

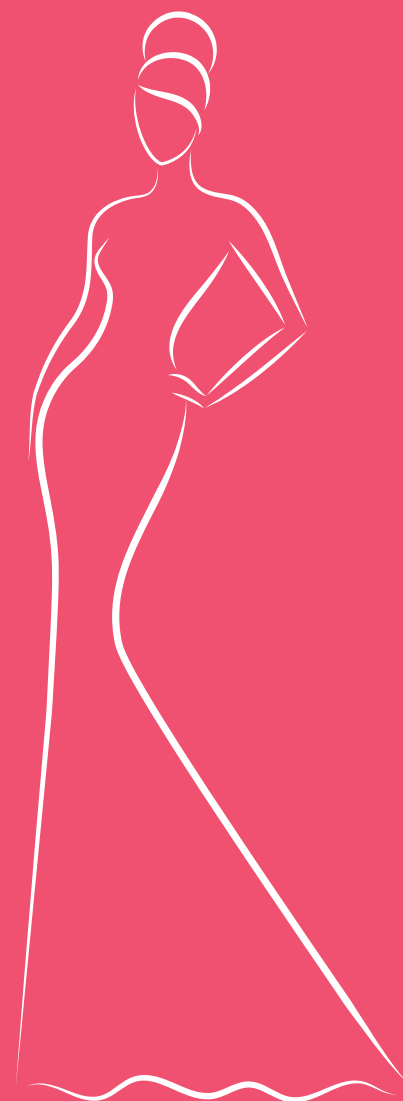
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# Community Christmas Celebration



Wednesday 7th Dec. 2016 from 12 noon Murchison Community Centre  
\$15 per person, admission by pre-purchase only from Murchison Neighbourhood House  
RSVP 5826 2373 before Friday 2nd Dec.



## Spring Fashion Parade

Friday 25th November from 6pm  
Murchison Bowls Club, Cnr Watson and Robinson Streets.

Tickets \$15, Chicken and salad dinner, complimentary glass of sparkling wine on arrival, drinks at bar prices. Tickets on sale at Pre-Loved Shop until November 22

Have a fun night out and go shopping for summer fashion. All garments supplied by Murchison Pre-Loved Shop and will be on sale on the night.

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Shop open 9:30-12:30 weekdays

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## Craft Alive



Riding high on the success of their August Quilt and Craft Exhibition, the Neighbourhood House Group continues to meet on Fridays.

Meeting 12 noon, the group has a schedule of projects set out. Read more on page 8.



## Seniors Week Fun

**A great day was had by all attending the Murchison Neighbourhood House bus trip to Spannerman and Simply Tomatoes in Boort. Arranged as part of Seniors Week Activities in Greater Shepparton, the response to the trip was tremendous.**

Originally planned for twenty two people, the numbers kept growing. Circumstance allowed for the trip to grow, an offer by Jon Crowley to drive a coach hired from Fords sealing a last minute push to add a few more.

Fifty people joined in the day, the fine weather playing a big part in the events success.

Thank you to not only Jon for driving, but to Neighbourhood House volunteers Cindy Richter and Sue Beavis who made sure everyone was fed and comfortable. Financial support through a Greater Shepparton City Council Seniors week grant and Neighbourhood House funding made the trip possible.

Next year will soon come around and the enthusiasm for another bus trip is high. Watch this space for news of next year's Seniors Week activity.



Murchison RSL  
invites you to attend the

## Remembrance Day Service

at Riverside Gardens  
11th November  
at 10:30am

*all welcome*

Internet Cafè \$2 per hour - during office hours





# Swimming season starts soon!

Weather permitting we hope to be opening the pool on Friday Nov 25th\*. Once again, we will be offering swimming lessons for children over the school holidays and adult swimming fitness classes along with lap groups. The pool will be available for pool parties, club break-ups and other social events. For more information contact Michelle Brown and keep a look out on our facebook page.

### Regular Opening Hours

Weekends	??pm to 6pm
Weekdays	3:30pm to 6pm until Dec 18 (end of term)
School holidays	1pm to 6pm 7 days a week Closed Christmas Day

The pool may stay open later at the lifeguard's discretion.

### Bookings

The pool may be booked for other social occasions – cost may vary depending on the number of guests and time hired.

### Kids Pool Parties

The pool is available for hire outside of regular operating hours for pool parties. The cost of \$100 is for two hour's pool use (for 15-20 children), including life guard. All parties must have adult supervision.

