



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS A FREE PUBLICATION

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Community News Contributions Gratefully Accepted

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Murrabit Community News

The October Murrabit Market was another good one with great weather, good stall numbers and lots of people out and about enjoying the sunshine!

The next Murrabit Market will be held on Saturday, 4 November 2023, 8:30am to 12:30pm. This will be the market's 46th Anniversary! For those who are new to Murrabit, the Murrabit Country Market started all the way back in 1977 when 19 stalls gathered at the front of the Murrabit Hall. A small idea to help support local farmers when things were looking grim on the land, turned out to be a huge success. A big volunteer effort goes into running the market 13 times a year. We are proud of its successes and the benefits it brings to the wider community. There is not much at Murrabit that hasn't been built or funded through money raised through all the various community enterprises that operate from the market. On November 4 we will have live music by Noel Pearson, a variety of market stalls, plus breaky, morning tea, and lunch by our local community groups. Stallholder bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market or phone (03) 5457 2205.

Lots of other great events planned between now and Christmas. First up is the Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon at the Murrabit Hall on 7 November. After not being able to run since 2019, we are looking forward to getting this fun, family event back up and running this year.

Remembrance Day is next and this year 11 November falls on a Saturday. While this may cause some clashes with sport, work, etc, we will still hold our service as normal. And after the service you will still be able to enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat provided by the Murrabit and District Lions Club at their kitchen.

Murrabit Playgroup has its Annual Community Picnic on Sunday 12 November and the Murrabit Men's Shed has a range of events planned for November (see page 7).

It is one year on from the 2022 floods and it is important that an opportunity is provided for the wider district to come back together. We are fortunate that some funding has been secured to run a woodfired community pizza night on Friday 8 December. Mark this date in your diary. Flyer included here and more info next month.



MURRABIT MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Hosted by the
Ladies of Murrabit Arts &
Culture Group and
Murrabit Promotions
Committee

Tuesday 7 November, 2023
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We hope to see you there!

Remembrance Day Saturday, 11 November 2023 10:30am Murrabit Cenotaph

Followed by a cuppa and chat
at the back of the Murrabit Hall.

For further information contact
Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641.

Lest we forget



COMMUNITY PICNIC



Murrabit
FAMILY HUB

Everyone Welcome!

Sunday 12 November 2023

12 Noon

Barbecue provided
BYO Drinks and Chair,
and a Salad or Sweet to share
(if you can)

*BBQ is being funded by the
Murrabit Men's Shed via a
National Centre for Farmer
Health #BuildingFarmSpirit
Grant to support mental
health and social connections
of farming families.*



**Codie Laursen 0458 237 789 or
Olivia Monk 0427 603 912**

www.facebook.com/murrabitplaygroup

**Murrabit Family Hub
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Murrabit**

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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 25 October 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 Heritage Group

Next meeting: **Monday 13 November 2023, 7:30pm at the Market Office**
Includes a lovely supper

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 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 Friday 3 November. Membership fees are \$35 to cover insurance costs and can be paid by dropping into the 'shed' on a Sunday. Upcoming events (see page 7).

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)**.



Murrabit Fire Brigade

If you would like to be involved in the fire brigade and helping to keep our community safe, contact Stephen O'Donoghue, Captain 0418 577 238.

Facebook - **Murrabit Fire Brigade**

Fire Restrictions come into force on **6 November 2023**.

Please note that any burn-offs at anytime of the year must be notified to the CFA by calling ESTA on **1800 668 511**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please also notify the Murrabit Fire Brigade Captain. Official permits to burn will be required on or after fire restrictions coming into place.

For further info on what's required to burn-off, visit:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burnoff

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8.25am - Departs Murrabit Hall

8.45am - Departs Koondrook Hall (side)

9.05am - Departs Cohuna Hall (rear)

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2pm - Departs Echuca CBD for the return service

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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.

