



# MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS A FREE PUBLICATION

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### Murrabit Community News

Back to back Murrabit markets this month kept our volunteers on their toes with a massive Easter Saturday market and one week later, the usual April market, which ended up being a rainy day. Easter Bunny and Farms 2 U kept the crowd entertained at the Easter market and as a special school holiday treat Kathleen and Caleb from Circus Lab in Melbourne were very colourful entertainers and great fun at the April market! Thanks to a Gannawarra flood recovery grant for supporting these two activities.



Next events coming up are our **ANZAC Day** Service and Community Luncheon on **Thursday 25 April**. Please feel welcome to come along to the lunch, even if you can't come to the service being held earlier in the day.

May market on **Saturday 4 May**.

Five Ways to Wellbeing Coffee and Create event at the Murrabit Family Hub on **Friday 10 May** by the Dandy Lion Studio.

We have a Federation Vintage Car event on the Market Site on **Sunday 19 May** followed by community Woodfired Pizza lunch at the back of the hall on **Sunday 25 May**.

Big thank you to the volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to bring these community events to Murrabit for everyone from across our district to enjoy!



### UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKETS

**SATURDAY 4 MAY & 1 JUNE**

Variety of market stalls. Live music by Jimmy Johnson. Breaky, morning tea and lunch by our community groups. *Stall bookings to [www.murrabit.com.au/market](http://www.murrabit.com.au/market) or 5457 2205.*





# FINAL CALL - Community Phone Book update

**FINAL CALL** - the update of the 2024 version of the Community Phone Book is ready to print.

If you have any changes you would like to make to your existing entry, want to check your existing entry, or if you are new to Murrabit and would like to be part of our Community Phone Book, send an email to [murrabit1@bigpond.com](mailto:murrabit1@bigpond.com), give us a call on 5457 2205, or stick a note through the mailbox in

the Murrabit Market Office door. **Entries close 30 APRIL 2024.**

**The phone book will then be printed and distributed through Busy Bees, Murrabit Trading and Murrabit Shop.**

## Busy Bees of Murrabit

Community owned and operated gift shop and visitor centre, Gonn Avenue, Murrabit (part of the Murrabit Market Office Complex).  
Open Murrabit Market mornings 9am to 12:30pm. Keep up to date by giving our **Murrabit Promotions** Facebook page a LIKE



## Murrabit Accessible Defibs - Snake Bite Kits included

24 hour accessible defib machines are mounted externally next to the kitchen door at the Murrabit Hall and at the door to the Murrabit Men's Shed.

The Men's Shed defib machine cabinet also includes a set of pads suitable for children under 8 years.

These life saving machines are available to anyone in an emergency.

Thanks to Ambulance Victoria Snake Bite kits have been added the accessible defib cabinets. Remember to always first call an Ambulance in an emergency by phoning **Triple Zero (000)**.




**SOCIAL MEALS**  
February - June 2024

Murrabit Hall  
Wednesday 24 April  
Wednesday 29 May  
Wednesday 26 June

Bookings to NDCH  
Community Care  
(03) 4429 1900  
A great way to socialise and enjoy a home-cooked two-course meal for just \$10.

## Murrabit Book club

Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm, usually in member's homes. New members welcome. Please contact Jeanette Coulter 5457 2331 for more information.



**Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm Sundays**

The Men's Shed sets up for each Murrabit Market - all welcome to come along and help out - meet at the Lions Park at 9am on the Friday morning. Membership fees are \$35 to cover insurance costs and can be paid by dropping into the 'shed' on a Sunday.

Contact: Stephen O'Donoghue, Secretary 0418 577 238.  
Facebook - **Murrabit Men's Shed**

## KERANG TO ECHUCA BUS SERVICE 1st Tuesday & 3rd Friday of each month Timetable, Bus stops & Fares

8am - Departs Kerang Railway Station -  
**8.25am - Departs Murrabit Hall**  
8.45am - Departs Koondrook Hall (side)  
9.05am - Departs Cohuna Hall (rear)  
10.15am - Arrives Echuca CBD  
**2pm - Departs Echuca CBD for the return service**  
*One-way, part way and non-concession fares are also available. No bookings necessary. Tickets available from the driver and allow for free transport on Echuca buses whilst there. For more information, please call Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007.*

## Murrabit Rec Reserve

The Murrabit Recreation Reserve is managed by a DECCA appointed committee of management. Hiring enquiries to Terry Morton President 0409 692 630 or Stephen O'Donoghue Secretary 0418 577 238.

## MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2024

- May Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
- June Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
- July Market - Murrabit Playgroup
- August Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
- September Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
- October - Murrabit Tennis Club
- November - Murrabit Fire Brigade

## MURRABIT NEWSLETTER DETAILS

If you are not already receiving this free community newsletter via email, please send us your email address so that we can add you to our email list. You will then receive the newsletter on the day it is produced. The monthly editions of this newsletter are also available from our website: [www.murrabit.com.au/murra-bit-a-news](http://www.murrabit.com.au/murra-bit-a-news)

Hardcopies are delivered via Australia Post to local residences. Deadline for articles for upcoming edition is

**FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024**

Information can be emailed to [murrabit1@bigpond.com](mailto:murrabit1@bigpond.com), delivered or posted through our door.

Community interest info is free.

Advertise from \$10.



# ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

25 APRIL, 2024

10:30 am service in the Murrabit Hall followed by a service at the cenotaph

**Guest Speaker- Gregor McDonald**

Community lunch from 11:30am at the back of the Murrabit Hall provided by the Murrabit and District Lions Club- All Welcome



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# 5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

## Mothers Day POT PAINTING

Join us to celebrate Mother's Day with The Dandy Lion Studio.

A FREE pot painting workshop is coming to Murrabit for Mother's Day. Framed by the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, participants will paint a terracotta pot and be able to take their pot home to bring them future joy and wellbeing.

**Friday 10th May 2024**  
**6.00PM - 7.30PM**  
**Murrabit Family Hub**

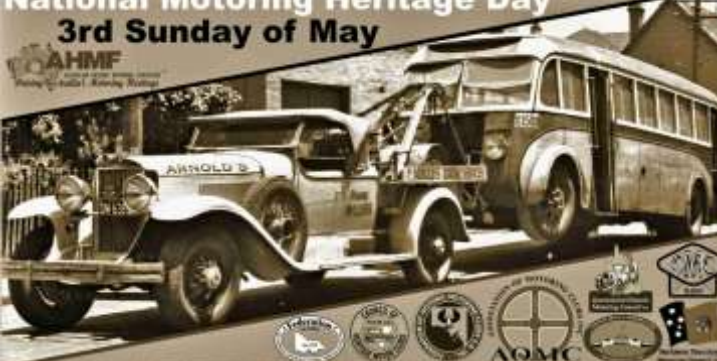

Nibbles, conversations and no art experience needed.  
To book call NDCH 5451 0200 or book via the QR code - spots limited.



Free workshop provided by NDCH, GSC and Lockton Malles Public Health Unit funding.



## National Motoring Heritage Day 3rd Sunday of May

### FEDERATION'S MURRABIT PICNIC

#### National Motoring Heritage Day

**SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024**

**FROM 10AM MURRABIT MARKET SITE**

- 100 plus heritage vehicles will descend on Murrabit
- Coffee van and bbq available.
- Free live music by Four to the Bar
- Vehicles 25 years plus, cars, trucks, motorbikes welcome
- Supported by Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club Inc
- Funded by Gannawarra Shire Community Grants Program

**Enquiries to John and Michelle 0409 985 906**



### Murrabit Community Lunch

## Woodfired Pizza

**Sunday 26 May 2024**

Back of Murrabit Hall From 12pm.  
BYO Drinks. All Welcome.

Come along for a catch-up and order a delicious pizza cooked by Brad's Tiamo Twin Flame Woodfired Pizza, Gunbower

# \$5 per pizza

Bookings essential by 19 May  
phone Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641



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## Murrabit Hall

**Woodfired Pizza Lunch:** Don't miss this!!!! We've set a new date – **Sunday 26 May at 12 midday**. So come along enjoy a pizza for lunch and have a catch up and a yarn. Make sure that you put it in your diary!!

Don't forget that Anzac Day is coming up on Thursday 25 April and we're expecting a big crowd in the Hall, 10:30am start.

A **BIG** event coming up on Sunday 19 May from 10am at the rear of the Hall. Federation's Murrabit Picnic for National Motoring Heritage Day and there'll be a huge gathering of cars, trucks and motorbikes 25+ years old that will be on display. There will be live music and lunch available.

The next community lunch is on Wednesday 24 April in the Hall. The HumnStrummers swelled the crowd at the March luncheon and they'll be back again in April so it should be a good crowd again and a great chance to catch up with a few friends!!!

Our regular activities - Line Dancing, yoga, market morning teas and community lunches – are all back in full swing.

The Hall is available for hire and is a perfect venue for a wide range of functions, day or evening, and is extremely well-equipped. To hire the Hall or for more information, contact Neil Hopkins (Pres) 0490830641 or Jeanette Coulter (Sec/Treas) 0458 572 331.

**Have a great month everyone!**

Neil Hopkins, President

## Murrabit & District Lions Club

**Anzac Day** which is one of the major events on our calendar, is just around the corner, Thursday 25 April. Our service starts in the Hall at 10:30am and moves to the cenotaph for laying of the wreaths and poppies. We will be providing lunch for any and everyone who would like to come from 11:30am onwards at the Lions kitchen. You can come for lunch even if you can't make it to the service. It's a community event and a fantastic chance to catch up with friends both past and present. We'd like to thank the Gannawarra Shire for their generous support of our event.