### Swimming lessons

During the holidays, learn to swim lessons will be offered by a qualified swim instructor. More information will be available closer to the holidays.

### Parental Supervision

All children under the age of ten must be accompanied by an adult or person 16 years or over. The life guard and/or the Committee of Management has the right to request a copy of a birth certificate to see proof of age.

### Fitness Classes

We are planning to offer fitness classes 3 mornings a week from 6 – 7am. If there is sufficient interest, lap swimming (at your own level) will be offered 2 – 3 mornings on opposite days to fitness training. Inquiries may be made at the pool. Cost is free to those holding a current season pass, otherwise daily entry rate applies.

Day Pass	
Family	\$ 16.00
Adult	\$ 4.50
Child	\$ 4.00
Senior	\$ 4.00

\* A Family is those listed on the Medicare Card, which may be requested to verify members.

\*\* Till December 14th

Season Pass		
	Rates after Dec 14	Early Bird Rates**
Large Family <sup>†</sup> (4 plus)	\$ 150	\$ 120
Small Family <sup>†</sup>	\$ 120	\$ 90
Adult	\$ 70	\$ 60
Child	\$ 60	\$ 50
Senior	\$ 60	\$ 50



## Pink Ribbon Breakfast

### Overwhelmed with success

Murchison Pink Ribbon Breakfast has been called a great success by organisers. Open to all in the community, the event raised \$2800 for breast cancer research.

“I have been overwhelmed by the response to the event” said event organiser Sharon Reilly.

“I was motivated to do something as a show of support and strength for the women I know affected by cancer. The statistics were real to me, women I know and love. It’s hard to feel powerless to help.”

“I am obviously not alone in this feeling” Sharon went on to say, “the support given to me by local business and individuals really heartening.”

There was much fun and conversation on the day, feedback about improvements and values for 2017 already being processed and fed into plans for another event.

Sharon finished by saying, “I have learnt a lot from my first efforts at doing something like this and I’m looking forward to honing my efforts next year.”



## Dhurringile Community Plan



Dhurringile Community Plan has been adopted by Council, many thanks to everyone who was part of pulling the detail together. The plan can be found online at <http://bit.ly/2eSvT12> If anyone else would like to be part of Dhurringile Community plan please contact Amy Jones on 58329467.

Priorities for 2016/2017 and beyond for Dhurringile: construct historical signage around reserve to link with centenary celebration of school

- ◇ construct entry signage to identify locality
- ◇ walking path from school to Recreation Reserve
- ◇ create a community park including BBQ, seating, playground and shade
- ◇ and improve disability accessibility including parking.

In addition, a flagpole to fly an Aboriginal flag, heaters and air conditioners for the Community Centre kitchen. If you have any news, events or mud for sale, email correspondence to [lniglia.tatstudio@bigpond.com](mailto:lniglia.tatstudio@bigpond.com). T.A.i.D



# That works for me!

Over the past few months Jenny Lister from the Murchison Neighbourhood House has been working with the Web-Wizards program to develop an exciting, comprehensive and functional website for the Murchison district.

Web-Wizards is a Work-for-the-Dole activity based at the Mooroopna Hub and conducted by CVGT Australia in conjunction with the Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre. The program works with long term unemployed and aims to instil a renewed sense of confidence and to equip the participants with basic web and design skills that will be invaluable for their future workplaces.

- ♦ The new Murchison website is designed to be a central location for all that happening within the Murchison district and includes:
- ♦ An events calendar that lists all that is going on in the region and also allows for public submission of events.
- ♦ The 'Murch Pages' has been created and is currently listing local services, sporting and community groups, this directory will be extended in the future to allow for local business to create their own listing.
- ♦ Term Guides and Local News for the Murchison Neighbourhood House

The latest editions of '3610 Murchison Community Newsletter' will be available for download from the new website as well as an archive of the previous editions.

Murchison Neighbourhood House is calling



on anyone with events and photos from our region to please email them in for inclusion.

Work for the Dole is funded by the Australian Government as part of Employment Services 2015-2020.



You might think in a community of around 1000 people that the demand on medical services would not be very high, but if you've been to the Murchison Medical Clinic lately you'd see that is not the case. The high quality of the doctors and friendly staff are probably part of the equation explaining why the practice draws so many patients from the local area and the wider region.

