

MARCH 2022

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## MURCHISON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



### ONE FAMILY, ONE PLACE, ONE DAY

The Murchison Toolamba Football Netball Club is working to realise its vision as being the community meeting place of a population that extends beyond Murchison and Toolamba and outward towards Nagambie, Rushworth, Tatura, Mooroopna, Shepparton, Kialla and Arcadia. We want you to feel welcome at the club and to connect with your neighbours while watching locals play sport. To ensure we are able to do this we are well on the way to improve the facilities at the Murchison Recreation Reserve to ensure we can take responsibility for such an expanse. As can be seen in the images, we have plans in place for upgrades to our change facilities and our social rooms.

*Read the full story inside...*





The Community Meals team at your Neighbourhood House Murchison **welcome all donations of fresh fruit and vegies** to support our Food Program. Food donations sometimes peak during the school holiday season, but remember to provide a helping hand all year round to support our Community Meals program. Donations can be dropped in to the House between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. Mondays and Wednesdays.



The volunteers of the Neighbourhood House Murchison have been working extremely hard to revamp the old 'Library' inside the Neighbourhood House and create a new and welcoming Murchison Community Bookstore. Thanks must go to Arsh Kaur who has spearheaded this project supported by volunteers Liz, Ingrid, Julie and Sharon - as you can see from the photos it is a wonderful space to browse with many modern and interesting fiction and non-fiction books to choose from. All books are on sale for \$2.00

In the coming weeks we will also have a space for you to sit and read and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee for \$1.00 . Open Monday to Friday (excluding Thursdays) 9am to 3pm.

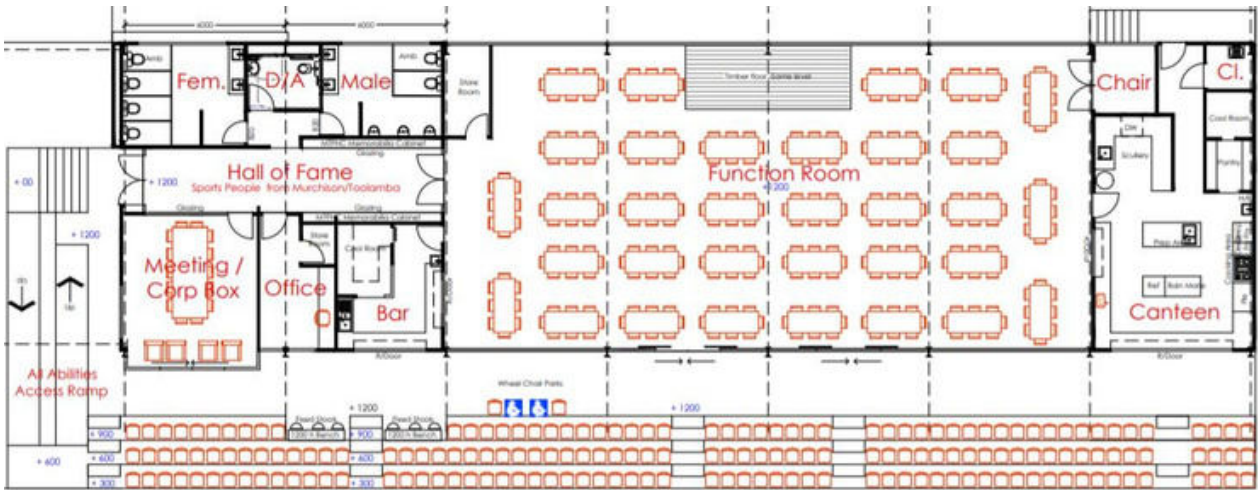
**DONATIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY BOOKSTORE OF GOOD CLEAN ITEMS ARE MOST WELCOME.**

