

Arrow International to project manage new centre

Arrow International has won the contract to project manage construction of the Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre.

Project manager Steve Kelso said they were currently reviewing the concept design to ensure plans finalised 12 months ago would still meet the community's needs and that budgets, also set 12 months ago, were still realistic.

Mr Kelso said the company planned to keep at least one rugby field operational for the rugby season so normal competition could continue unhindered.

The first stage of work would involve recontouring and drainage, most of which is expected to be complete by April 2007 when the first structural work is scheduled to start.

The existing grandstand will be retained as long as possible, but it is planned to utilise parts of it in the new development, so later next year it will have to come down.

"We want to tap into the existing building and recycle what we can and continue the legacy and hard work of the people of Murchison in past history. There's some beautiful timber in there and it could also create some cost savings to the project," he said.

Mr Kelso is also keen to tap into the strengths of the local community for contracting tenders.

Using locals would also reduce travel and transport costs for the project.

He said contractors had to be realistic about their ability to handle the volume of work required, but suggested there might also be opportunities for local contractors to band together.

The normal tender process will be followed.

"We would love to see as much of the project funds remain in Murchison" he said.

Mr Kelso also said he'd never worked on a project where the community was so united in achieving its goal and was very excited to have won the contract. He was also very impressed with all the work that Tony Peacock and his committee had performed to date, to bring the project to this phase.

The complex is to be completed by mid-February 2008 and will be officially opened at the Murchison A and P Show.

Arrow International has significant experience in working on projects of this size. The company worked on the Hanmer Springs Complex, Twizel Community Complex, the Motueka grandstand and the Nayland College gymnasium.

Kinzett Livestock confirms sponsorship

Kinzett Livestock has been confirmed as the naming rights sponsor for the function/club room at the Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre.

Kinzett Livestock is a family business established by Phyllis and Alf Kinzett eight years ago. Their eldest son Dean has just joined the business while youngest son Bryce runs the family farm. Their daughter Maria has a gift shop at the Beechwoods Complex.

"We've had a lot of enjoyment out of sport in Murchison in our lives and we feel that it's important for children to participate in team sports," said Phyllis.

Alf pointed out that the community was pulling together to achieve a common goal. "Murchison is a good central location for the sports organisations outside the region to come together, which will provide benefits for the whole region.

"We've had good loyal support from the locals throughout the years and this is our opportunity to give something back," he said.

The sponsorship from Kinzett Livestock has been a great plus in the community fundraising effort.

Naming rights for the bar have been secured by Tasman Brewery. Several other areas are still available for sponsorship, such as the first aid room and gymnasium. There are also opportunities for businesses to purchase advertising space within the gymnasium.

For more information about naming rights or advertising, contact Judene Edgar Ph 021 541927.



Committee looks for donations of goods or services

While Arrow International is onboard to manage the design and construction of Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre a lot of work is still to be done by the committee to get goods and services to assist with the construction, landscaping, fencing, demolition of the old clubrooms and fit out the new centre.

Any items donated for the project that help to bring down the costs are considered part of the community's 20 percent donation and will count towards the fundraising target.

So far they have received donations of fire extinguishers from Mike and Maree at Assured Safety Ltd, ground work and truck hire from Andal Holdings, transport from Murchison Transport, lime chip from Murchison Limeworks, topsoil from Alex Hislop, fencing from Andy Collins and landscaping services from the Murchison Environmental Care Group.

Any contributions – from toilet paper to accommodation; from concrete to timber; from labour to landscaping; from crockery to office furniture – would be much appreciated.

Contact Tony Peacock Ph 523 9544 or Ricki Leahy Ph 523 9354.



Four-wheel drive action

A four-wheel drive trip is planned for the Glenroy/Matakitaki valleys on Waitangi Day, Tuesday 6 February 2007.

The trip will be an all-day event, starting from the Murchison Domain at 8.30am and returning about 4.00pm.

The trip costs \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, which includes a barbecue lunch.

This promises to be a fantastic day and is a great opportunity to drive up the Glenroy Valley.

For more information contact Tony Peacock, Ph 523 9544.