These doctors have often been booked out for 3-4 weeks in advance, so to better serve the community MMC has brought on another high quality doctor. The clinic is delighted to welcome Dr. Satinder Kaur coming over

from Princess Park Clinic. She enjoys the atmosphere in Murchison and is happy to be able to relieve some of the pressure on the clinic so that if someone needs an urgent appointment, they can be seen without having to double book and add to the waiting times of patients who were already scheduled.

When asked why she became a doctor, Dr. Kaur said because she wanted to care for people and added that, "medicine is a noble profession, but a mean business." She never wants medicine to be focused only on business as she believes that people's health can suffer. Satinder enjoys general practice and taking

a holistic approach to care and preventative health. She specializes in women's health and chronic disease management for conditions such as Diabetes, arthritis, heart disease and mental health problems.

In addition to taking new patients, many of Dr. Kaur's previous patients have followed her to Murchison where her appointments are taken between 8:30am - 5pm weekdays except Thursday.

Murchison Medical Clinic Appointments can be made by calling 58 262 575 or book online by searching Murchison Medical and using the online health directory.

## NAIDOC Celebration at Murchison Primary School



On Thursday 14th July we celebrated NAIDOC. We had a special day at school and all our work centred around this theme. Hilda from Parks Victoria and Jamie, Will and Drew came from ASHE to help us acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Our Land. The crew from ASHE taught us several traditional games that have been played by Aboriginals for a long time.

We played a version of Pacman known as 'Hunters and Fish', 'Kali Kali' that involved a feather from the Tiwi Islands, 'Jumping Pin' from Stradbroke Island, 'Weme' a bowling game from Central Australia. We also played a game called 'Hunters & Gathers' it was a traditional game that also originated in the Tiwi Islands. We had so much fun learning these games and playing them just as traditional Australians did.

Hilda brought lots of things from her culture. She taught us about the traditional owners of the land, the Yorta Yorta Nations. Hilda showed us the tools they used for hunting. Hilda told us about what they ate, kangaroo, goanna, emu, snake and gathered whatever yams or berries that were in season. Very different from today when we go to the supermarket to buy our dinner. We learned that the turtle is the totem of the the Yorta Yorta Nation. She showed us the two types of turtle shells, one was from a Snake Necked Turtle and the other was a larger one from a Murray Broad turtle. Hilda told us that the Yorta Yorta people never painted with dots but used vertical lines mainly to show the Goulburn and Murray Rivers where they did most of their trading up and down the rivers. Her nation traded three things mainly ochre, language and stone. We all had a great day and learned so much about the Aboriginal Culture and traditional ways. We thank Hilda, Jamie, Will and Drew for coming to our school.

### Murchison Community Plan Update

Although not in the spotlight, Murchison Community Plan Committee has been quietly working behind the scenes to meet the priorities set out in its action plan. It is with great excitement to see recognition of this work in the 2016/2017 GSCC budget with two projects coming closer to fruition.

In 2014 a detailed proposal was submitted to have footpaths created in Murchison. The proposal recognised the cost of such a move and

considered that at least one side of each should be sealed and that it needed to be staged over a period of time such as 10 years. Within this calendar year, a section of Station Street (north side between Impey and Robinson Streets) will be completed.

Successful in its first year to have the playground in Riverside Gardens fenced, the Community Plan committee have repeatedly made submissions for shade covering over the playground

to beat the summer heat and increase usage. The cost of this project is \$60,000 and a big thanks needs to go to all groups that have supported the ongoing advocacy for this.

Murchison Community Plan continues to deliver the BIG projects for our community. Thanks to Greater Shepparton City Council for its support. If you would like to join Murchison Community Plan please give Adam Poole a call on 58329700



## Lions Club

The Lions Club is still very active in the local community working on some local projects as well as fund raising activities.

The Club would like to remind you that the wood raffle is still operating in the main street each Saturday morning. Please keep buying the tickets at, 1 ticket for \$1, 3 tickets for \$2 or 8 tickets for \$5, for a chance to win a trailer load of firewood.

Another one of the Club's activities is the collection of old car batteries. All money raised from this project go directly to help support the D.P. Jones Nursing Home.

In the last week of June, 2016, two of our Lions members attended the 99th Lions Clubs International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. In total there were approximately 35,000 Lions from around the world at the convention. Next year, the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Chicago, USA, and at this stage, there is expected to be in the vicinity of around 1,000,000 Lions from around the world to attend.

Recently our Club had the privilege of having our

District Governor address our meeting and listen to him pass on to us the International Presidents message.