**PLEASE PUT IN OUR DONATION BIN IN THE DRIVEWAY OR COME INTO THE HOUSE DURING OPENING HOURS.**

## ONE FAMILY, ONE PLACE, ONE DAY Continued from cover story...

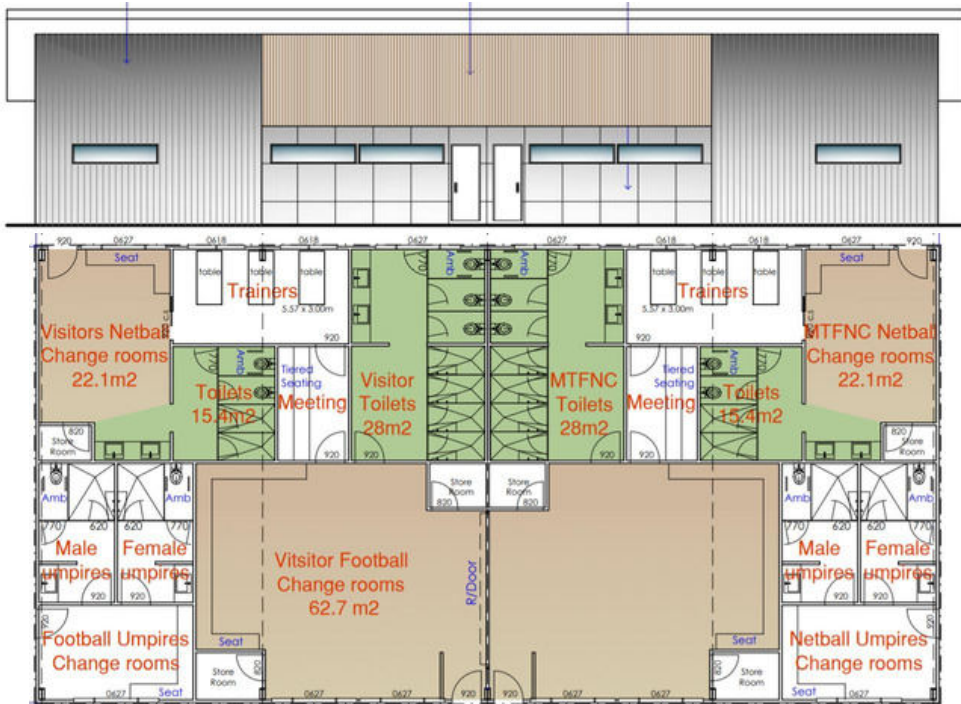
Through 2022 the MTFN club is keen to facilitate the gathering of community contributions to allow this project to progress. We know that this project will take a huge community effort, but we are confident that you will agree that the facilities we have in our town is not suitable for a growing community.

Please look out for our fundraising campaign that we will launch next month.



The Murchison and Toolamba Community Hub (The MATCH) is designed to seat over 250 people (banquet style) and will be an asset that will serve beyond the sporting clubs that are active at the time. It is envisioned that such a facility will comfortably accommodate weddings, funerals, family functions and open up many new opportunities for our locality. With a grandstand area to seat almost 200 people is also planned to be situated in this much needed upgrade.

### CHANGE ROOMS - STAGE 2



The change facilities are a separate building that will allow dual sports to participate at the same time throughout the year.

# SMALL IN SIZE, BIG IN LEARNING

Even though Dhurringile Primary School is one of the smallest schools in Victoria, our students certainly don't miss out in their educational curriculum.

Each morning our students are able to enjoy breakfast at school which is supplied by FoodBank Victoria through the School Breakfast Clubs program. Students are able to choose from cereal, toast, fruit, spaghetti or baked beans. In winter, the students can also choose porridge. Dhurringile Primary also participates in Foodbank's lunch program where students can have a variety of soups or packaged meals. Thanks to the generous donations from the Dhurringile Prison, we are also able to offer cheese toasties!



**DHURRINGILE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

'Aim High' Respect Achievement Resilience



As part of our Italian program, we have been revising our knowledge of colours and numbers. We are now learning the names of 2D shapes. It is interesting to see how some names are very similar to English.

The older students are starting to learn how to write in cursive or joined writing. Some of the students thought it would be quite easy however they are discovering that thinking about the size of the letters, the position of letters on the line, using the correct pencil pressure, making sure the letters are close enough together to actually join as well as having the joins correct takes a lot of concentration.

Each week, we join the Bendigo Discovery Centre for our science lessons. Our current unit of work is titled 'Being a Scientist'. We have been coming up with hypothesis or theories and then conducting experiments to see if we are correct or not. We really enjoyed our experiment last week where we were using our senses of taste, hearing and smell as we got to eat popcorn!

