



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS A FREE PUBLICATION

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Murrabit Community News

Let's celebrate our little community and the achievements of the last month.

What a success the inaugural Murrabit Rodeo was - more than 4,000 people gathered at the newly named Vince Maher Recreation Reserve for an exciting afternoon and night of entertainment. Congratulations to the Murrabit Football and Netball Club on what was an exceptionally organised and professionally run event.

Coming up we have the Easter Murrabit Market, which so long as the run of lovely weather continues, will be a big one. Live music by Kim Ritchie, free bouncing castle and animal nursery for the kids and a great variety of market stalls. Easter Bunny will also be hopping in for a visit! Stall bookings via our website: www.murrabit.com.au/market or by phoning 5457 2205 (See flyer page 2). The Murrabit & District Heritage Group is also hosting a pop-up heritage display in the former Uniting Church building, 45 Gonn Avenue, Murrabit (opposite Murrabit Trading). This is as a result of the success of the Murrabit Township Centenary back in October 2024 and the fabulous heritage themed displays set up in the Murrabit Hall for the weekend. While the old church can't fit the same quantity as the hall, the pop up display will nevertheless engage residents and visitors in the interesting history of Murrabit and district. It will be open from 9:30am to 12 noon while the Murrabit Market is running so pop in if you have time. Gold coin donation. It is hoped that the pop-up displays will become a regular occurrence over the coming months.

Coinciding with Good Friday and Easter Saturday is the 78th Annual Murrabit Easter Tennis Tournament. Another great local event which attracts players from all over the place. It's a family friendly event where tennis talent isn't a requirement to participate. Everyone is welcome to have a go - tennis rackets supplied if needed (see flyer page 7) After that we have the ANZAC Day service followed by a community lunch at the back of the Murrabit Hall on Friday 25 April. This is always a great community event (see flyer on page 4)

May will kick off with the Murrabit Market on 3 May. Then on Sunday 18 May we are once again hosting the National Motoring Heritage Day on the Market site from 10am. This was a great success last year with over 100 heritage vehicles attending. The Murrabit Rec Reserve Committee is organised to provide the BBQ. There will be live music and coffee van plus heaps of vintage vehicles of course (See flyer page 7).

Thanks to community members who came along to the community working bee held recently to ensure that the town was presented in tip top order for the run of events. Our town is looking spectacular at the moment thanks to the clean-up efforts of our volunteers, our lovely green grass and the rainfall we received earlier in the month. It's a great time of the year to be out and about so take advantage of the weather and support the upcoming local events. **Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter!**



EASTER WEEKEND

FRIDAY 18 AND SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025

MURRABIT EASTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025

MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET

MURRABIT POP UP HERITAGE DISPLAY



MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET

EASTER SATURDAY



MURRABIT
MARKET
EASTER SATURDAY
19 APRIL 2025



8:30AM-12:30PM

Featuring...

Live music by Kim Ritchie
Variety of market stalls

FREE Animal Nursery and Bouncing Castle
Plus the Easter Bunny will hop in for a visit!

Market on the Murray since '77

www.murrabit.com.au/market or Ph: 5457 2205



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MURRABIT NEWSLETTER DETAILS

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Newsletter is also available from our website:

www.murrabit.com.au/murra-bit-a-news

Deadline for articles for the next edition is:

THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025.

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

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

Produced by volunteers. All articles are to be provided in Word format or high resolution picture files.

Murrabit Advancement Association Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday 19 May 2025** 7:30pm at the Murrabit Men's Shed.

The MAA runs the Murrabit Country Market, oversees the implementation of the Murrabit & District Community Plan and helps support community connections through the production of this monthly newsletter, the What's on in Murrabit Facebook page, and supporting existing and new community programs, events and activities.

The committee is made up of representatives from all Murrabit community groups. Feel free to come along to the meeting if you would like to contribute to making Murrabit an even better place to live and visit.

Enquiries to murrabit1@bigpond.com or phone 5457 2205.

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 MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2025

Easter Saturday - Murrabit Men's Shed

May Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

June Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

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

Do you know the history of the cart at the front of the school?

Its been there a long, long time, but it cannot stay on the school grounds in its current condition.

Was it donated to the school many years ago?

Would anyone else like to purchase or repair the cart?

Murrabit Book club

Anyone is welcome to come along to Murrabit Book Club. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm in member's homes. That member is responsible for supper. All you have to do is turn up and enjoy the company of other like-minded people who enjoy reading. For more information contact Jeanette Coulter (5457 2331).



Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm Sundays (except Australia Day)

or feel free to join us for a cuppa and chat at 3pm

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 - next set-up is Friday 18 April and Friday 2 May.

Please feel welcome to come along at anytime.

Membership fees for the 2024/25 year are \$35 to cover insurance costs and can be paid by dropping into the 'shed' on a Sunday.