Taming the Gowan

In the recently released Tasman Collection 2007 is a new series called Snapshots of Tasman Past. This series is a collection of short histories of interesting areas in the region and included is a book about the hardy settler community at Gowanbridge.

The Snapshots books retail for \$8 and are available at the Murchison Information Centre and Murchison Museum.

Sales of Taming the Gowan are being used as a fundraiser for Murchison's Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre.





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For a donation of \$100, \$250 or \$500 you can sponsor a brown trout on the Centre's mural and link your family or group's name to the project for posterity.

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(Anonymous donations will be gratefully appreciated)

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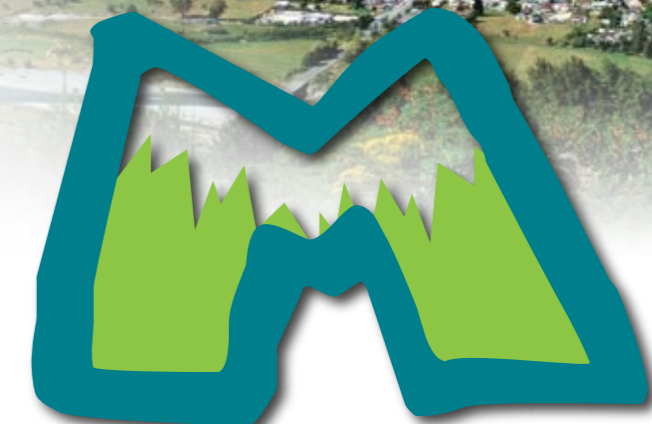
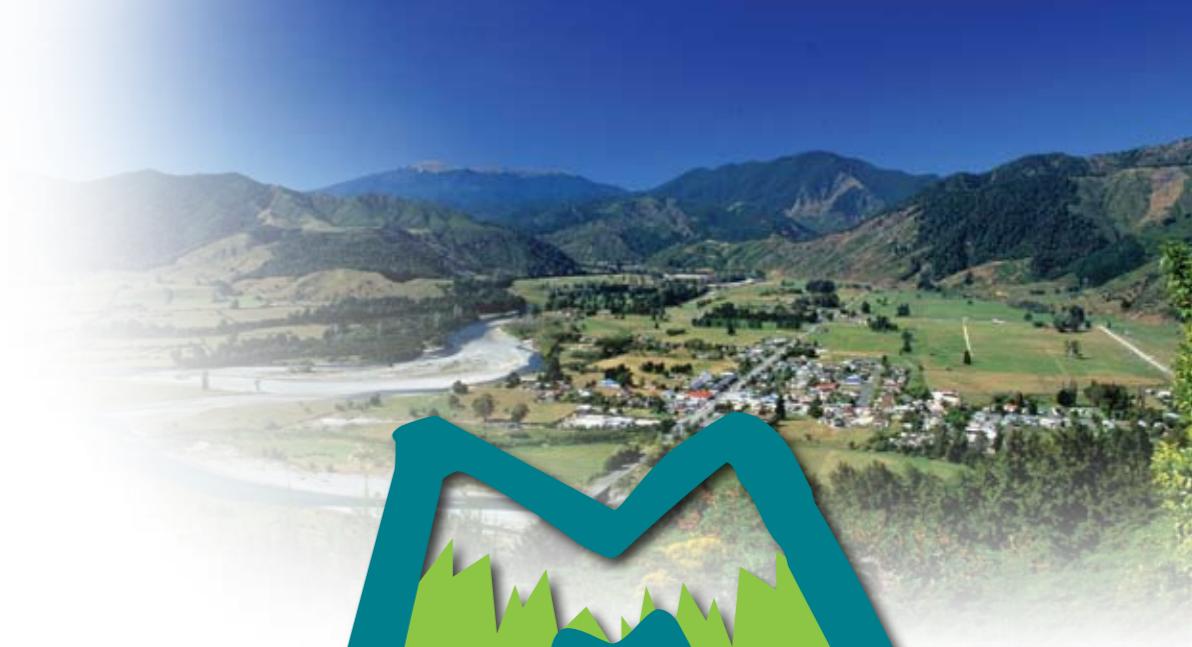
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The development of Murchison's Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre is under way. You can be part of this community project - here are some of the latest fundraising initiatives and news from the committee