To find out more about what has been happening at Dhurringile Primary School, follow us on our school Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/dhurringileprimaryschool>

# MURCHISON-TOOLAMBA FNC 2022 SEASON UPDATE



The wider community of Murchison and Toolamba have turned out in plague proportions ahead of the 2022 season. We are continuing to offer the opportunity for the family to participate in their sport on the same place on the same day. The rate of participation shown has been nothing short of extraordinary following two COVID affected seasons. We look forward to seeing you watching our full quota of teams take the field throughout the year.

The netball courts were a hive of activity throughout trials. Our selectors had a tough job in narrowing down the teams into their lists. We do thank those who trialed this season. Our senior coaches; Sharne Milne, Carly Tuhan and Misti Gow will oversee our A, B and C Grades. Following the trials, the team spent an amazing weekend at Torquay exercising and team building. The junior netballers have also commenced their training. We welcome Leah Manson as 17 & Under coach and Liv Kerrins with the 15 & Under team. Stace Hodgkisson and Chloe Murray continue with the 13 & Under team, Jordan Merriman continues with the 11 & Unders and has Karen Bathman joining her. Our junior netball teams can be found training each Thursday night from 5pm and we may have a spot or two still available in our junior ranks.

Participation numbers on the football field also appear to be strong. Coaches Nick Iorianni and David Murray have the Seniors and Reserves primed for another strong season. The group has been putting in the work over the pre-season.

Our existing core of players have gelled well with our new recruits. We look forward to testing out our structures in our two practice matches - Heyfield at Murchison on Saturday 19th March (Seniors Only) and Rumbalara at Rumbalara on Saturday 26th March (Whole Club). We will then head into Round 1 at Rushworth.

Our junior coaches, Peter Miller and Craig Thompson are once again leading the Under 18s and Under 13s.

The Thirds have been very consistent at training and are set for a strong season. The Fourths are now Under 13s and are also looking fantastic for their second season.

This year we are also looking to add an Under 9 game at each home game, starting on Saturday 9th April when we host Ardmona.

APRIL 2		APRIL 9		APRIL 23		APRIL 30		MAY 7	
ROUND 1		ROUND 2		ROUND 3		ROUND 4		ROUND 5	
Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away
Ardmona	Tally	Undera	Longwood	Tally	Violet Town	Avenel	Tally	Violet Town	Avenel
Longwood	Violet Town	Shepp East	Stanhope	Longwood	Avenel	Ardmona	Rushworth	Longwood	Merrigum
Dookie Utd	Shepp East	Avenel	Dookie Utd	Nagambie	Shepp East	Shepp East	Longwood	Nagambie	Lancaster
Nagambie	Avenel	Merrigum	Girgarre	Stanhope	Lancaster	Merrigum	Nagambie	Dookie Utd	Murch-Tool
Stanhope	Merrigum	Lancaster	Rushworth	Girgarre	Murch-Tool	Lancaster	Dookie Utd	Stanhope	Undera
Rushworth	Murch-Tool	Murch-Tool	Ardmona	Rushworth	Undera	Murch-Tool	Stanhope	Girgarre	Ardmona
Girgarre	Lancaster (Sun)	Violet Town	Nagambie (Sun)	Dookie Utd	Merrigum (Sun)	Undera	Girgarre (Sun)	Tally	Shepp East (Sun)
Undera	Bye	Tally	Bye	Ardmona	Bye	Violet Town	Bye	Rushworth	Bye



As the weather changes and you start to have a clean out please remember the Neighbourhood House Murchison's PreLoved Shop for all your Autumn and Winter Donations.

Items can be donated in person Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 9.00 am to 2.45 pm. After 3.00 pm and on weekends please place items in the donation bin in our driveway.

Please do not leave goods outside the shop after hours as these can be damaged and/or stolen. Security cameras are in operation. No dumping of unwanted goods. No electrical.

Join us at the **Community Safety Forum** EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Have your voice heard.  
Share what makes you feel safe and unsafe.  
Help us take action.

Join host Nelly Thomas, the Hon. Natalie Hutchins, MP, Minister for Crime Prevention and local community leaders to discuss safety in Greater Shepparton.

