



## April 2026

Community News Contributions Gratefully Accepted

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### Murrabit Community News

There's been plenty to celebrate over the past month. First up was the Murrabit Cod Challenge, followed one week later by the second annual Murrabit Rodeo, followed one week later by the Easter Saturday Murrabit Country Market and the 79th Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tournament. Congratulations to the volunteers involved in putting on these four significant events. We may only be a tiny community but when we all work together we continue to achieve great results.

We weren't sure what to expect for Easter 2026 with the fuel prices the way they are and so many other events across the wider district competing for the lucrative Easter long weekend visitor numbers. We watched the flow of traffic through town closely in the lead-up to Easter and were quietly confident that all would be ok. Numbers are estimated to be about a 20-25% drop on the previous year but we still managed to attract 60 stallholders to the Easter Saturday Murrabit Market and a good crowd of visitors. Most of all, we put on a quality event and had fun welcoming visitors to our little town. A death in the family for our planned musician caused a little extra panic in the lead-up, but Kane Vincent from Echuca answered a call-out and proved very popular. Thanks to Northern District Community Health for loaning us their Giant Games for the market to add to our free children's activities. We also of course welcomed the Easter Bunny, and not just one, but two!! The two bunnies certainly spread some extra Easter fun across the market site and also took to the dance floor for a crazy grand finale!



COMING UP  
MURRABIT MARKET  
2 MAY 2026  
8:30AM TO 12:30PM

### UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKET

2 MAY 2026

Live Music by Noel Pearson

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

Next up we have the ANZAC Day service followed by a community lunch at the back of the Murrabit Hall. This is on Saturday 25 April (see flyer on page 2).

May will kick off with the Murrabit Market on 2 May.

Then on Sunday 17 May we are once again hosting the National Motoring Heritage Day event on the market site from 10am. This will be the third year that the Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club

will use our market site for this event. The Murrabit Rec Reserve Committee is providing a BBQ. There will be live music and coffee van plus heaps of vintage vehicles to enjoy (further info is on page 6). It's a great time of the year to be out and about so take advantage of the weather and support these upcoming local events.



# Murrabit Bridge over Murray River

## 100th Anniversary

1926 - 2026

**Saturday, 4 July 2026**  
**Murrabit Market**

Featuring photographic displays on early history of Murrabit

**Sunday, 5 July 2026**

**9:30am - 10am Registration**  
Buy Bees of Murrabit, Gonn Avenue  
Murrabit historical publications and merchandise for sale  
Map available on registration

**Morning tea available from 9:30am - Murrabit Lions Park**  
Sheave Wheel and Historic Bridge Gates display, Murrabit Railway Product  
Self walk of historic sites and Paul Oswin art trail

**11am - 12noon**  
Unveiling event, storytelling & celebration  
Miss Keats Picnic Park, Murrabit Bridge

**12:30pm Soup & Roll Lunch at Murrabit Hall**  
Followed by speeches, cake cutting and coppa,  
viewing of historic displays, vintage cars  
Event concludes 2pm

**Pre-event ticket purchases encouraged**

**Cost: Adults \$15, Families \$40, children under 5 free**

Net Diggins: 0390 890 890 for  
murrabitheritage@gmail.com

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[www.ghrealstate.com.au/2026](http://www.ghrealstate.com.au/2026)

First all steel construction bridge across the Murray River designed for trains and road traffic







# ANZAC DAY

## COMMEMORATION

### SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2026

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

**Guest Speaker- Ali Bohn**

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

All Welcome





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# Murrabit

## Community Meal

Wednesday, 29 April 2026  
Wednesday, 27 May 2026  
Wednesday 24 June 2026

Murrabit Hall 12noon  
\$12 per person  
Bookings essential by phoning  
Sharon 0427 144 205

A great way to socialise and enjoy  
a cooked two course meal

-Cooked by community for community-

All Welcome

## Murrabit Advancement Association Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, 27 April 2026** 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](mailto: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 & District Heritage Group Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, 11 May 2026** at the Market Office. All welcome. Supper provided. Our focus is the 100th anniversary celebration of the Murrabit Bridge occurring on 4 and 5 July 2026.



## Murrabit Lions

Have you thought about joining Lions? Murrabit Lions is a very friendly, welcoming group. We are all about friendship and helping our community. Our Club is very much a local community club with our efforts focused on helping local people and groups. If you are new to the district or are interested in becoming involved in Lions and helping our community, please contact our President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.



**Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm Sundays  
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, 1 May.

We love having new people join us for any activities so please feel welcome to come along at anytime.

Membership fees for the year 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 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.