In July, we will be having our own "changeover" where the newly elected Board of Management will be inducted. At this event, the Club hand out money which has been raised over the past twelve months to various organisations in our community which are in need of our assistance.

If anyone is interested in joining the Lions Club, call John Ferguson, on 5826 2293 or Alan Rosser, on 0404 369 111.

## Dhurringile Community Bits

### Road Rage

In early October local Dhurringile residents were interviewed by WIN News regarding the significant Road damage that is constantly occurring with the Murchison-Tatura Road. Ample air time was given which was fantastic and front lined the news as a major concern.

Murchison-Tatura Road is the major arterial road connecting the GV Highway at Murchison East for all the cities and towns Northwest of Tatura. If you frequent this road and you would like to see some improvement share you concern by signing a petition or writing to Steph Ryan MP to share your concerns.

### Petition

The petitions will be sent to our local Shepparton City Council and to our local parliamentary members.



We are Requesting that the Murchison-Tatura Road be:

- ◇ fixed and not patched up
- ◇ To create a wider Shoulder and have space for an emergency stopping lane
- ◇ Frequent mowing along the sides of the road, and
- ◇ Bicycle user Friendly

It is evident now that trucks are getting bigger and longer and there is NO Room for oncoming traffic of both vehicles or trucks to pass one another without diverting off the road. This is dangerous and there has already been a fatality earlier this year.

For more information, contact Lisa Niglia 0428 266 310.

## Murchison Fire Brigade News



### Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for community members to join our local fire brigade. Please call into the fire station on a Sunday Morning, between 10am and 12 noon, to have a chat with one of our friendly fire fighters. Let us see how Murchison can benefit from your services and help improve your life. More information contact Jon Crowley 0408 575 594.

Our display screen is up and running in Wagner Brothers window, please take the time to have a look at the photos of what we have done in the community.

### Make a clean start

Before summer arrives think of fire safety, the wonderful rain soon turns into long grass and left unattended trouble may arise. By keeping on top of this years burn-off, you keep a low fire risk.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page. It has some wonderful videos on things we have achieved. There is some great information on there as well.

Please register your burns on **1800 668 511**, [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) also

has a lot of information on this topic that you may find useful.

### CFA Junior News

Our Juniors have been busy over the last two months. We held a quiz night and raised \$100 for People Supporting People. We also went to Marysville over the holidays and climbed Steavenson falls. The Children also took in the sights of Marysville and learnt some history about the town as well.

If your child is between the ages of 11 - 16 and would like to come and see what we can offer them, please contact Sharon 0438 262 172 or Rebecca 0408 262 339. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month and complete various activities – not limited to fire training.

## A Balancing Act

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.

## Murch Garden Group



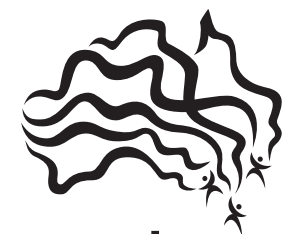
Garden Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, usually at Neighbourhood House at 7:30pm. Activities vary monthly but include things like watching DVDs, listening to guest speakers and visit to gardens & nurseries. New members are always welcome and it only costs you \$1.

A shared interest in gardening is a great way to meet new people with similar interests.

In October, the group took advantage of the finer weather, going on a garden walk.

November 23rd will be the last meeting for the year and the group will be visiting Noorilim

For further information call Beth 0458 262 240



## Australia Day

Murchison and District Australia Day Committee is once again planning a great celebration of our Nations great day, so now is the time to put your thinking caps on and nominate your choice for the awards listed below

- ★ Citizen of the Year
- ★ Young Citizen of the year
- ★ Community Event of the year
- ★ Club/Organisation of the Year
- ★ Educational Achievement of the Year
- ★ Sporting Achievement
- ★ Junior Sporting Achievement

Nominations can be collected from the Post Office and Murchison Service Station (Stevenson St)

**Forms must be returned by 21st November 2016.**



# Craft Alive cont.

Sessions are led by group members who are pleased with the chance to share their skills. Upcoming projects include making a jewellery roll, bag and more. Cost for the day is \$3 and a list of materials for the project is available from the office.



Members are only too happy to help at any time with patchwork projects and a quilting frame is available for use by appointment for \$15 per hour. The group has also purchased an Accuquilt machine with accompanying dyes. Ideal for cutting 2 1/2" strips for binding and applique shapes, the machine is available for use from 12-3 Fridays for \$5.