1.15pm - 4.30pm  
**THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2022**  
Senior Citizen's Centre  
132 Welsford St  
Shepparton

[Click here for more information & to register by Sunday March 20](#)



**Nelly Thomas**  
Nelly is a multi-talented, award-winning Australian comedian, author and broadcaster.




## Support After Suicide

### Who do we help?

We support anyone who has been bereaved or impacted by suicide including:

- individuals, families, friends, witnesses
- schools, workplaces and community groups
- first responders and service providers

To find your local StandBy site please use our website [www.standbysupport.com.au](http://www.standbysupport.com.au)

Many people are impacted by each suicide death including family members, close friends, kinship groups, colleagues and whole communities.



### Murray

24/7 Support Needs

1300 727 247

[standby.murray@wellways.org](mailto:standby.murray@wellways.org)

[www.standbysupport.com.au](http://www.standbysupport.com.au)



## DARGALONG RACECOURSE AND RECREATION RESERVE



Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING to be held at the Murchison Golf Club on Monday March 28, 2022 at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than 3 nor more than 9 persons as the Committee of Management for the Reserve for a term of 3 years.

The current Committee's term will expire on April 19, 2022. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged. Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Cecilie Munro on 0403 363 342.

# MEET THE MURCHISON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This Month we introduce you to Paul Erdmann and Donna Maslin.

We are married with three adult children, two boys and a girl. We have three grandchildren, two boys and a girl and another one on the way. We have many nieces and nephews with their children that keep us on the move. We love having them home.

Donna's involvement with this town started when she was born.

Donna's Grand Parents, Burt and Vera Eliason owned an orchard and ran some cattle at River Road, Murchison North. Her parents were Ted and Betty Maslin and older sister Gail.

Donna attended Murchison Primary School, Mooroopna High School and Jackson College.

Paul grew up in Adelaide, South Australia and attended Nailsworth Primary School and Enfield High School. On the completion of High School Paul worked in advertising and was engaged in general office duties and later as a layout artist.

Coincidentally Paul had an association with Murchison in that his German born Grandfather was interned at Camp 13 for 5 years during World War 2.

Paul joined the Commonwealth Police (later becoming the Australian Federal Police) in 1978. Paul served 39 years based in Melbourne and served interstate and overseas. Paul worked in varied areas in the organisation completing his career in an Organised Crime Task Force.

Donna joined the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and served 37 years in total and worked mostly in Melbourne and was lucky to serve interstate and overseas. The areas she enjoyed working in the most were Drug Investigations and Counter Terrorism. It was a very rewarding career and at times a very frustrating one. Donna and Paul made so many friends and a lot have been borrowed as extended family.

Paul and Donna retired in 2017 and ended up back in Murchison. They live on 5 acres have 23 fruit trees, 40 shiraz vines, a vegetable garden and a very fulfilled life.

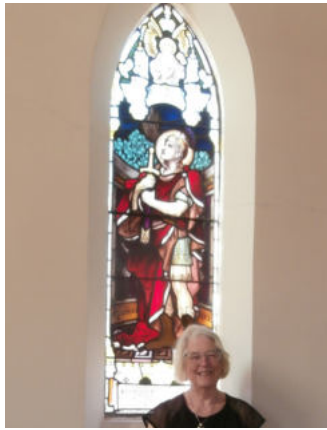
Paul and Donna have been members of Neighbourhood House Murchison Committee since 2018. Donna has undertaken the role as Secretary since November 2019. They enjoy participating in Neighbourhood House events and supporting the Manager and Volunteers. They look forward to exciting times ahead.



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# THE FAITHFUL SOLDIER WINDOW



*Pictured: Dr Bronwyn Hughes, Stained-glass Historian and Consultant.*

Christ Church, the Anglican church in Murchison, has some outstanding stained-glass windows crafted by well-respected and skilled artists. They were installed many years ago by local families in memory of loved ones. A notable window dedicated to Major Ernest Gregory who died at Gallipoli in June 1915, and also his 18-year-old sister Muriel, who died in September the same year, was installed by the Gregory family. Major Gregory, aged 33, had only been at Gallipoli for a few weeks when he was killed by a shell during a heavy bombardment. His sister Muriel was a well-loved teacher at the Murchison Primary School and succumbed to a sudden illness only 3 months later. It must have been a very sad time for this family.