Newsletter is also available from our website:

[www.murrabit.com.au/murra-bit-a-news](http://www.murrabit.com.au/murra-bit-a-news)

Deadline for articles for the next edition is:

**WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026.**

Information can be emailed to [murrabit1@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

## 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 Playgroup News

Playgroup was held on 13 April (one week later than usual due to a clash with Easter Monday) and it was great to welcome six children and six adults to playgroup. Jeanette came along and read a story titled 'You Can't Pat a Fish' by author Ruth Paul. A visit to the pet shop is



just the beginning of this delightful, insightful and fun-filled story of not getting what you wished for! 'You can play with a puppy and snuggle a bunny, but as much as you wish, you can't pat a fish! If it's wet, it isn't a pet!'

The book was about a little girl who wanted a pet, and she got a fish. She went through all the things you could do with other animals. Eventually she came round to seeing how great her fish was!

Thank you to Jeanette for continuing to come along and introduce children to the love of reading and literacy.



The children also enjoyed a nature-based activity where they gathered items from outdoors to create some really cool and creative suncatchers!



**Upcoming Playgroup sessions: Mondays 20 April, 4 May and 18 May, 9:30am to 11:30am, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading). Gold coin donation includes a cuppa and morning tea.**

*Playgroup is a great way to meet others and for children to play and learn together in a safe environment.*

**Contacts:** President of Murrabit Playgroup is Nathan Hocking and Secretary/Treasurer Olivia O'Donoghue 0474 707 772. Email: murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com

**Annual General Meeting:** Each year, Murrabit Playgroup holds an Annual General Meeting. This meeting elects a President and Secretary/Treasurer and helps shape playgroup sessions and activities for the upcoming year. This year, the meeting will be held on **Monday 7 June 2026** commencing at 7:30pm at the Murrabit Family Hub. All families with under school age children and community supporters of playgroup are most welcome to attend.

# Murrabit Playgroup

Play, Connect, Learn,  
Make Friends, Have Fun!

-  **All Welcome**  
Gold coin donation  
Morning tea provided
-  **First and third Monday of each month**  
9:30am to 11:30am
-  **Outdoor play, craft activity, storybook, morning tea, more play.**
-  **Murrabit Family Hub**  
45 Gonn Avenue  
(opposite Murrabit Trading)

Email: murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com or phone Olivia O'Donoghue 0474 707 772



# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

**MONDAY 4 MAY 2026**

**10:30AM BARHAM RECREATION RESERVE**

**All funds raised will go to Cancer Council to support those impacted by cancer**

**Bookings to Pattie McDonald Ph: 0427 570 295**

*Mother's Day*  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- Flower bunches
- Plant gifts
- Cards & more

Roadside stall - 443 River rd, Gonn Crossing  
Open early til late  
Multiple payment options

## Colour our Town Mural Project

We announced in the February newsletter that we have secured a North Central Catchment Management Authority's Nature-led Community Recovery Grant for local artist, Paul Oswin, to paint a river and native flora/fauna scene on the toilet block next to our community park.

A second workshop occurred with 20 students from Murrabit Group School (pictured below) on 2 April around the project questions:

- 1).What do you love about the Murray River and local waterways?:
- 2).What birds do you see around our local waterways?
- 3).What native animals do you observe in the natural environment around Murrabit & District?

The children provided some very insightful answers to the questions.



Based on community input, Paul has now developed a concept for the mural. It will be exciting to see the painting develop over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, Paul has completed five totem poles on the market site and at the front of the community garden (pictured right and below) which add extra colour and look fantastic. Check them out when you are next in town.



## Hum n Strum Update

The W.D. Thomas Day Centre next to the Kerang Hospital was the venue for our recent monthly performance. And, what a fantastic audience they were - really appreciative, enthusiastic and very involved in the show! Our last song for the day 'When the Saints go Marching In' (a request from a St Kilda supporter in the audience) saw some very enthusiastic dancing from Robyn and friends and earned us a couple of encores! A delicious afternoon tea followed and then, as an extra surprise, a little gift bag full of goodies for each of us - a terrific day! (Murrabit Hum n Strummers pictured below)



Our next performance will be at Northaven in Kerang on 13 May 2026.

**The newest addition to our song list** is that great old Slim Dusty tune 'The Lights on the Hill'. But we play a wide range of music. From golden oldies to the hits of the 50s and 60s, right up to a couple by Aussie legend, Jimmy Barnes.

**So if you are interested in music you might like to join us.** Our regular get-togethers are very informal and good fun.

