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Murrabit Community News

The September Murrabit Market was a perfect way to kick off spring and it turned out to be a fabulous day - lots of stallholders, lots of people and great weather!

The Golden Rivers Football and Netball League Grand Final day hosted by Murrabit on 16 September was also a fabulous spring weather day and our recreation reserve was packed. Well done to everyone involved. It was a great day.

The next Murrabit Market will be held on Saturday, 7 October 2023, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Live music by Jimmy Johnson. Variety of market stalls. Breaky, morning tea, and lunch by our local community groups. Stallholder bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market or phone (03) 5457 2205.



Murrabit Hall News

Our Hall is a very significant and important part of our town and community. We are hoping that you might be interested in helping us to maintain our Hall and organise its use by joining our committee.

We had the BarCom Scouts group again for a week in mid-September (8-10 September & 13-17 September) using the Hall as the base camp for their yearly adventure rafting program on the Murray. Helen, Mark and team are a wonderful group who are providing an amazing experience for kids from the city every year and we are very pleased and proud to be able to help.

The Hall is a popular and well used venue. 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 - with the next Community lunch this coming **Wednesday, 27 September.**

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.

Please don't forget that the Murrabit Public Hall **Annual General Meeting will be held Monday 25 September at 7:30pm.** The meeting will be held in the Hall kitchen. Even if its chilly outside, the kitchen is nice and warm. Please come along and support your local hall.

Have a great month everyone!



Hugh Webb is 90!!

Hugh has lived 90 years in the Murrabit community. To celebrate the occasion, an informal afternoon tea will be held at 185 Punt Lane Murrabit.

Any friends and family who would like to drop in for a cuppa, please bring along a plate to share, a cup and a chair.

Friday 29 September 2023 from 2pm.

We would love to see you there.

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 27 September 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 6 October. 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 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 helping to keep our community safe, 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.

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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.

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MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2023/24

October Market - Murrabit Tennis Club
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Netball News

Wow, what a season it has been for the Murrabit Netball Club. Four netball teams making the Grand Final - what a remarkable achievement.

Two senior grade premierships for A & B grades, with A grade going back-to-back! UNBELIVABLE! This is the first time in the history of Murrabit Netball Club that A grade has achieved this. The U14s also broke a long drought, snagging their first premiership since 2006. A fantastic year for eleven superstars who shared joy, development and success!

To our B Reserve girls, a fabulous effort coming from fourth, winning the preliminary final by 1 goal and advancing to the Grand Final. Then fighting until the last quarter to get the closest all season to an undefeated Hay. Although you could not quite finish your season on a high, it will make you more determined to get them next time!

PREMIERSHIP PHOTOS – Saturday 16 September @ Murrabit Recreation Reserve

Congratulations U14s Premiers. Woohoo. Thanks to coach Jess Bray for a fantastic season. We have a bright future with our juniors!



The midday show saw A grade take on Macorna. The A grade girls kept the lead for the entire 4 quarters and were able to come away with a comfortable win, defeating the Tigers by 11. Congratulations girls, back-to-back A grade Premiers - Amazing determination by each player that fought hard for every single pass, such a deserving achievement. Big thanks to Kalinda and Kayla for coaching.



B Grade was super close with the lead changing numerous times. Murrabit's last quarter was spectacular, with Murrabit putting the pressure on in the dying minutes. A nail biter that I am sure B grade will cherish. Huge thanks to Grace and Mary for coaching the girls to victory B Reserve runners up. Hold your heads high girls, the margin was the closest all season and you fought hard until the end. To come from fourth is a big achievement so be proud.



Golden Rivers Netball League and Murrabit Netball Club awards & winners will follow in the October edition.



Thanks for a fabulous season as President, I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute and am thrilled with our success.

That's a rap, so as we do in our huddles each Saturday, let's countdown to end the season..

"Three, two, one Blues"

President - Jenny Nethercote

Murrabit Township's 100th

The Murrabit Heritage Group is planning a celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the township of Murrabit, which falls in 2024.

An event is being planned for the weekend of **6-7 April 2024**. This is the week after Easter and part of the school holidays.

2024 will also be the 100 years of the coming of the railway and the Murrabit Hall will have also been on present site for 100 years, after being moved into the new township from the corner of Murrabit West and Dawe Roads.

George Weller owned the land that became Murrabit township.

If you would like to be involved in organising the celebration please get in touch.

Hum n Strum Music

Our live performance for September was a return visit to Northaven. Even though we had a few key members unable to be there, we had a wonderful day with residents really getting involved and singing, clapping, tapping and even dancing along to our music. We then stayed on and had a yarn for a half hour or so. We all had a great time and the residents really enjoyed themselves – and that’s our main aim!

We had an amazing day a couple of weeks ago when Colleen and Michael Lahy’s grandson Jordan joined us for the afternoon. Jordy who plays in a band and has some serious talent on the guitar, delighted us all with his playing and accompaniment to our ‘old time’ songs. He certainly put a new twist on some of our music – and we loved it!