The window, beautifully composed of strong colours that have not lost their brilliance although more than 100 years old, depicts a Roman soldier and is entitled The Faithful Soldier. The artists were William Wheildon and George Dancey who worked for Brooks, Robinson & Co., Melbourne.

The leading Australian stained-glass expert, Dr Bronwyn Hughes, visited recently to photograph this particular window as she is compiling a book about the stained-glass windows that are dedicated to soldiers. This publication should be available by August and I am certain it will be a very impressive book. Dr Hughes is most knowledgeable about the windows in Christ Church. She generously shares details of the history of stained glass, also knows the particulars about the artists who created them and the story of the people to whom the windows are dedicated. It was wonderful to spend time with Dr Hughes and learn more about our special windows here in Murchison.

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Murchison & District Historical Society Inc.  
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The Dyson Group of Companies (The Funder) Community Support Program has been established to provide support to a range of community-based organisations providing services to the community of Victoria.

The Program will have two funding rounds with grants limited to a maximum of \$1000 (inclusive of GST) per application. Applicants can apply for any amount of funding up to, but not exceeding, \$1000.00

The applications for this round are now OPEN !!!! Submit your application before the close off date 31st March 2022. Log onto this site and follow the Application Guide.

[www.dysongroup.com.au/about/community-grant](http://www.dysongroup.com.au/about/community-grant)



## Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal - Friday 15th April 2022

Murchison Fire Brigade - Members and Juniors along with our colleagues from Murchison SES, will be out collecting from 9.30am, not going to be home, then you are more than welcome to donate at the Murchison Fire Station.

Our virtual tin will be available if you would like to donate online, the link will be available on our Facebook page (Murchison Fire Brigade CFA) shortly. Please Give that they may grow!



## MURCHISON TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR CHAMPIONS



Murchison are the 2021/22 Shepparton Junior Tennis Association D Grade Premiers! Murchison D Grade ended the 2021/22 season on top of the ladder and with the semi-finals washed out, they went straight into the finals defeating Tatura Lawn Yellow. It was an exciting end to the season. Congratulations Gus Ewart, Tex Leone, Max Ewart, Frankie Ewart, Wally Ewart and Esther Ewart. Congratulations also to C Grade, finishing 3rd on the ladder. Unfortunately due to the semi-final wash out they were unable to play in the finals. Thank you to head coaches Jake and Shae Ewart and assistant coach Harry Ewart for their inspiring coaching!

Cheers, Cecilie Munro



During the summer months, Murchison CFA has been busy on all fronts of fire and accident related activity across both the community area and as support to other

brigades requiring assistance in the management and control of emergency situations.

The key issue this month is that despite recent rainfall we are still under FIRE RESTRICTIONS meaning that fires may not be lit outdoors until further notice. The following notice from CFA District 22 refers to BURN OFF PERMITS.

### Media release

04/03/2022



#### Fire Danger Period still in force, but farmers can now apply for permits to burn.

With the return to some milder weather, many farmers and landholders will be beginning their burning program in preparation for sowing of crops. District 22 will begin considering permit applications for Schedule 13 agricultural burns only from 4pm Monday 7 March 2022. District 22 includes the Shire of Moira, City of Greater Shepparton and Shire of Strathbogie.

Those seeking a permit should apply via Fire Permits Victoria, the dedicated online site for digital permits at [firepermits.vic.gov.au](https://firepermits.vic.gov.au)

The website allows Victorians to create an account to apply for fire permits during a period when fire restrictions are in place or on a day of total fire ban (TFB). The website also allows a person to notify authorities of the use of a permit during a period when fire restrictions are in place or TFB; and a burn-off during a period when fire restrictions are not in place.

District 22 Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) Tony Owen said that any burn-offs when fire restrictions are in place require a permit. The permit holder must comply with permit conditions and must notify the planned use of a granted permit through the home page 'Notify' tab or through the Burn-off notification line on **1800 668 511** to reduce 000 brigade call outs.

Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a hefty penalty. Under the Summary Offences Act (1966), landowners must not leave a fire unattended as it could result in damage to or destruction of life and property. Landowners still have responsibilities that they must adhere to when burning off. They must strictly adhere to conditions listed in the Schedule 13 permit.