Men's Breakfast for all district men Friday 16 May 2025 (see flyer page 6 for details).

Contact: Stephen O'Donoghue, Secretary 0418 577 238.

Facebook - **Murrabit Men's Shed**

Scrap Metal

I have been in touch with Wrights Metal Recyclers from Mildura about coming down and picking up our scrap metal. He will come in the next few months, and I thought there might be others interested in getting rid of their scrap while they are here. Terry is very good and will pay you for your scrap. If you are interested give Terry a ring on 0427 245 611. **Jeanette Coulter**

**MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL COOKBOOKS FOR SALE
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Cookbooks are also available Murrabit Market mornings at the Hall

Masterchefs' Cookbook
2024





ANZAC DAY

COMMEMORATION

25 APRIL 2025

10:30 am service in the Murrabit Hall
followed by a service at the cenotaph

Guest Speaker- Dennis Greenwood

Community lunch from 11:30am at the back
of the Murrabit Hall provided by the
Murrabit and District Lions Club
(donations appreciated)

All Welcome



Murrabit Playgroup - join in the fun!

We have been having so much fun at playgroup creating Easter twig trees plus we enjoyed decorating Easter cupcakes and sharing these with our adult visitors. Jeanette came along for a special storytime session and the children have been able to borrow a library book to take home, which is very exciting for them!

Playgroup at Murrabit is held on the **first and third Monday of each month at the Murrabit Family Hub (at the rear of the former Uniting Church - opposite Murrabit Trading in Gonn Avenue).**

Everyone is more than welcome to attend.

Upcoming sessions:

Monday 21 April (yes - this is Easter Monday)

Monday 5 May

Monday 19 May

See Flyer to right for full details.



MURRABIT PLAYGROUP

First and third Monday of each month

Play
Connect
Learn
Make friends
Have FUN!

9:30 - 11:30am
Gold coin donation

Murrabit Family Hub
45 Gonn Avenue

All Welcome
Morning tea provided

Supported by Murrabit Advancement Association Inc
Queries: 5457 2205 or email: murrabit1@bigpond.com

Murrabit Rodeo Success

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Congratulations to the Murrabit Football and Netball Club on what was an exceptionally well organised and professionally run event.

There was a variety of activities for children, including bouncing castles and a bucking bull (not a real bull of course!), heaps of food vendors and market stalls. Over 150 volunteers supported the event. The main rodeo arena was at the southern end of the football oval surrounded by hay bale stadium seating. There were bucking bulls, horses and barrel races. The barrel racing had a local context with some of our own residents competing, which added to the excitement. Our community spirit shone throughout the event. *"Congratulations to the Murrabit Football Netball Club on the fantastic job they did organising the Murrabit Rodeo. The weather was perfect, the crowd huge and the atmosphere fantastic. Everything seemed to be run smoothly. Everyone that was sitting around us were having a great time and I heard many positive comments. Well done to everyone involved and you deserve a well earned rest."* Jeanette Coulter



MYALL 110TH ANNIVERSARY INVITATION

Three significant events mark the year 1915 in Myall's history.

On 5 April 1915 Myall Picnic Party crossed the dry bed of the Murray river with horses and buggies for a picnic and games over in the Little Murray.

We celebrate the resilience of the farmers and village settlers of the Myall district in tough times due to the 1914-1915 drought when the rivers ran dry. At this time we also remember the families whose sons had left with the Australian Expeditionary Force for the World War I.

On 21 May 1915 it is recorded that the drought had broken when in 86 hours 197 points (c 49ml) of rain was recorded. With continuing showers it was anticipated that over two inches would fall and the grass would quickly establish and save the many thousands of stock on the verge of starvation.

On 24 May 1915, Empire Day, a new school building was officially opened at Myall. The Myall school which closed in 1993 is now situated in Koondrook, and is the home of the Koondrook Barham Historical Society. The school building continues with the support of a willing band of volunteers to serve our communities.

Myall 110th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 24 May 2025

All welcome

8.30 – 9.30am Barbeque breakfast at Myall Hall, Peach Lane, Myall

Graham Cockroft will facilitate a discussion of shared experiences and outline some features of the Myall Timeline and Remembrance Board. A map will be available of local soldiers' family farms.

Join a convoy which will tour the district stopping at various sites before heading to Koondrook.

12.30pm

Lunch at Apex Park, Koondrook. BYO picnic lunch or visit the Koondrook Store to purchase lunch.

Cup of tea/coffee available at the Apex Park. BYO chair.

Visit the Myall School and Heritage Building (former church) at Koondrook to share memories and view displays including some of the collection of local photos taken by Sam Dalley over the years .

3pm

Finale and Afternoon tea at Koondrook (please bring a plate if you are able to).



Painting of Myall picnic party crossing the dry bed of the Murray River in 1915.