In October we have a performance coming up at the W.D. Thomas Day Centre next to the Kerang hospital. They are a terrific crowd so we are looking forward to playing there again.

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). You don’t have to play an instrument, or be the next Olivia Newton John, Nellie Melba or Slim Dusty; you just have to like music!

A very sad part of September was the passing of one of our foundation members, our great friend Max Molloy. Max epitomised everything that we are about at HumnStrum. He loved singing and playing his banjo, he loved the fun and social side of our meetings, he delighted in swapping jokes with everyone and he was the most fantastic supporter of any and everyone’s efforts to make music. We will miss him terribly. Thank you Max for all that you did for our group and promoting accessible music in our area.



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



Book Club News

Recently, our Book Club members attended a performance by Anh Do in Swan Hill. He is a very funny man and kept us entertained for over an hour. He related lots of stories from his book ‘The Happiest Refugee’.

There were also some very serious issues he told us that his family have endured. We had read this book for our June meeting and would recommend it to everyone. It is very thought provoking and certainly makes you appreciate the country we live in.

Our July book was also about refugees, ‘On The Java Ridge’. It was an entirely different book with a very unexpected ending.

Book Club is about reading books that you might not otherwise choose for yourself and sharing views on subjects we might not have given much thought to.

If you are interested in Book Club we meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm, usually in the home of our members.

Please contact Jeanette Coulter (5457 2331) if you would like 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

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Murrabit Lions Club News

It was with great sadness that we marked the passing of two well-known and much loved identities this past week - John Flynn and Max Molloy. John "Flynnny" to one and all, was a long standing member of Lions. He was most recognisable and famous for his ability to tell long, long (but very interesting) stories and his patrolling of the Murrabit Market wearing a Santa hat and pushing a wheelbarrow full of Lions Christmas cakes! And he had an amazing talent for convincing people how delicious they were and buying one! But Flynnny had many strings to his bow and was a phenomenal community worker who gave his time selflessly to help so many others. Our deepest sympathies to Carmel and the family - we will all miss this very loveable rogue! Max Molloy was a great friend to our town, district, and club. Max has been a key and integral part of our yearly Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations for over 20 years. He will be very sadly missed.

We had a mighty busy day last Saturday when we manned the gate for the local footy/netball Grand Final Day at Murrabit. The crowd was enormous and we were flat out from 7:45am until 3:15pm as the people just kept on coming! Well done and thank you all of our members who were able to help on the day as it was a huge job.

Our next Dinner meeting will be in October when we hold a combined meeting with Barham-Koondrook Lions and host the District Governor on his yearly trip to our area.

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.

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 Anzac Day Committee

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Max Molloy. Max has been a key and integral part of our yearly Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations. He helped to ensure that Anzac Day is commemorated and supported strongly in our district through his tireless work in the organisation and running of the Anzac and Remembrance Day services at Murrabit for over 20 years. His talent for finding new and interesting guest speakers and the high standards that he set for conducting the services were critical to the growth and successful running of these days. His amazing work with the children of the Murrabit Group School and the close ties that he established with the staff and students have seen the involvement of young people in our services strengthen and grow to the extent that they are now a major part of the services and children from many schools and of all ages are welcomed and involved. He will be very sadly missed. Thank you Max for all that you did for the people of our district in keeping these important national days alive and relevant for us all.

Pictured: Neil Hopkins presenting Max Malloy with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Murrabit community.



Upcoming events 2023



NOV 12 Family Picnic

DEC 8 Christmas Party

45 Gonn Avenue Murrabit
Formally known as Murrabit Playgroup Centre

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

Tennis News

Now that footy and netball season has come to an end it is time to start thinking of summer sport. The Murrabit Tennis Club Committee is getting ready to hit off season 23/24. Have you got your name in yet? Names need to be in by the 30 September. Even if you have never played before you are welcome to join us. Tennis is a fun, relaxed sport and a great chance to socialize in the summer.

With the weather heating up, the courts will be greening up and our greenskeepers will be working hard to have them ready to play on soon.

Round 1 begins on the 21 October and our opening training night will start on the 12 October. Each Thursday night we have casual training and social hitting. Anyone is welcome to come along, join the club, and have a hit and a bite to eat afterwards.

Our very popular junior coaching programs will be held each Thursday night at 6pm, from 19 October until the Christmas break. Hotshots for ages 3 and up and Tennis 4 Teens for those a bit older. Contact Ang for information or just come along on the first night.

All abilities and new members are welcome. Contact Ang to put your name down 0408 313 257.



September 2023

Men's Flood Recovery Support Dinner

We're inviting all men who were affected by the 2022-2023 floods to join us for dinner.

This catch up will give you the opportunity to connect and socialise with others in the area.

Spit roast and salads provided.

When
Wednesday 4th October
5pm - 7pm

Where
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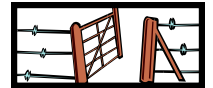
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