



# MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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### Murrabit Community News

Autumn has finally arrived and hopefully the hot weather is now behind us!

Superb weather for our March Murrabit Country Market and the Murrabit Cod Challenge. By all accounts, the Cod Challenge, held between 15-17 March, was a great success.

Congratulations to all the young people in our district who have won their respective grand finals in the past few weeks in their chosen sports. We have had champions in cricket, tennis and basketball. Isn't it great to see that we have so many young people keeping our sporting clubs alive. Pictured below is the U13 2024 Murrabit Premiership team and Junior Murrabit Tennis Club Premiers. WELL DONE!



**Murrabit Cricket Club U13 2024 Premiership team**



**Murrabit Tennis Club Junior 2024 Premiership team**



### UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKETS

**SATURDAY 30 MARCH (EASTER)**

**SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2024**

**Stallholder bookings to [www.murrabit.com.au/market](http://www.murrabit.com.au/market) or phone (03) 5457 2205.**





## Community Phone Book update

It's that time of the year again! An update of the 2024 version of the Community Phone Book will happen soon.

If you have any changes you would like to make to 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.

### 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 to the accessible defib cabinets. Remember to always first call an Ambulance in an emergency by phoning **Triple Zero (000)**.



Murrabit Hall  
Wednesday 27 March  
Wednesday 24 April  
Wednesday 29 May  
Wednesday 26 June

Bookings to NDCH  
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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

Easter Market - Murrabit Men's Shed  
April Market - Murrabit Men's Shed  
May Market - Murrabit Men's Shed  
June Market - Murrabit Men's Shed  
July Market - Murrabit Playgroup  
August Market - Murrabit Men's Shed  
September Market - Men's Shed

### 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)  
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Community interest info is free.

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# MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET

## EASTER SATURDAY



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# MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET

## SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2024



8:30AM-12:30PM

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# 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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## GANNAWARRA

### 2022 FLOOD

# Reflections

## EXHIBITION

Official Opening

Wednesday 27 March @6pm

RSVP for catering purposes to the  
Library 03 5452 1546 by Monday 25 March 2024

*Showing from:*

Tuesday 26 March to  
Wednesday 24 April 2024

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Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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## Tennis News

We were so thrilled to win both the Division 1 and Junior Grand Finals last week. The Grand Final was played on the beautiful Barham Tennis courts on a very hot day. Division 1 played Kerang and we were lucky to have the lead all day. Dropping only 1 set for the day and winning 51 to 22. A great final result and the first division 1 premiership at Murrabit in a number of decades. If anyone can remember the last division 1 premiership at Murrabit please let us know.

The Junior match was a bit tighter and they battled hard all day against Barham. Most of the day the scores were fairly even, but luckily, we managed to get away in the end with some strong wins in the last round of sets. This group of juniors have come such a long way. Only a couple of years ago they were beginners and much smaller than their opposition. Congratulations to James, Drew, Lyla, Sadie, Evan, Kobe, Eliza, Pippy and Charlotte. The club is very proud of you, your dedication, your sportsmanship and the huge improvements you have made in your tennis.

During the last month we have played our club championships. A big congratulations to our champs.

A big congratulations to our champs. Men's champion for 2024 was awarded to Simon Morton, defeating Tim McNeil. In the ladies, Sally McDonald defeated Ang Morton for the championship. The junior boy's final was played between James McDonald and Evan McNeil, with Evan the winner. The girl's championship is yet to be finalised with the final match to be played between Lyla Morton and Eliza McDonald. Results to come.

Although the season has come to an end, we still have our major event to go, our Easter tournament. As part of our tournament, we are selling raffle tickets for our major raffle. Tickets this year are \$10 each with the chance to win \$1000. Other great prizes are also up for grabs including a tennis racquet and a hamper. Tickets can be purchased from any club member, Murrabit Trading, Murrabit General Store or from the tennis club over Easter.



## MURRABIT EASTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

### 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Tennis Tournament

#### Mixed event Good Friday - Doubles Easter Saturday

A fun family weekend. Entries are now open at

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/FTC2QK6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FTC2QK6)

[www.Facebook.com/MurrabitEasterTennisTournament](http://www.Facebook.com/MurrabitEasterTennisTournament)

[www.tennis.com.au/Murrabit](http://www.tennis.com.au/Murrabit)

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors who assist in the running of this tournament.

Contact Sara McNeil 0439 380 604

Email: [murrabittlawntennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:murrabittlawntennisclub@gmail.com)

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## Hum n Strum Music

We had almost a full house last week. It was great fun and the music was wonderful! We added a bit of Buddy Holly and a couple of real old-time favourites.

We are always looking for songs that are fun to play and great to sing along to.

It has been lovely to have Doris Mathers back with us. And we are all sending our love and best wishes to Glenys Gillingham and keeping our fingers crossed that she will be back playing with us soon.

Angie Jones gave us all a real treat last week when she brought along and played her Appalachian Dulcimer. (What the heck is that? I can hear you ask. Google it!) And I reckon her very talented hubby Damien made it! It is a beautifully crafted, unique 4-stringed instrument with a sweet and very interesting sound.

Unfortunately our performance at Murray Haven last week had to be cancelled, which was a shame as we were really looking forward to playing there. But we will certainly reschedule that one. Meanwhile, our next performance will be at Glenarm in April.

We are having terrific fun at our regular Wednesday meetings. They are very informal and you just have to like music! If you would just like to pop in every now and then, you would be most welcome. 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. 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.



## Murrabit Hall

Woodfired Pizza Night: we are hoping to hold this event, which was postponed from December, sometime in April/ May and are currently trying to find a suitable date. So keep a look out for that!

A couple of busy weeks in the Hall coming up with a market happening 2 weeks in a row due to Easter. And then our biggest event of the year is coming up next month as well – our Murrabit Anzac Day service (It will be on Thursday 25 April).

Don't forget the next community lunch which is on Wednesday 27 March in the Hall. I hear that the HumnStrummers are coming for lunch before they head off to the Golf Club for their weekly bash. So it could be a good crowd!

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

Our Club meets twice each month.

A business meeting is 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.

Our main activity each month is our food stall at the Murrabit Market.

We are a very relaxed group and have a good time while raising funds to support our local community.

We are always on the lookout for new members and would love to have you join us.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our Lions Club and serving our community, please contact:

Membership Chairman: Bill Hazen 5457 2213;  
or President: Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641.



***Murrabit Cod Challenge. Pictured above is Clancy Leahy proudly holding a good sized Murray Cod. Pictured left - Doesn't seem to be much fishing going on in those boats boys!!***

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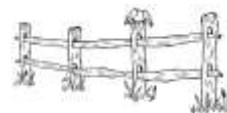
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