We meet each Wednesday at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2 - 4pm and we are always happy for new people to join in. You can come for the whole time or just a part of it. **You don't have to play an instrument, you just have to like music!** And if you are interested in performing, we also play once a month at different spots around the district.

You're welcome to just come along or if you would like to know a bit more, contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641 for more information.

### MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2026

- May - Murrabit Men's Shed
- June - Murrabit Crafty and Chatty Club
- July - Murrabit Playgroup
- August - Murrabit Men's Shed
- September - Murrabit Men's Shed
- October - Murrabit Tennis Club



### FEDERATION'S MURRABIT PICNIC

#### National Motoring Heritage Day

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

FROM 10AM MURRABIT MARKET SITE

- 100 plus heritage vehicles will descend on Murrabit
- Coffee van and bbq available.
- Vehicles 25 years plus, cars, trucks, motorbikes welcome
- Supported by Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club Inc

**Enquiries to John and Michelle 0409 985 906**

**Sponsored by Federation V.V. & C.V.C. Inc**

### Murrabit Book club

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm in member's home. That member is responsible for supper. There are no membership fees for joining the Murrabit Book Club. 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: Phone: 5457 2331.



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- Mobile cool room (with additional freezer section) - \$80 per day.
- Prices are excluding GST



-Kerang Car Wash

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## Join the Murrabit Chatty & Crafty Club

**When:** Each Wednesday  
**Time:** 10.00am at the  
**Where:** Murrabit Family Hub  
 45 Gonn Ave, Murrabit  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation  
**Queries:** (03) 5457 2205

Bring along:

- your art or craft project
- something to eat or
- just come along for a chat

Tea & coffee supplied

Auspiced by Murrabit Advancement Association Inc.

## Murrabit Recreation Reserve

The Vince Maher Recreation Reserve at Murrabit is managed by a state government appointed volunteer committee of management.  
 Hiring enquiries to Terry Morton President 0409 692 630 or Stephen O'Donoghue Secretary 0418 577 238.  
 Camping enquiries to Terry.

## Hall News



Did you know that our local hall is a hive of activity! There's yoga and line dancing on every week, market morning teas, a monthly community meal, and so much more! 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.

**Next community meal: Wednesday 29 April.** The April meal will be the third monthly community meal thanks to a group of dedicated community volunteers. The Murrabit community meals are now cooked by community for community. The monthly meals been a huge hit so far with close to 50 attending each month. Bookings are essential. Please see separate flyer for booking details.

The Hall Committee would like to thank our new cleaner Abby Grove who comes in after the Murrabit Market and is doing the wonderful job keeping the Hall clean and our new floor looking spectacular.

To hire the Hall or for more information, contact Neil Hopkins (President) 0490 830 641 or Jeanette Coulter (Secretary Treasurer) 0458 572 331.

**Have a great month everyone!**  
**Neil Hopkins, President**

## Murrabit Accessible Defib - Snake Bite Kit included

A 24 hour accessible defib machine is mounted externally next to the kitchen door at the Murrabit Hall. This life saving machine is available to anyone in an emergency.

### EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR



## Line Dancing Thursdays in Kerang & Murrabit!

<p><b>Kerang Band Hall</b></p> <p>Every Thursday</p> <p>Morning 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>Evening 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</p> <p>\$5 per session</p> <p>First session FREE!</p>	<p><b>Murrabit Public Hall</b></p> <p>Every Thursday</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</p> <p>\$8 per session</p>
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## Historical Hall Snippet #01

**As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Murrabit Hall being located on its present site in the middle of town this year, here's a bit of history:**

In 1922 a sub-committee was formed to investigate moving the Murrabit Hall from its original site opposite Hannah Lane at Murrabit West, where it had been since 1912, into the newly established township of Murrabit.

At a public meeting in 1924 it was thought that the Hall should be located near the proposed new railway station.

At the time, Murrabit was a thriving Closer Settlement area and land had been reserved for public buildings opposite the railway station.

The Hall Committee was allocated a site for 50 pounds (100 dollars) and the old Hall was to be moved, altered and remodelled.

There were termites in the building and most of the interior boards needed to be replaced.

Once moved, the Hall was to be extended to 70 feet (about 23 metres), stage built, 2 ante-rooms - one with a fireplace, sink and cupboards, were to be added as well as extra doors and windows.

In June 1926, 55 residents attended an annual meeting and a tender of 800 pounds (1600 dollars) for the building work and alterations (from Mr Wood and Mr Westley) was accepted. Things were underway!

Stay tuned for another historical snippet about our Hall in the next newsletter.



## Farewell Margo McNeil

Margot was a significant supporter and contributor to the Murrabit community throughout her life and a regular attendee at many local events.