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MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2023/24

November Market - Murrabit Fire Brigade

December Market - Murrabit Tennis Club

January Market - Murrabit Tennis Club

February Market - Murrabit Playgroup

March Market - Murrabit Fire Brigade

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Netball News

Blessed with season 2023. A recap of September - A, B and U14's Premiers! B Reserve Runner's Up WOOOO! There has been lots of celebrations and presentations since and deservingly so. Heading into Grand final week, Golden Rivers Football Netball League had their Presentation night at Barham Club. Here is Golden Rivers Netball League and Murrabit Netball Club awards & winners:

FENTON PERPETUAL TROPHY – MURRABIT NETBALL CLUB CHAMPIONS



ERICA CUMMINS TOOK OUT B GRADE BEST & FAIREST WITH A THREE-WAY TIE. CONGRATULATIONS ERICA.

In the footy Club, Congratulations to Simon Morton for Best & Fairest in the Reserves. Well deserved! And to Damian Cupido for Leading Goal Kicker on 52 goals.

We are calling for applications for our **2024** netball coaching positions. If you are interested in coaching one of our sides we would love to hear from you. Applications are open for all grades from the A grade/ head coach position for which remuneration is offered right down to our under 12/F troop. Applications with relevant experience/qualifications can be emailed to murrabitnetballclub@gmail.com Applications close 25 October.

President - Jenny Nethercote



Hum n Strum Music

We performed live at the WD Thomas Day Centre in Kerang earlier this month. It's our third visit to the Day Centre; we love playing there as the residents and staff are a wonderful audience. We were a bit light in the ukulele section with both Robyn and Doris unavailable but we had the crowd singing and tapping along, and we all really enjoyed ourselves. The cuppa and cake afterwards is always very much appreciated! Next month we're off to Murrayhaven in Barham.

We've been thrilled to have Angie Jones join our group this month – she's talented, very entertaining and fits in beautifully. This month we've continued to add to our repertoire of over 100 songs with some fantastic singalong tunes - *Take Me Home Country Roads*, *Nothin' Could Be Finer Than To Be in Carolina* and *Stand By Me* are just a few.

Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal and terrific fun. We play all sorts of songs but you don't have to play an instrument, or be the next Olivia, Nellie Melba or Slim Dusty; you just have to like music! HumnStrum meet at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2- 4pm (although we often start earlier and finish later).

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 & District Lions News

We have been very fortunate to be able to access a Gannawarra Flood Recovery Grant to sponsor a community dinner and get together, one year on from the flood event. This community event will be held on **Friday, 8 December** at the Murrabit Hall. We've been very lucky to be able to get Brad O'Brien, pizza man extraordinaire, to cater for the event again. If you were lucky enough to make it to the first night we ran with Brad last year, you will remember what a fantastic night it was. Put the date in your diary, there will be more detail to follow in the next month.

Remembrance Day is coming up soon (Saturday, 11 November). We will be providing morning tea for any and all after the Remembrance service - and we'd love you to come and join us.

Our next Dinner meeting will be held at the Murrabit Golf Club on **Tuesday, 24 October** when we hold a combined meeting with Barham-Koondrook Lions and host the District Governor on his yearly trip to our area. The Koondrook Tennis Club will be catering for that event.

A very **BIG Thank You** to Elissa McDonald who has again offered us the use of her shed to house our catering caravan. The van had previously been shedded at Elissa's for a couple of years but had to be moved due to the floods last year.

Our club meets twice monthly at the Murrabit Golf Club, second Tuesday for business meetings and fourth Tuesday for Dinner meetings when we also have a guest speaker.

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.

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 5457 2213 or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.

Murrabit Hall News



We held our AGM on Monday 25 September and were thrilled with the attendance! We are absolutely delighted to welcome 4 new members to our Hall Committee – Kerry

Crafter, Sharon McCalman, Liz Hawe and Greg Gurnett. Our continuing members are Kylie Leahy, Heather Laursen, Jess Flavel, Jeanette Coulter and Neil Hopkins. Neil will continue as President, while Jeanette Coulter has very generously offered to take on the Sec/Treasurer role. Thank you very much everyone!

We followed up on the Friday morning with a very successful working bee with half a dozen workers making a short and easy morning for us all.

