



# MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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### Murrabit Community News

A fabulous month full of events and activities here in our little community.

First there was our ANZAC Day Service and Community Luncheon on 25 April. The community luncheon was supported by Gannawarra Shire Council as a post-flood recovery event. Great to see so many out enjoying what was a lovely autumn day (photos page 2).

Then we hosted the Krazy Koala Entertainment and Bebo Circus from Geelong on Sunday 30 April. There was so much fun and laughter in the Murrabit Hall with 58 adults and children having a great time. Thanks to the National Centre for Farmer Health and Murrabit Promotions Committee for funding this event for our local families and children (photos page 3).

Our May market occurred in the middle of a full calendar of events and the day turned out to be quite nice after an early morning shower of rain.

Next came the official opening of the Myall Pioneer Remembrance display on 7 May. About 60 people made their way to the Myall Hall and Heritage Museum to enjoy a barbeque, live music, storytelling and a delicious arvo tea. The Myall event was also a post-flood recovery event funded by Gannawarra Shire Council (photos page 5).

This was followed by a visit from renowned Aboriginal singer and songwriter, Nancy Bates who travelled with Lainie Jamieson and Flik Freeman from Adelaide especially to perform at Murrabit on Sunday 21 May. Nancy also hosted a singing workshop with some of our local Hum and Strum musicians and singers writing and performing a song they composed on the day 'Be the Voice for Generations'. The afternoon performance was followed by a delicious afternoon tea. We were incredibly honoured to host this very special event in our hall thanks to a partnership between the Ladies of Murrabit Arts and Culture Group and Creative Gannawarra. (photos page 5).

The final events for the month occurred on Sunday 28 May when the Murrabit Golf Club hosted golf lessons by Mark Bawd and the Kerang Neighbourhood House kindly funded a Get Connected Wellbeing Session at the hall.

After assisting across our district since January and being based at the Murrabit Recreation Reserve since March, Blazeaid have finally packed up and left the area. We sincerely thank all the volunteers who assisted Blazeaid to support our district residents over the past 5 months with clean-up and fencing restoration following the Oct-Dec 2022 floods. They even built a new redgum fence at the side entrance to the school oval which looks fabulous (pictured below).



**Big day for our little town coming up on Saturday 3 June when we host the June Murrabit Country Market and the Carlton Draft Footy Game at Murrabit. Ex Sydney Swan superstar, Josh Kennedy, will be playing for Murrabit in what is sure to be a sensational match against Wandella. Match commences at 2:25pm. Murrabit Country Market 8:30am to 12:30pm. Shop the stalls. Enjoy live music by Jimmy Johnson. Breakie, morning tea and lunch by our community groups.**



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**J. KENNEDY**

Murrabit Recreation Reserve, Murrabit  
3 June - 2.25pm





## Murrabit Hall News

What a wonderful morning the Anzac Day service and luncheon proved to be! It's such a marvellous community event and we are so proud to be a part of it.

We had 40 or so kids, and their parents, from all around the wider district come to the Hall to enjoy 'Krazy Koala Entertainment and Bebop Circus' just a couple of weeks back. They had a fantastic time at the show and loved trying all of the new circus skills for themselves (parents and kids!) – and that was very entertaining! And the kids certainly loved the delicious afternoon tea!

We were really excited to host the **Nancy Bates Trio** on **Sunday** at the Hall. Nancy is very talented, a beautiful singer and talented guitarist. It was a terrific show. A community wellbeing day sponsored by Kerang Neighbourhood House was on **Sunday 28 May** and it was a 'sell-out' event enjoyed by all who attended.

I hope that you've noticed the new lawned areas around the Hall and Lions kitchen. It's really started to green up nicely and we reckon it looks fantastic.

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!***



## Hum and Strum music

It's a busy month for Hum and Strum: we performed at the Myall Hall event on 7 May and while we had a few of our regulars not able to be with us and we missed their talents, we had a great time and really enjoyed playing for the 60 or more visitors who had come to the event.

We performed at Cohuna Hospital last Wednesday (our third visit there) and will rounded out the month by returning to Barham-Koondrook Probus providing the entertainment for them and their visitors at their club lunch on 25 May.