We send our thoughts to Margot's husband, John, and children, Tim and Fiona (King Gee), and their grandchildren, at this sad time.

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held for Margo at St Johns Anglican Church, Barham on Monday 20 April 2026 commencing at 2.30 pm. A Private Burial will be held.

Margo's Service will be live streamed at the following link:

<https://adamsfunerals.com.au/livestream/>

# Murrabit 79th Easter Tennis Tournament Results

In perfect Easter weather, the Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club hosted the 79th annual Easter tournament. It was a weekend of fun, family, food, sunshine, and brilliant tennis.

Easter is all about family and friends, and we had many family groups gathering for their yearly Easter get-together.

We ran our mixed competition on Good Friday and followed up with the Doubles event on Easter Saturday. Many of our competitors were visitors who travelled to take part in our tournament, camp on-site and enjoy the wonderful grass courts. A big thank you goes to our committee and greenskeepers for ensuring the courts were in such great condition.

The A-grade tennis was of very high quality over both days and gave spectators some amazing viewing. With increasing numbers over the past few years, we were able to add some extra grades this year, and they were in high demand. We accommodated 180 entrants playing across the two days on our 9 courts.

It was a fun, social atmosphere, with everyone enjoying either playing or watching great tennis.

As per the tradition in Murrabit, many competitors dressed up with their partners in matching costumes. We had some creative and very interesting outfits taking to the courts! This added to the fun environment of the tournament and resulted in many players receiving 'best-dressed' prizes, sponsored by Michelle Noonan and MVP Feeds.

Thank you again to our fantastic sponsors; their contribution is crucial to the running of our tournament. Thank you to the small but hard-working committee that continues to run the tournament each year. There is so much work involved and all done by our volunteer members, from the court preparation to the catering, serving, selling raffle tickets, taking entries, preparing the playing schedule, and running the event. A mighty effort.

**Results:** Prizes were awarded to winners and runners-up in each grade.

**Friday Mixed: A Grade:** Craig Bath & Lily Bath r/up Michelle Noonan & Karl Robinson 24-18 games

**Friday Mixed: B Grade:** Sara & Tim McNeil r/up Matt & Amy Hall 23-22 games

**Friday Mixed C Grade:** Kristy & Billy Dafos def Flynn Read & Hayley Castle 7-5

**Friday Mixed D Grade:** Kate King & Dave Marshall def Harry Spitiri & Isabel Read 6-1

**Juniors Under 18:** Sadie Spitty & Charlie Dickins def Lyla Morton & Leo Ellison 6-3

**Juniors Under 15:** Pippy Morton & Evan McNeil def Maddison Hall & Levi Dafos 6-1

**Juniors Under 13:** Keira McNeil & Lochi Doolan Davies def Ryder Dafos 6-5

**Saturday Doubles Men's A Grade:** John Wardle & Darren Wardle r/up Simon Morton & Riley Webb 24-20 games

**Saturday Doubles Men's B Grade:** Matt Hall & Billy Dafos r/up Glenn Madden & Jon Madden 17-16 games

**Saturday Doubles Men's C Grade:** Tony Honeyborne & Neil Jeremiah def Luke Nyko & Chris Hunter 6-3

**Saturday Doubles Ladies A Grade:** Jessica Millar & Julie Wardle def Sara McNeil & Carolyn Nixon 8-0

**Saturday Doubles Ladies B Grade:** Lee Read & Loren Lindenmayer r/up Annalice Pascoe & Rose Madden 24-19 games.



**Saturday Doubles Ladies C Grade:** Amy Hall & Kristi Dafos def Phoebe Lea & Jess Dutton 6-0  
**Juniors Under 18 Girls:** Lyla Morton & Alexis McKnight r/up Charlie Dafos & Mia Welch 18-14 games  
**Junior Under 15 Girls:** Pippy Morton & Charlotte Keath r/up Madison Hall & Abby Welch 18-8 games  
**Juniors Under 13 Girls:** Claire Hall & Jayde Hall  
**Juniors Under 18 Boys:** Jobe Hein & Cooper Hein r/up Brodie Hall & Jaxson Marshall 18-16 games  
**Juniors Under 15 Boys:** Alby Snow & Charlie Snow r/up Evan McNeil & Xavier Hein 24-23 games  
**Juniors Under 13 Boys:** no competition

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**Ang Morton – President**

*Next year will be the 80th Annual Easter Tennis Tournament at Murrabit. Let's get behind the Tennis Club Committee to help ensure that this significant milestone is well supported by locals - 12 months notice to start scrubbing up your tennis skills!*





## Murrabit Hooks Successful Weekend

The Murrabit Football & Netball Club hosted its much-anticipated annual Murrabit Cod Challenge fishing event over the weekend of March 20–22, once again drawing a full field of eager competitors. As in previous years, entries were capped at 300 adult tickets, complemented by an enthusiastic group of 50 junior anglers keen to be part of the action. Proudly run entirely by dedicated local volunteers, the event remains one of the club's largest and most important fundraisers of the year.

