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Murrabit Community News

Another busy month here in Murrabit!

Kerang Neighbourhood House kindly funded Get Connected Wellbeing sessions at Murrabit and Benjeroop recently and we thank the Neighbourhood House for bringing these special events to our district.

We had the June Murrabit Market and ex Sydney Swan, Josh Kennedy playing for Murrabit on Saturday, 3 June. And what a day it was. So many people in town to enjoy the market and then heading across the road to the footy and netball. The crowd was magnificent and Murrabit won!

Some additional stormwater works are occurring across town at present with plenty of orange bunting to act as a reminder! This work is being completed by Gannawarra Shire Council to try to fix some problem areas in town.

Great to see Murrabit Playgroup up and running again. After purchasing the former Uniting Church property in 2021 the facility has recently been rebranded as the Murrabit Family Hub. Good job to the young parents involved. Now that the facility is community owned we will be supporting playgroup to develop a plan so that some repairs and improvements can be made. In the meantime, some great pop up events are being organised, including a Kids Movie Night on Friday, 23 June. Please support these events so that they continue into the future.

Also great that Murrabit Fire Brigade recently held an information session for people who may like to become new firefighters and supporters. As a result, a number of volunteers have stepped up to the challenge and will attend a CFA orientation day later in June. 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 them.

The Murrabit township will be turning "100" in 2024 and the Murrabit Heritage Group has starting to talk about an appropriate event to celebrate this special centenary occasion. More information available later in the year.

Next Murrabit Market will be held on Saturday, 1 July 2023. Live music by Jimmy Johnson. 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.

What makes Murrabit special is that we are all volunteers doing the best we can to keep Murrabit as a lively little town.

If you are new to the area, get involved. Your input and contribution would be greatly valued and appreciated.



Murrabit FAMILY HUB

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MURRABIT FAMILY HUB
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MURRABIT NEWSLETTER DETAILS

Deadline for articles for upcoming editions are:

TUESDAY 11 JULY 2023

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023

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

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

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 28 June 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 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



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).**



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

Upcoming Community Lunch: **Sunday 25 June**, commencing 12 midday.

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**

LIONS NEED 4 FEED

If you, or someone you know, are impacted by the recent floods and need help with fodder then register with us for some fodder assistance.

It's a very quick and easy form (and will take about 3 mins. Please register on our website: www.needforfeed.org/apply-for-assistance.html Or contact Neil Hopkins, Murrabit President, 0490 830 641



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.

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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

July Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
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

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

June has been fairly quiet after a couple of busy months in April and May. But there's always something happening! We still have yoga in the

Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings, Line Dancing on Thursday afternoons and the next Community lunch coming up on Wednesday, 28 June. And the next market is not too far away!

Don't forget – 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!**



Murrabit Lions

The June Market was a busy one with footy and netball at home and ex Sydney Superstar Josh Kennedy playing for Murrabit. We were very

surprised when Josh fronted up to the Lions kitchen and asked for a bottle of water! He spoke with Club members for some time, and he was a happy to talk with whoever came over for a chat. He went on to contribute to Murrabit's first win for the year. Josh would be welcome to come back to Murrabit anytime!

Last Thursday, some of our members attended Murrabit Group School to hear students from Grade 2/3&4 and 5&6 as part of the Lions Junior Public Speaking competition. The speakers excelled with 3 students from grades 2/3 & 4 and 3 from grades 5/6 going on to the Club final to be held at our clubrooms on Tuesday, 25 July. We encourage anyone who wishes to attend the Final, to contact a Lions member or the school.

Our office bearers will remain the same for next year. President Neil Hopkins, Secretary Carmel Flynn and Treasurer Pattie McDonald. We thank them for taking on these roles again.

We send our best wish to our President Neil who will be out of action for a month or so after an operation. We feel for Robyn who will have to care for him until he is back on his feet!

If you are new to our district, our Club has two meetings each month with a business meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month in our clubrooms at the Murrabit Golf Club and a dinner meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month where we have a guest speaker. We are always on the lookout for new members!

If you are interested in becoming involved in our Lions Club and serving our community, please contact our membership Chairman Bill Hazen on 54572213 or our President Neil Hopkins on 0490830641.

Hum n Strum music

Our return to Barham-Koondrook Probus at the end of May was great fun and enjoyment for everyone there; locals, visitors and our music group. We were treated to a delicious lunch before our performance. We had a wonderful time performing for a large and very enthusiastic audience and then, afterwards, we each received a special pen as a souvenir of the day. We'd like to thank the Probus Club for their excellent hospitality.

We've decided to have a bit of a quieter start to June after a busy performance schedule in May. But we're set to fire up again on Wednesday, 21 June!

Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal and terrific fun. Hum n Strum 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.



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Murrabit Family Hub
 45 Gonn Avenue,
 Murrabit
 Supported by Gannawarra Shire flood recovery funding

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. First up:

Family Movie Night
Friday 23 June - 6:00pm start
Movie - Despicable Me!

It's the night school breaks up for the holidays so bring the kids along with a beanbag and/or blanket and enjoy an indoor movie (our building is heated).

\$5 donation with movie, snacks and drinks provided.
(SEE FLYER FRONT PAGE).

Please let us know numbers so that we have enough food and drinks for everyone!

We are then hosting an art workshop 'Paint near the Murray' on 29 July (See flyer to left) - this is an incredible opportunity thanks to some flood recovery funding we have been able to access. Places are strictly limited so be quick if you want to attend.

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/murrabbitplaygroup

Upcoming events 2023



- JUNE 23** Family Movie Night
- JULY 29** Paint and Sip
- SEP 15** Kids Disco
- NOV 12** Family Picnic
- DEC 8** Kids Christmas Party

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Watercolour and Collage
5+
Kerang - 10.30am
Wednesday, 28 June



Mechanical Toys
5+

Cohuna - 10.30am
Thursday, 29 June
Kerang - 10.30am
Tuesday, 4 July



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Mallee Family Care can provide support with mental health, legal and financial assistance, and referrals. Phone the Flood Recovery team supporting Gannawarra on **5023 5966**. 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 or printed version from Busy Bees (on Market mornings).

Wellbeing Session

The Kerang Neighbourhood House kindly funded a Get Connected Wellbeing Session at the hall on 28 May through some flood recovery funding they were able to access. It was a fabulous couple of hours of yoga, pilates and meditation, some self-care tips, a mocktail, and a lovely lunch. Each person attending received a bag of wellbeing goodies from local businesses. A similar session was held at the Benjeroop Hall on 18 June. We usually have to travel to access special days like this, so we sincerely thank the Kerang Neighbourhood House for their thoughtfulness in bringing this event to Murrabit and Benjeroop.



School News

We welcome Teaghen Taylor to Murrabit Group School. Teagan commenced in Grade 2/3/4 in week two. She has settled in well and is very committed and confident. We welcome back Angie Jones from her recent trip to Italy. There has been a lot going on at the school amongst an array of lingering illness.

We ran a successful Colour Run for the school Cross Country and the students really enjoyed practising for the Mallee Division Cross Country in amongst lots of colour.

These photos say it all! The Mallee Cross Country took place on 16 May and we were very proud of Sophia, Evan, Jobe and Eve for competing at the regional event in St Arnaud. They put in a stellar effort in the harsh conditions. We congratulate Sophia who came second. Sophia will now go to State level in Bundoora, Melbourne.

Grade 5/6 students competed in Winter Sports recently and these students were amazing. We had feedback from several schools about how kind and inclusive our students were particularly in TBall. Out of the 14 students participating eight have been chosen to represent the region in TBall and netball. It was a pleasure to be part of the day.

Hoppy has continued to deliver yoga on a Monday at school. The Grade 2/3/4 are lucky to have this time now. We've also continued with fitness with Belinda Bachelor on a Wednesday. These sessions were funded by Northern District Community Health.

The boundary fence was pulled down and then reconstructed using the assistance from Blazeaid (they also donated left over food, and we donated some left-over fencing wire to them) and also contractors Tassell. To complete the project, materials were purchased from Arbutnot Sawmill and Murrabit Trading.

Quotes have been obtained for the new cupboard space in the multipurpose room as well as replacing the sport and garden sheds.

The students have shared their speeches at school for the Lions Public Speaking Competition. Kyra Laughlin will visit the school and give her feedback.

Recently we ran an open day for Education Week inviting the wider community to look at our excellent programs at the school, as well as hosting the biggest morning tea. The parent versus students' game was a huge success and parents and students really enjoyed themselves. We continue to look at a variety of ways to promote the school in the wider community and encourage future students to attend our school. Any ideas are welcomed and tours by appointment.

Gaby Hogg
Acting Principal, Murrabit Group School



KINDER TO PREP

Transition

The transition from Kindergarten to school is a vital step for children take in preparing them to become accustomed and settled in the school environment. These are the first of many sessions we will hold for new students.

We open our school to any potential students and families considering our school for their educational journeys.

- ✔ Get to know our school
- ✔ Get to know our teachers
- ✔ Get to know our students

TRANSITION DATES - TERM THREE
WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH (8AM-11AM)
THURSDAY AUGUST 17TH (8AM-11AM)
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH (5AM-11AM)



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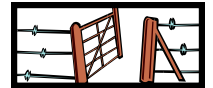
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