We love our regular Wednesday meetings and they're 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.



***Pictured above: ANZAC Day commemorations at Murrabit. From top, wreaths and poppies laid at the Cenotaph, Danson family laying a wreath in memory of local resident Lou Danson, Murrabit Group school children laying a wreath in memory of the 19 men from Murrabit, Myall and Benjeroop who served in World War I and II and did not come home to their families and community. Lest we forget.***



# Upcoming events 2023



Murrabit  
FAMILY HUB

JUNE

23

Family Movie Night

JULY

29

Paint and Sip

SEP

15

Kids Disco

OCT

12

Family Picnic

DEC

8

Kids Christmas Party

45 Gonn Avenue Murrabit

Formally known as Murrabit Playgroup Centre

## Murrabit Family Hub

Exciting things are starting to happen following the Annual General Meeting of Murrabit Playgroup held recently. Our dream is to get our playgroup up and running again. We hope to fix up our building a bit and put up a new sign over the next few months, but as a starting point we are rebranding our facility as the **Murrabit Family Hub**. With limited volunteers we haven't been able to reinstate a regular 'playgroup' session. Instead we have decided to concentrate this year on some smaller events. First up is a Family Movie Night.

**Family Movie Night - Friday 23 June - 7:00pm**  
**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 NEXT PAGE)**

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](http://www.facebook.com/murrabitplaygroup)



*Pictured above and left: We had a crazy fun time when the Krazy Koala and Bebop Circus visited Murrabit in April. There was so much fun and laughter in the Murrabit Hall during an afternoon of hilarious antics, much to the delight of the 58 children and adults who participated in the workshop and circus show!*

## Yoga in Murrabit

If you'd like to come and try a bit of yoga, we have 3 classes each week in Murrabit: Monday morning (Gentle & Chair yoga) and Monday and Wednesday evenings (regular yoga).

If you're interested phone

Neil 0490 830 641

or Robyn 0427 517 236



## Creative Gannawarra Call out for Creative Activity Ideas

Gannawarra Shire Council is pleased to offer financial support for creative activities led by local community members, artists and organisations.

This exciting opportunity has been made available to support mental health and social connections as our community continues to recover from the 2022 floods.



If you, or your community has an idea for a creative activity, for example an art, craft or music workshop, please get in touch to discuss your idea, proposed date and cost. Council can provide additional assistance where needed to bring creative ideas to life.

Email us at [arts@gsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@gsc.vic.gov.au) or phone (03) 5450 9333

Projects that can be delivered in June and July 2023 will be prioritised but longer term creative project ideas are also welcome.



## 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

**Next Meetings: Monday 10 July 2023 at the Market Office**

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

Next meeting: **Sunday 18 June** - commencing at 1:30pm.  
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.

## 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)**.



## LIONS NEED 4 FEED

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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](http://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.

## Hon Peter Walsh MLA

**Your State Member of Parliament representing Murray Plains Electorate**  
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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

June Market - Murrabit Playgroup  
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

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**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.



*Pictured right: Renowned singer and songwriter, Nancy Bates, performed in the Murrabit Hall on 21 May 2023 - a partnership between Creative Gannawarra and the Ladies of Murrabit Art & Culture Group*



## Myall Hall and Heritage Museum Official opening of the Myall Pioneer Remembrance Timeline



Barbeque, live music, storytelling and a delicious traditional country arvo tea filled in the afternoon of 7 May nicely. Thanks to the organising group and the 60 or so people who supported this great little local heritage event.

*Pictured above: John McNeil, Cr. Ross Stanton, and Gary Napier at the official opening of the Myall Pioneer Remembrance Timeline, which traces the history of Myall through to November 2020 when local Jye McNeil won the Melbourne Cup.*



*Pictured above: Murrabit Hum and Strum group entertaining the crowd. Photo courtesy of the Barham Bridge Newspaper.*



*Pictured above: Myall Hall background - Sunday 7 May 2023 with 1930 Austin Seven foreground owned by Colin and Adele McDougall and restored by Jim Carnie.*


**Murrabit**  
FAMILY HUB

# KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

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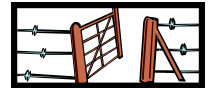
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