Unfortunately, long term committee members Doss Monk and Marlene Laursen have decided to retire from the committee although they are still both keen to help out whenever possible. Doss has been a wonderful part of the committee, always first to put her hand up to help out with any jobs such as doing Market morning tea for the netballers every September at finals time or running events like Melbourne Cup luncheons, amongst many other big and little jobs. We'll miss her smile, her friendship, her sense of humour and her practical advice. Marlene has filled the role of Sec/Treasurer for 20 years. I'd like to acknowledge and thank Marlene for her outstanding and untiring work as Secretary/Treasurer, amongst her many other roles (the Hall garden looks fantastic) over those many years. The roles of secretary and treasurer are big jobs and are both vital to the successful operation of any group. What a fantastic job she has done over a very long period! Marlene has filled both roles in a most exemplary manner. **Thank you very much Doss and Marlene, a pair of amazing ladies!** I've certainly appreciated your time, your effort and your interest. Thank you sincerely for your support.

The Hall is a popular venue and we have yoga in the Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings, Line Dancing on Thursday afternoons, the morning tea on market mornings and the regular Community lunches.

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 0490830641 or Jeanette Coulter 0458 572 331.

Have a great month everyone!

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 is **TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023**

Information can be emailed to murrabit1@bigpond.com, delivered or posted through our door. Community interest info is free. Advertise from \$10.



Murrabit Community Flood Recovery

One Year On Woodfired Pizza Night Friday 8 December 2023

Murrabit Hall From 6pm.

BYO Drinks. All Welcome

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

\$5 per pizza

Bookings essential by 6 December

phone Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641



Community Recovery
Gannawarra



Supported by Gannawarra Shire Flood Recovery Funding through the Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee

Tennis News

Welcome to the tennis season of 2023/24. Round 1 is to hit off 21 October. We are looking forward to a fun, social year of tennis ahead, with our two senior teams and a big group of junior players.

There have been some changes to the draw format of the NDLTA this year. It is great news and will allow for a more social, club-cohesive season. Instead of a separate draw for each division, we now have 1 draw across the whole league. This will be like a footy fixture where each team in the whole club will go to the same venue and play the same team. Each club will have a Div1, Div2 and junior team. There are a couple of byes in the fixture where some clubs do not have quite enough players and a couple of clubs will be putting in 2 sets of teams. We are very excited about this new fixture and look forward to trying it out. We still have a few spots available in each of our teams if anyone would like to join us. We are especially short of Men. All abilities and new members are welcome. Contact Ang 0408 313 257.

Thursday night training began recently, despite the crappy weather. Anyone is welcome to come down to the courts on a Thursday night for a social hit and catch-up. We have plenty of spare racquets. Bar is open and a BBQ is usually available.

Our very popular junior coaching programs will be held each Thursday night at 6pm, from October to December. Hotshots for ages 3 and up and Tennis 4 Teens for those a bit older (adults are also welcome to join in for some coaching tips). We started coaching sessions on 19 October. Please feel free to show up on the night and give the kids a try before you register. Thanks to Sally, Simon and the Committee members for running this program.

Happy Hitting!

Ang Morton, President. Phone 0408 313 257

Vice President - Max Hartley

Secretary - Sara McNeil

Treasurer - Sally McDonald

Coaches - Simon Morton & Sally McDonald

Committee - Jodie Hartley, Dale Hartley, Jo Yard, Kylie Leahy



COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, 29 October 2023

12noon to 1:30pm, Murrabit Men's Shed

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday, 10 November 2023

6:30am to 8:30am, Stephen O'Donoghue's
277 Murrabit West Road

- parking in paddock on Murrabit side -

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

Sunday, 19 November 2023

1:30pm - 4pm Men's Shed - drop in anytime
or come along for a Cuppa and Catch-up at 3pm

COMMUNITY BBQ

Thursday, 23 November

7:00pm, Murrabit Recreation Reserve

Come along after Tennis or Cricket for a
free BBQ and community catch-up

*The above events are being funded by a National
Centre for Farmer Health #BuildingFarmSpirit Grant to
support mental health and social connections of
farming families.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 26 November 2023

3pm Men's Shed

All community members are most welcome to
attend any of the above events.

Queries and further information:

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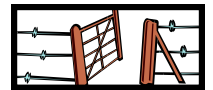
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