



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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Murrabit Community News

Lots has been happening again this month.

The Kid's Movie Night at the Murrabit Family Hub was a great success on 23 June with lots of young families coming along to enjoy the movie, Despicable Me. Thanks to the small group of mums who are putting so much effort into getting these events up and running. Please support them by getting involved.

The July Murrabit Market was another great success with Northern District Community Health funding a Family Fun Day complete with giant rock climbing wall, free face painting and lots of other activities for families and children (pictured below) After a cold start to the morning, the crowd arrived around 10:30am and the sunshine was a welcome addition to the day!



Next Murrabit Market will be held on Saturday, 5 August 2023. Live music by Honest Ken. Variety of market stalls. Breakie, morning tea, and lunch by our local community groups.

Stallholder bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market or phone (03) 5457 2205.

All our community groups work together to help ensure that our little town continues as a great place to live and visit. There are so many ways at Murrabit to be part of the community and to make a positive contribution. If you are new to the area or looking to volunteer your time, please get in touch.



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<https://www.katrinamyers.com.au/>

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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 Senior Citizens

Upcoming Community Luncheon will be held **Wednesday 26 July at 12 midday. \$11 for 2 course meal.** Please phone Evelyn Napier on 5457 0280 if you would like to attend.
Knowing numbers helps with catering. **ALL WELCOME**



Murrabit Book club

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

Murrabit Accessible Defibs

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. Remember to always first call an Ambulance in an emergency by phoning **Triple Zero (000)**.



Murrabit Heritage Group

We are skipping our meetings in Winter while its so cold so next meeting will be **Monday 10 September 2023.**

Contacts: Narelle O'Donoghue 0427 834 367, Faye Morton 5457 2333 or Neil Hopkins 0439 970 029, or email **murrabitheritage@gmail.com**

If you are interested in local history, LIKE our **Memories of Murrabit** Facebook page



Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm each Sunday

Annual General Meeting: **Sunday 20 August at 1pm.**
Upcoming Community Lunch: **Sunday 27 August, 12 noon.**
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**

Murrabit Fire Brigade

An information session for people who may like to become new firefighters and supporters was held recently. As a result, a number of volunteers have stepped up to the challenge. Keeping our community safe is our number one priority and we thank these community members for putting up their hand as this helps to ensure that everyone living across our district can have confidence that our fire brigade can respond when you need us. If you would like to be involved, contact Stephen O'Donoghue, Captain 0418 577 238.
Facebook - **Murrabit Fire Brigade**



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.

Hon Peter Walsh MLA

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Please feel free to contact my office with any matters concerning the State Government or its departments.



Murrabit & District Lions Club

Interested in becoming involved in our Lions Club and serving our community? Contact Membership Chairman Bill Hazen on 5457 2213 or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641. Murrabit Lions Club is looking for a place to store their Lions caravan. If you can help us or have an empty shed available give Neil Hopkins a call.

Murrabit Golf Club

If you are interested in what's going on at the golf club and upcoming activities - they are promoted on the Golf Club's Facebook page. Search 'Murrabit Golf Club'.



MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2023

August Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
September Market - Murrabit Playgroup
October Market - Murrabit Tennis Club
November Market - Murrabit Fire Brigade
December Market - Murrabit Tennis Club
January Market - Murrabit Tennis Club
February Market - Murrabit Playgroup

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 Hall News

Our Annual General Meeting which was postponed in May, will now be held in September.

Our Hall is a very significant and important part of our town and

community.

We're hoping that you might be interested in helping us to maintain and organise our Hall use by joining our committee.

Keep a look out for the date of the AGM in the next newsletter.

Our Hall is a popular venue and we have yoga in the Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings, Line Dancing on Thursday afternoons and the regular Community lunches. And who could forget the morning tea on market mornings! 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 Marlene Laursen 5457 2291 or Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641. Have a great month everyone!

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Hum n Strum music

After taking a short mid-year break in June, we're back in full swing in July and we've already added half a dozen terrific songs to our play list!

We now have over 130 songs covering many different styles and

eras – there's something for everyone!

Our concert schedule kicks off with a performance at Cohuna Village next week which is really nice as it's where we started out with our very first (and nervous) performance nearly 2 years ago!

Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal and terrific fun.

HumnStrum meet at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2 – 4pm (although we often start earlier and finish later).

We have 14 current members, we play some great songs, enjoy afternoon tea and plenty of friendly social chat.

If you're interested in singing or playing for enjoyment in a really relaxed, friendly atmosphere contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641 for more information.

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

Hardcopies are delivered via Australia Post to local residences.

Deadline for articles for upcoming editions are:

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Information can be emailed to murrabit1@bigpond.com, delivered or posted through our door.

Community interest info is free. Advertise from \$10.



Murrabit Lions News

No Josh Kennedy at the July market, much to the disappointment of the workers in the kitchen! But, everyone battled on gamely providing delicious food for our market visitors and stallholders.

We held our June dinner meeting at the Murrabit Tavern. Yesh and Preet looked after us really well. We had a good crowd of 16 members (quite a few of our Lions are enjoying holidays at the moment) and we all enjoyed a really relaxed, friendly evening.

On 18 June Murrabit Lions Club presented Murrabit Group School with \$1,000 to go towards a school project and another \$800 towards the Grade 5/6 students Canberra excursion. Pictured is Lions Treasurer, Pattie McDonald and Acting Principal, Gaby Hogg with Murrabit Group School students eagerly awaiting the funding announcement!