With the wet weather on its way visit the links below for information on what to do in an emergency and for the latest flood guide for Murchison.

[ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready](http://ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready)

Local flood guides are available from

[ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready/your-local-flood-information/greater-shepparton-city-council](http://ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready/your-local-flood-information/greater-shepparton-city-council)

We are currently recruiting new members in Administration. Operational roles, Chainsaw operator's, storm and flood response and road crash rescue. Non-operational roles, public relations, community awareness. If you want to be part of a great team, be involved with helping your community and with great training opportunities, then please contact Nicole on 0488 773 234.

[ses.vic.gov.au/volunteer/what-volunteers-do](http://ses.vic.gov.au/volunteer/what-volunteers-do)

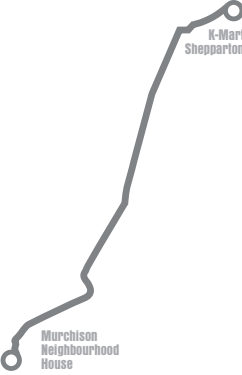
# Murchison History Meander



Yes – it IS chilly outside! But some of the time the sun peeps out, so how about rugging up and stepping out for a walk around town? Did you know there are two Murchison walks you can do, mapped out in a little pocket size booklet called Walk in Greater Shepparton produced by our Council? The shorter walk called History Meander is 1km return, starts at Meteorite Park and finishes at the Heritage Centre. Along the way you will find lots of information about the eventful

history of the town. Copies of the booklet can be obtained at the Bakery and Wagner's Produce Store or you can take the copy included in this edition of 3610 to guide you on your way. Next Edition we will feature the longer walk when the weather will be a lot kinder. Enjoy the exercise! Kay Ball, President, Murchison & District Historical Society Inc.

# Murchison Community BUS



Murchison Community Bus runs from Murchison to Shepp and back every Thursday, shuttle drops off in K-mart precinct or at appointments as required. Bus leaves the Murchison Neighbourhood House at 9am. (approx 9:30 - 12:30 in Shepparton) Cost \$5 per person, bookings essential, call Cindy 0429 963 976.

# Murchison Community Care, Cares

Murchison Community Care (MCC) is a Community based organization owned by the community and managed by a Board of Management voted in from its members. The Board holds the responsibility for managing the DP Jones Nursing Home, Neighbourhood House and the buildings occupied by the Murchison Medical Centre, GV Pathology and Phama Save Pharmacy. MCC employs over 60 people across its operations, making it Murchison's largest employer. Holding its annual general meeting recently, new board members were welcomed and others thanked for their service. It was with regret that the resignations of Lyndon Gregory and Ann Robinson were accepted. The Present Board is made up of Neil Lowe , Paul Keady, Doug Brown, Karen Brisbane, Ron Davey, Royden James and Lee Gardiner. Election of Office bearers will be undertaken at the next Board Meeting in late October. There is still provision for new Board members to be co-opted,

Chief Executive Officer Dominic Mellino only too willing to answer all questions about the organization and role of board members. Kay Ball, President of the Murchison and District Historical Society, gave a great presentation about Hans Wolter von Gruenewaldt, a German internee based at Camp 13 in Murchison during the Second World War. Kay presented a poster to MCC that summarizes Gruenewaldts work which takes pride of place in many locations across Murchison including the nursing home. Faced with the challenges of decreasing funding in a system of increasing growth, Murchison Community Care was pleased to announce an improved financial position and thanks was given to all staff as without their support, changes to make savings would not have been possible. As a community based service, involvement in MCC activities is always welcomed, call 5826 1100 to make a time to find out how.



## CFA General News

### Rain comes with a price

The rain has been nice but it also comes with some down sides. The lovely lush green grass will eventually dry off causing a fire risk. Please take the time to clean up around your property, keep the grass level low and tidy up leaves and branches around the house. Check out the council website for tips and regulations on burning off where you live. Please take the time to register your burn with the burn off line as this prevents a visit from the big red truck when you don't need it! 1800 668 551 When you call them, tell them your location of the burn off, the date you intend to light it, the time



you will light it and how long you think it will burn for and the approximate size of your burn and they would like to know what you intend to burn. All this information helps them when a passer by **calls 000** to report a fire they have seen. If it is on the system and all is recorded then the operator can assure them that it is a registered burn. If it's not on the system then expect a fire truck to arrive!