**Our Woodfired Pizza Night has changed to a Woodfired Pizza Lunch!** It will now be held on **Sunday 26 May at midday** at the back of the Murrabit Hall.

We don't hold a dinner meeting in April due to Anzac Day so our next Dinner meeting will be held at the Murrabit Golf Club on **Tuesday 21 May**. Dinner meetings are very informal and really enjoyable – it includes a two course meal and always a very entertaining guest speaker. If you're interested in coming along - you don't have to be a Lion; everyone is welcome - give us a ring! You won't be sorry!!

We're really keen to add some new members. We are very much a local community club with our efforts focused on helping local people and groups. We'd love to have you join us!!

We meet twice a month at the Murrabit Golf Club, second Tuesday for business meetings and fourth Tuesday for Dinner meetings .

If you are new to our district or are interested in becoming involved in Lions and helping our community, please contact membership Chairman Bill Hazen on 54572213 or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.



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## Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club

The Club hosted it's 77<sup>th</sup> annual Easter tournament over the Easter weekend. We had a very successful tournament with great entry numbers and a fun, family-friendly environment.

We ran our mixed competition on Good Friday and followed up with the Doubles event on Easter Saturday. Many of our competitors were visitors who travelled to take part in our tournament, camp on-site under the gum trees and enjoy the wonderful grass courts. A big thank you goes to our committee and greenskeepers for ensuring the courts were in such great condition. Easter is all about family and friends and we had many family groups gathering for their yearly Easter get-together. We love that our tournament can be the destination and enjoyed by so many. Over the 2 days, we had close to 180 entrants, competing in the doubles and the mixed.

It was a fun, social atmosphere, with everyone enjoying either playing or watching great tennis.

As per tradition in Murrabit, there were many competitors dressed up with their partners in matching costumes. We had some creative and very interesting outfits taking to the courts. This added to the fun environment of the tournament and resulted in many players receiving 'best-dressed' prizes, as sponsored by Michelle Noonan.

A huge thank you again to our fantastic sponsors, their contribution is so important to the running of our tournament.

Thank you to the small but hard-working committee who continue to run the tournament each year. There is so much work involved and all done by our volunteer members, from the court preparation to the catering, serving, selling raffle tickets, preparing the playing schedule and running the event. A mighty effort.



## Thank you to all our wonderful Sponsors

**Major sponsor** - Murrabit Trading

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**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR TOURNAMENT RESULTS AND MORE PHOTOS!**

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## Murrabit Yoga

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**Robyn – Gentle yoga Monday at 9am (Golf Club)**

**General yoga Monday, 6pm (Golf Club)**

**Neil – Men's yoga Wed. at 6:30pm (Hall)**

\$10 per 80 min.

session

**Phone Neil 0490 830 641**

**Robyn 0427 517 236**

**(accredited yoga instructors)**



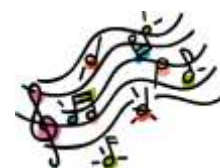
## Hum n Strum Music

So we are off to Glenarm next Wednesday and we are really looking forward to it as we had a fantastic afternoon there last trip with a large and very appreciative crowd – and even some fancy dancing happening!

We are having terrific fun at our regular Wednesday meetings. They are very informal, you don't need to play an instrument, you just have to like music! So if you'd like to pop in every now and then and maybe sing along, we would love you to join us! We had a visit from Doc Andrew from Barham last week and he did some lovely work on the mandolin which really fitted in beautifully. It is always great to have new people join in.

We meet at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2- 4pm (although we often start earlier and finish later) and there is always a delicious afternoon tea. Last week it was beautiful scones, jam and cream from Marg and a delicious slice from Colleen – worth coming for alone! And for those who are like performing we also play once a month at different spots around the district.

If you're interested in coming along, contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641 for more information.



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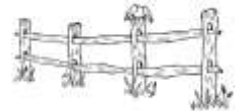
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### Murrabit Market Playground Reserve Committee

Notice is given of a public meeting to be held on Monday 22 April 2024 at the Men's Shed commencing at 7:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to elect between 3 and 9 persons as the Committee of Management of the Murrabit Market Playground Reserve for a term of 3 years. The current committee's term expires on 30 April. All positions will be declared vacant 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 and nomination forms from the Murrabit Advancement Association 5457 2205 or by contacting the local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office.



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# **SHARNI LAYTON NETBALL CLINIC**

**SUNDAY 14TH  
APRIL**

**10AM JUNIOR CLINIC**

**11AM SENIOR CLINIC  
+ JUNIOR TEAM  
BUILDING EXERCISES**

**12PM LUNCH**

**1PM Q&A + SIGNINGS  
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## *Reflections*

# EXHIBITION

On display until  
Wednesday 24 April 2024  
@ Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang

Monday - Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm  
Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 noon



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