Ian and Marion McDonald (Dalley) in foreground



Myall School reunion 2015 at Koondrook. Helen Campbell, June and Sam Dalley



FEDERATION'S MURRABIT PICNIC

National Motoring Heritage Day

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025

FROM 10AM MURRABIT MARKET SITE

- 100 plus heritage vehicles will descend on Murrabit
- Coffee van, Girl Guides baked goods, and bbq available.
- Free live music by 'Dmenshe'
- Vehicles 25 years plus, cars, trucks, motorbikes welcome
- Supported by Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club Inc

Enquiries to John and Michelle 0409 985 906

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78th Annual Easter Tournament 2025

EVENTS

- Mixed - Good Friday 18 April
- Doubles - Saturday 19 April

Each day -Sections-
Men's & Ladies - A, Inter & B,
Boys & Girls u16 & u13

and easy way to enter
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Enter it's:
• fun
• relaxing
• competitive
• friendly

While in Murrabit explore the HUGE Easter Market on Saturday or experience camping, fishing or relaxing by the Murray River

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Murrabit & District Lions News

Anzac Day is coming up next Friday. After our recent working bee, the roses at the cenotaph are really coming to life and the whole area looks a picture. Anzac Day is a very special day in the Murrabit calendar. Our service starts at 10.30am in the Hall, moves to the cenotaph and then concludes with a community lunch from 11.30am at the Lions kitchen behind the Hall. Our guest speaker this year is Dennis Greenwood. I know that Dennis has put plenty of time and thought into his presentation and it will be terrific to hear him speak. Dennis has also arranged a very special event - a flyover during the outdoor service at the cenotaph - it promises to be an exciting day!

It's a busy old time for Lions with the April market, working at the Murrabit Rodeo last week, Easter Market this Saturday, Anzac Day and Anzac Day luncheon next week and then the May market the week after.

Have you thought about joining Lions? Murrabit Lions is a very friendly, welcoming group. We aren't about old-fashioned ways and customs but **are** about friendship and having fun while helping our community.

Our Club is very much a local community club with our efforts focused on helping local people and groups. We'd love to have you join us!!

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 54572213
or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.



Men's Breakfast

Murrabit Men's Shed
Browning Avenue

NO COST

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

6:30AM TO 8:30AM

ALL WELCOME

Contact Stephen O'Donoghue
0418 577 238



Hall News

Big day on Friday 25 April when we host our Murrabit **Anzac Day service**; Denis Greenwood will be our guest speaker. It's a wonderful local event and we hope you can join us, with the service in the Hall

starting at 10.30am and the Lions Club providing lunch afterwards.

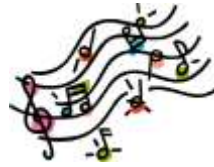
A big thank you to our Hall committee who put in some solid hours at our Working Bee a few weeks back to thoroughly clean and vacuum the ante room of the Hall, and wash down all of our chairs and every other item in the Hall after the recent floor refurbishment.

The next social meal/community lunch will be on Wednesday 30 April. Contact Community Care 4429 1900 to book.

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!



Hum and Strum

We played at Northaven for our April performance. We added a little extra with a visit for the residents from our very own HumnStrum Easter Bunny!

Next month we will be returning to Cohuna Village for the first time this year. We are looking forward to it as they were a great audience at our last visit.

If you would like to pop in every now and then, you would be most welcome. Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal and good fun. You don't have to play an instrument, you just have to like music! We meet at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2- 4pm (although we often start earlier and finish later). And for those who are like performing we also play once a month at different spots around the district.

A HumnStrum session was held in the hall a couple of weeks back and the group was thrilled they were able to play in the Hall with our shiny new floor!

If you're interested in coming along to HumnStrum, we would love to see you there.

Contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641 for more information.

MURRABIT CRAFTY & CHATTY CLUB

Connect - Community - Create



**Every Wednesday
Murrabit Family Hub
(formerly playgroup)
45 Gonn Avenue
10am to 12 noon**

**Bring along your own
craft or just come along
for a cuppa and chat.
If you don't have a craft
project, don't worry -
some crafty ladies will
provide supplies and
crafty advice!**

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QUERIES: 5457 2205



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**NORTHERN
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LINE DANCERS**



Murrabit Public Hall

Every Thursday 1pm - 3pm
Everyone is welcome - Come alone or bring a group

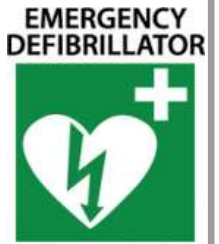
For more information call
44036640



Murrabit Accessible Defib - Snake Bite Kit 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.


These life saving machines are available to anyone in an emergency.



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.

Camping enquiries to Terry.



Northern District Community Health

SOCIAL MEALS
January-June 2025

Murrabit Hall
Bookings to NDCH Community Care (03) 4429 1900
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Wed 30th April
Wed 28th May
Wed 25th June

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