A working bee at the War Memorial area to prune the roses and tidy up the garden around the Cenotaph was very entertaining – with a mini chainsaw proving a real winner for pruning roses. Everyone wanted a turn but the operator kept a tight grip on his weapon and didn't seem to want to share!

Our next major event is the Lions Junior Public Speaking final on Tuesday 25 July. Six of our Murrabit Group School students will present their speeches on the night. The final will be held at our next dinner meeting at the Golf Club. The evening will start at 6pm. A meal will follow the speech presentations for Lions members and any visitors who would like to stay.



Kyra Laughlin shared her experience to judge the Lions Club public speaking competition with the Murrabit Group School students (pictured above).

Murrabit Family Hub

With limited volunteers we haven't been able to reinstate a regular 'playgroup' sessions so instead we are running some smaller events throughout the year. Our first event was the Kid's Movie Night. This was a great success on 23 June with lots of young families coming along to enjoy the movie, Despicable Me. It seemed like the highlight of the year for the little ones (and not so little ones!) who received a 'real' movie ticket on arrival, party pies, sausage rolls, plus a cool popcorn and snack box (pictured below).



Next event at the Murrabit Family Hub is:

Paint near the Murray - Art Workshop

Saturday 29 July

NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT

If you have missed out on attending this art workshop and are interested in a future workshop, please let us know - we will then see if we can source some additional funding.

A fun Kid's Disco is being organised for Friday 15 September (last day of Term 3).

LIKE our **Murrabit Playgroup** Facebook page to keep up to date or contact: Codie Laursen President 0458 237 789 or Olivia Monk Secretary 0427 603 912:

www.facebook.com/murrabitplaygroup

Murrabit Netball News

With the second half of the season underway, here is a review of how all teams are faring:

U14s: Young talent in this team and flexibility to play in multiple positions. They have really found their niche as a whole. U14s sit in top position - equal to Hay who they come up against this weekend. Good luck!

U17s: U17s had a win recently which was exciting. Coach Carly is especially happy with each players growth. Keep fighting girls, you can get another win!

B-Reserve: Diversity in this team has certainly added to the girls notching up consecutive wins in recent times. This holds them in good stead for finals. Currently B-Reserve sit in fourth position on the ladder, closely behind Ultima.

B-Grade: B Grade are comfortably in top spot. They are a team that enthusiastically take the court and encourage and nurture each other which adds to their consistent skill sets.

A-Grade: Murrabit hold top position. The level of competition has become close in recent times, but the girls are battling until the end and getting the wins! This makes for an exciting finals campaign.

LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING - GO BLUES

President - Jenny Nethercote

Flood Information

Up to date information is available in the monthly Gannawarra Shire Council Flood Recovery Newsletter available from the **What's on in Murrabit** Facebook page Printed copies from Busy Bees (on Market mornings) and Murrabit Trading.

A Flood Preparedness Meeting was held at the Benjeroop Hall on Thursday 13 July. The key message was to be observant, be prepared, but don't panic. While the Murray River is running high, the Loddon River system is historically what causes flooding across our area. The Bureau of Meteorology is not forecasting significant rainfall over the coming weeks.

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Murrabit Group School News

Murrabit Group School is an amazing inclusive community orientated school, with a huge array of learning opportunities and styles supporting all individuals to succeed.

We are taking enrolments now and welcome any non-obligation tours to experience the MGS difference.

Our new student representative council has been elected and are already coming up with great ideas (pictured below).



We thank the Murrabit Lions Club for their surprising and generous donations to the school. We received \$1000 for a school project and \$800 to go towards the Grade 5/6 Canberra camp. We are so lucky to have supportive volunteer organisations in the township. The Kerang Exchange Hotel Bingo night was also a fundraiser for the school, and we are very grateful.

We were successful in receiving \$2000 support through the Breakfast Program and Good Guys. We will put a variety of appliances to excellent use at the school for breakfasts, kitchen club, cooking, and class activities.

It was a pleasure to support and umpire the TBall games in Swan Hill and to hear about Eve's success in the netball. The TBall team (pictured below) was so strong and skilled thanks to many years of TBall training by Sue. They worked well as a team with Cohuna and Kerang South and communicated to improve their field work. Their batting skills were amazing. The next step will be a game in Bendigo against Candlebark Primary School in August. The winners will go on to the state finals in September. Eve's netball team came runners up but played strongly and with excellent skill levels.



We are so proud of Sophia who represented the school at the State Cross Country recently and ran a champion race amongst tough competition.

Currently the school is training for Athletics. I encourage any helpers to support the children on Fridays.

We enjoyed an enthralling afternoon of speeches.

We thank Kyra Laughlin for judging and sharing her years of experience. We also thank parents and Lions for joining us to hear the speeches.

We congratulate Riley, Pippy and Xavier from Grade 3/4 for getting through to the next level at the next Murrabit Lions meeting and Hunter, Hudson and Sophia with back up Charlotte being successful from Grade 5/6. Well done to all students for preparing great speeches and learning public speaking skills with confidence.

Gabriele Hogg

Acting Principal, Murrabit Group School



Community Care Roadshow

Residents wanting to learn about the future of Aged and Disability Services in the Gannawarra Shire are encouraged to attend one of Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Care Services Info Roadshow this July.

Tuesday, 25 July (12 noon-1.30pm)
Murrabit Hall



School Pie Fundraiser

As the cold weather sets in, it's the perfect time to get orders in for some yummy hot pies!

Orders now open for Murrabit Group School Bridgewater Bakehouse Fundraiser!

We also have slices this year for those with a sweet tooth Delivery Thursday 24 August.

Orders close 4 August and can be made at:

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078051

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