### New recruits welcome

We still have room for new recruits. The CFA offers free training and uniform once you complete your training. What better way of giving back to your community than to get involved with your community. We would love to have you on board! Come visit us at the fire station on a Sunday morning and have a cuppa with the crew and have a chat on what we can offer you and what you can offer us. Remember there are more jobs to do than fighting the flames. We also have administration rolls that need doing as well as community activities. Sunday mornings 10am to 12 noon Murchison Fire Station See you There!

### Junior Fire Brigade

Our trip to Marysville was awesome. The falls were magnificent and well worth the hike. The children learnt a bit about Black Saturday. I can't speak for the children but I know I slept well that night. Our juniors had a two day camping trip planned for the school holidays but due to the rains and the high water level, we had to postpone but, works are now underway for a compromise plan and a night walk around our town. Our juniors meet on the first Tuesday of the month. To join us you need to be between 11 - 16 years old. At 16 you are eligible to join the senior ranks and you will be assigned a mentor who will guide you through your CFA journey. If you are interested in join our juniors please call Sharon 0438262172 or Rebecca on 0408262339 if we don't pick up please leave a message and we will call you back.

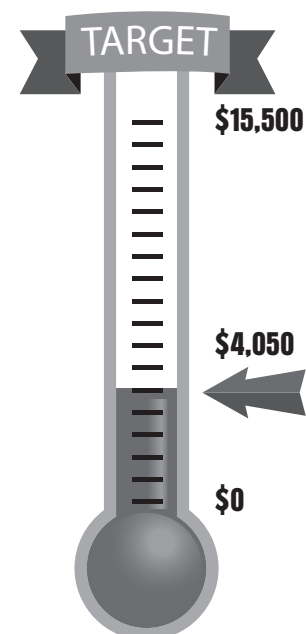
## A Night to Remember

Members of the Murchison RSL would like to thank everyone who attended their presentation night on Friday October 14. Both John Gribben and Time Whitford were entertaining speakers with a wealth of knowledge about prisoner of war camps in this area. Organised as a fundraiser for the memorial roll of honour, over \$1,000 was raised on the night.

A big thank you also to the families who have members listed on the memorial, their donations to the roll totaling \$400 to date. There are 288

names listed so far, the latest list being on display in the near future. Although it is the sixth release of an updated list, new names and details have been offered each time; so it is well worth the effort involved. A commitment has been made to include everyone to get it right, so the ongoing updates are seen to be vital to this process.

For more information about the roll of honour, or to find out about names listed so far, call Doug Messer on 5826 2328



## Murchison Football Club



L-R Bridie McCormick, Sharne Milne, Shelby Murnane.

Congratulation to Bridie and Shelby who played their 150th games for the Murchison Football/Netball Club.

Sharne also played her 100th game for the club.

## Dhurringile Tennis Club



DTC Senior and Open Day  
L-R Melinda, Lisa, Hiram, Brett, Clare, Hannah

The club has entered three senior teams in the GMLTA. Last year's runners up Premier 2 side Dhurringile/ Stanhope have united again and had their first win for the season. Coming on board for the first time playing in the GMLTA is 18 year old Taylor Apps from Seymour and Brett Cummins.

This year marks the first time the club has entered a 10/U's in the SDJTA. Gabriel Wilson, Leasil Bowman, Christopher Brown and Jack & Xavier Black had their first win for the season, 3 sets 29 to 3 sets 26. A wonderful win for a small rural club.

The season was opened with senior's week on Sunday 2nd October, 2016. This also coincided with DTC Open Day. As part of senior's week Tennis Victoria donated Wilson tennis balls for hosting the event, plus two tickets to the 2017 Australian Open. It was great to see club members in attendance and new comers to the club.

We welcome to the area and to DTC club Clare Cummins and Partner Brett, along with Hannah Delahenty and her Partner Scott and Hiram Norouzi and family.

The club has commenced its contribution for this year's "Free Activities in the Park" The ANZTHS Grand Slam Tour. The first tour took place at Dhurringile TC on Oct. 14th. The following weeks will be held at Murchison TC Oct. 21st, Toolamba TC Nov. 4th and Harston TC Nov. 11 from 4-5pm. For club enquires and court hire please contact club secretary L. Niglia on 0428 266 310.



Left: Dhurringile Jn Div. 3 Singles Side  
L-R Darcie Stammers, Lucas Wilson, Miles Dalglish

Left: Dhurringile 10/U Jn Side  
L-R Jack Black, Gabriel Wilson, Xavier Wilson, Christopher Brown, Leasil Bowman