Set against a backdrop of warm, sunny weather and clear skies, the weekend delivered near-perfect river conditions. Anglers embraced the pleasant temperatures with a relaxed and cheerful spirit, making the most of the picturesque surroundings. Many took the opportunity to cool off with a refreshing dip, while others settled into shady riverbank spots, rods in hand, enjoying the laid-back atmosphere that has become a hallmark of the event.

This year's catches showed a pleasing improvement on last year's results, with a total of 14 Murray Cod measuring over 55cm landed, along with 11 Yellow Belly exceeding 30cm. In keeping with the event's strong conservation focus, all native fish were carefully released back into the river.

Off the water, excitement continued with the major raffle draw. The impressive first prize — a 399 Stacer Proline Boat, 25HP 4-Stroke Yamaha motor and trailer package valued at \$17,000, proudly sponsored by Molins Motorcycle & Marine — was won by Bryan Beani of Traralgon South. Second prize, a 40L portable Engel fridge sponsored by Blue Sky Swan Hill, went to Tammy Wardlaw of Maryborough, while Donald Smith of Kyneton claimed third prize, a Husqvarna 120 Mark II chainsaw generously donated by Murrabit Trading.

Community spirit was on full display, with Team Maryborough taking out the largest group award with 31 competitors. In a generous gesture, the team donated their \$500 prize money to the Murrabit Fire Brigade.

The fishing competition itself produced some outstanding results across all categories. In the Molins Motorcycle & Marine Murray Cod Challenge, Wayne Hawking, Chris Abley and Simon Deane claimed top honours with an impressive 1600 points, landing Murray Cod measuring 96cm and 64cm. Wayne Hawking also took out the Murrabit Trading Largest Murray Cod award with a standout 96cm catch.

In the Blue Sky–Engel Yellow Belly Challenge, Darren Hosking and Darren Bibby secured victory with 855 points, recording Yellow Belly of 43cm and 42.5cm. Kev Spiteri landed the largest Yellow Belly of the weekend at 50.5cm to win the Hook'em Fishing category, while Bill Hazen claimed the Kj's Outdoor & Marine Longest Carp award with a 69.5cm catch.

The junior competition also showcased exciting young talent, with Nash Webb reeling in an impressive 84cm Murray Cod to take out top honours.

Event organisers were once again pleased with the smooth running of the weekend, supported by overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants.

The club extends its sincere thanks to all sponsors, volunteers and competitors who contributed to another successful event.

With little time to pause, the Murrabit Football & Netball Club hosted its next major event — the Murrabit Rodeo, the following weekend!



## Murrabit Hosts Second Rodeo

Our community has once again demonstrated just how special it truly is and the 2026 Murrabit Rodeo reflected that spirit in every respect. While still in its early years, the Murrabit Rodeo has already proven to be something significant, showcasing the strength, pride and connection that defines our community. Taking a moment to reflect, the success of the weekend is nothing short of remarkable.

To our volunteers, your dedication, time and tireless efforts are the backbone of this event. Your commitment ensures the Murrabit Rodeo runs seamlessly and we are deeply grateful for the role you play in bringing it all together.

We also extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors. Your generous support allows us to deliver an event of the highest standard, providing competitors the opportunity to contend for the coveted buckle while treating the crowd to an exceptional display of talent.

And to everyone who joined us at the 2026 Murrabit Rodeo, thank you! Your support and enthusiasm created an atmosphere that will stay with us long after the dust has settled.



***Pictured above: Junior Barrel Race winner Natasha Baldacchino and Ladies Barrel Race winner Sarah O'Keefe. Credit to Peyton Hope Photography.***

## Murrabit Business Directory

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2.5t Excavator

Ditch Witch Trencher

Bobcat

Tip Trailer

Small tractor work - slashing, ground work

Small square hay cutting & baling

General farm/home maintenance & handyman  
work. Mustering & Fencing



## Off Your Plate Cleaning

*because you've done enough today*

**MURRABIT BASED, SERVICING LOCAL SURROUNDS**

Thorough help with cleaning from floors to bathrooms

Hand it over to Melissa on 0431 695 592

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