod. Ask our friendly staff for a registration form. We have colouring competitions and lots of other stuff is available at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub/](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub/).

# Operation Safe Plate

Operation safe plate is a program sponsored by Neighbourhood Watch in the Greater Shepparton area.



Every year, over 10,000 number plates are stolen across Victoria, the plates often being used to be part of a more serious crime such as petrol drive off, avoiding parking and speeding fines or burglaries and drug trafficking. (source: Victoria Police)

Number plates secured with one way, anti-theft screws are one way to prevent theft of number plates.

In a recent two hour event in Murchison. thirty five cars were fitted with one way anti theft

screws by volunteers from the Shepparton Neighbourhood Watch Group. Many thanks to Cathie, Ross and Bill for their time and to Glenn Gibson from Vic Police who came down to help out with the event.

Anyone interested in establishing a Neighbourhood Watch group in Murchison or in finding out more about the Shepparton group can contact Glenn Gibson, Greater Shepparton Police Service Area Crime Prevention Officer, phone 5820 5830.





# Halloween Spooktacular



A great day out was had at the Neighbourhood House Halloween Spooktacular. Big thanks to Amy Carrick and her family for decorating the hall, Cindy Richter and Sue Beavis for cooking Noela Hannrahan and Mele Phillips for keeping the food flowing. Congratulations to our trivia competition winners - Jill and Lachlan. And for those who asked - yes, we will probably do it all again next year, it was lots of fun.

## Small hands, big heart

It's been with great pleasure that Murchison Neighbourhood House has played its part in hosting students from Murchison Primary School. The grade 5 students are part of a community leadership program where students can learn more about what sorts of services are in the community, as well as developing skills in volunteering.

Being part of a group like this gives students a chance to develop skills needed in the workplace. These skills include:

**Working Safely** working in a safe manner and reporting unsafe conditions

**Being Part of a Team** showing respect for others, contributing to the team

**Being Reliable** following directions, giving attention to detail



James Darbyshire, Leo McNally, Brianna Brown and Delilah Brannelly

**Organisation** follow a plan to get the job done

**Working Independently** solve problems and make decisions

**Initiative** approach new tasks confidently, with a positive attitude

**Self Advocacy** ask questions and seeking clarification if needed

**Customer Service** listen to determine what is required  
**Entrepreneurship** being persistent, being versatile and creative

Although finishing soon, we look forward to continuing our partnership with Murchison Primary School in 2017.

## Hot Shots or Cold Shots

Dhurringile Tennis Club hit bits has seen the ANZ Hot Shots Grand Slam Tour bounce through Dhurringile, Murchison, Toolamba and Harston. Thanks to Dhurringile tennis club for initiating the event, as part of Shepparton's Free Activities in the Park.

This event has been great for these small rural areas in the hope to getting kids active in sport, play outdoors and to create an opportunity for these clubs to get junior tennis teams up and running for next year's competition at their respective clubs.

Junior results: Division 1 and Division 3 are sitting third on the ladder and the 10/U is 7th on the ladder after round 4 of the SJTA. Achievements: Aaron Niglia recently participated in the Yarrawonga God Father Junior Tennis Tournament, winning his pool of players. Aaron went

through to the Quarter finals in the 12/U singles event. Well done Aaron. Senior Results: Section 2 has managed to score Nic Kairos from Seymour for the rest of the season. A past pupil of John Jet Evans, she will be a great asset for the team. Section 2 are currently sitting somewhere on top of the ladder. Section 3 East have been putting in amazing results each week.

Social Events: Congratulations to tennis ace couple, Scott and Hannah who recently celebrated their marriage. Congratulations to Luke and Heidi who are expecting their first child. The Dhurringile tennis club Christmas fundraising function will be held on Friday December 16 at 7pm.

The social committee will be auctioning the cow crisp cringle on the night. This will be a fun event for all. With a bit of luck,

Santa and his sleigh bells of cows will be handing out treats for the kids. For club enquiries contact Lisa Niglia on 0428 266 310



Aaron Niglia  
Yarrawonga junior tennis Tournament.