"Under the CFA Act, there is the risk of a fine, twelve months imprisonment or both for people who do not abide by the act" ACFO Owen said. "It is important that all landholders are aware of their responsibilities when incorporating burning off into their farm safety plan and take adequate precautions to ensure that all requirements are met. Any permits issued during the current conditions will include as a minimum requirement 3000 litres of water, 3 adults in attendance and a 4 metre break around the perimeter and 4 metre break around any trees or stands of trees within the area to be burnt. Light up time, not before 1600 hours".



**Neighbourhood  
House Week 9-15 May 2022**

Building resilience by bringing  
people together



## International Women's Day

**MISSION: To forge inclusive work cultures where women's careers thrive and their achievements are celebrated.**

An impromptu morning tea was held on Tuesday 8th of March at the Neighbourhood House Murchison for the Volunteers working on the day. Manager, Chriss Kelly took the opportunity to thank Liz, Sue and Ingrid (pictured with Chriss) for the commitment and professionalism they display towards their voluntary roles at the House & for their respect and support of each other.

- Imagine a gender equal world.
- A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination.
- A world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.
- A world where difference is valued and celebrated.
- Together we can forge women's equality.
- Collectively we can all #BreakTheBias.



[WWW.INTERNATIONALWOMENSDAY.COM](http://WWW.INTERNATIONALWOMENSDAY.COM)

## LABOR CUTS CAPACITY OF SHEPPARTON AERIAL FIRE BOMBER

MEDIA RELEASE

**Steph RYAN**  
MEMBER FOR EUROA | DEPUTY LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

**A better deal  
for Euroa**  
**THE NATIONALS**  
for Regional Victoria

The Andrews Labor Government has cut the capacity of the aerial firefighting aircraft based in Shepparton. Member for Euroa and Deputy Nationals leader Steph Ryan and The Nationals' candidate for Nicholls Sam Birrell joined CFA volunteer Tom Brodie at Shepparton airport this morning to flag concerns about the changes. Ms Ryan said the government signed new contracts late last year which replaced Kestrel Aviation's Bell 212 twin engine helicopter with a AS350 single engine helicopter.

The Bell 212 helicopter has a firebombing capacity of 1500 litres, while the AS350 can carry just 1050 litres. "The helicopter that now sits at the Shepparton airport carries only two-thirds of the volume of water that the aircraft previously provided," Ms Ryan said.

"So far we have avoided a bad fire season this year, but it's only a matter of time before we face fast-moving grassfires or bushfires in inaccessible terrain where aerial support is vital.

"The reduced capability of the aircraft contracted by the government means fires will take longer to pull up and our volunteers on the ground won't have as much support."

Mr Birrell said he was concerned by Victorian Government's decision to downgrade the capacity of Shepparton's aerial support.

"Aerial attack has become vitally important in modern firefighting," Mr Birrell said.

"We need to be upping the ante on the capacity of our fleet, not reducing it. If I am elected, I will lobby the Victorian Government to reverse its cuts to our firefighting capacity."

Ms Ryan said Shepparton's operational base would also no longer be serviced by Kestrel, a local aircraft operator located in Mangalore, after the government handed the contract to Melbourne-based Microflite.

"CFA volunteers have raised concerns with me that Microflite has limited experience in aerial firefighting," Ms Ryan said.

"The government needs to explain why it has handed these contracts to another company which has resulted in a less experienced operator with a reduced capacity.

"Not only are Kestrel Aviation industry leaders, having pioneered night bombing and the use of snorkels to allow aerial appliances to refill from the air, but they are also local.

"Instead of supporting regional businesses, Labor is ripping the rug out from underneath them."

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE MURCHISON TOGETHER WITH LIFELINE CENTRAL VICTORIA AND MALLEE 'MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING'.



**Thursdays - April 14th & 21st. 2022 - Neighbourhood House Murchison.**

**\$198.00 per person - 9am to 4pm**

Evaluations consistently show that MHFA training is associated with improved knowledge of mental illnesses, their treatments and appropriate first aid strategies, and confidence in providing first aid to individuals with mental illness. It is also associated with decreased stigma and an increase in help provided.

Learn how to assist adults who are developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves. You will learn how to assist an adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves, using a practical, evidence-based action plan. This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

**To book your place in this excellent local training opportunity please contact Chriss Kelly, Manager at Neighbourhood House, Murchison on 58262373**

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