



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS A FREE PUBLICATION

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Murrabit Community News

The days are getting longer, the grass is green and the wattles have finished flowering already, With Spring just around the corner, a little bit more rain this week is all we need to help keep things growing nicely.

September market is coming up on Saturday 7 September - a late one this month. Noel Pearson will be back to entertain the crowd. Stall bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market or 5457 2205.

Good luck to the football and netball teams heading into the Grand Final on market day. Unfortunately for us, the Grand Final is at Hay this year so a few will be travelling away for the day.

Then the following month we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Murrabit Township. The celebrations will take place on 5-6 October. Flyer with details are in this newsletter.

In preparation for the anniversary weekend, a community working bee is being held on Sunday 15 September. Lots of clean up jobs to do so if you're available, please come along - see notice in this newsletter for details.

Around the district

The grounds at Murrabit Group School are looking fabulous. Well done to the families who are making our little school look so great, and to the students who are working hard to plant new trees, keep the vegie garden looking tidy, and for helping design the fabulous new artwork that brightens up the yard. It's always great to see our community spaces looking good as that makes us all feel proud of our little town. Here are some pics...



UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKET SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Variety of market stalls. Live music by Noel Pearson. Breaky, morning tea and lunch by our community groups.

Stall bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market, email murrabit1@bigpond.com or Phone 5457 2205.

Footy & Netball News-Round 16

What a season so far. We had our A, B, B Res, C and U14 netballers and our Reserve and U14.5 footy teams playing in the 2nd semi at Wandella on 24 August, and our U17 netballers in the 1st semi at Murrabit on 25 August. What a fantastic effort!!

Footy: U12 Thanks to Matt Webb for his fantastic work with the kids this year. Our U14.5's went down to Hay for the second time this season. Fortunately for our lads they had done enough throughout the season to still finish on top. Congratulations and good luck for the finals!

The U17.5 season was on the line and a must win if they were to play finals. They started slowly like the fourths which was the game in a nutshell. We won the second half, but the damage was done in the first and the margin was too much to overcome. Well done to Tobie and Murph for all your efforts this season getting the side together each week and developing our juniors.

The Reserve team went down by 19 points. Credit to our boys they responded in the last quarter to keep Hay scoreless and reduce the deficit. With Second spot secured we look forward to Ultima in the 2nd Semi Saturday.

Our Senior team met the league leaders in a test of character encounter. Well done to all the players for their endeavour throughout the year, quite often in testing circumstances. Austin McKerrow's tenacity was evident and Dean Harrop, Michael Grant and Josh Bray down back were great. A season highlight is the development and form of our 3rds captain, Sam Copland. Often in our top 3 players, Sam has flourished in the Senior competition and will be a player to watch once again next season.

Netball: In the netball, each game featured great matchups and nail-biting scores against Hay, who like us, have many of their teams within the top 4. The U12's played their last game for the season.

Coach Ange Morton has been able to impart great skills and knowledge onto our young superstars and we can't wait to see what this young group of girls accomplish in the future. Awards went to Charlotte, Ruby, Sunny, Keira, Mia and Marley.

Our ladder leading U14's took on second placed Hay and were able to surge ahead on the scoreboard right until the end to win 40 to 31. Lexi McKnight was cooking in C, bolting all over the court to outrun her opposition while Lyla Morton and Sadie Spitty both dominated at opposite ends, using their height and magnetic hands to pull in the ball.

We took on the number 2 side in the U17's. Hay took the lead early and held it throughout the remainder of the game to beat us 23 to 59. Belle Morton was a reliable teammate in the mid-court while Maddie Walle and Alison Copland were able to read the play beautifully in defence and created plenty of opportunities for our attackers.

Our C Grade suffered their first loss of the season. Hay managed to take the lead early and beat our girls by 6 goals. Macy Bray and Lyla Morton were strong and moved well in attack and Belle Morton played a dominant game in the mid court.

It was 1 v 2 in the B res. We had a great first quarter were able to expand the margin to 28 goals by the end of the game. Taylah Collier was valuable in C with great leads, Alesha Millard moved perfectly in the goal ring after a couple of weeks off and Sharni Maher was a speed machine in defence getting hands to plenty of ball.

Our B Grade girls finished the game with a 19 goal win. Sarah Perry and Montana Keating were both standouts, with Sarah delivering some accurate feeds and providing plenty of direction across the court and Montana shot accurately and moved with great speed in attack for her second game of the day.

The A Grade were challenged by a strong Hay side, and it came down to the final moments of the game. We lead by 6 at half time with Lauren Morrow presenting beautifully in the goal ring. We won by 3 goals. Steph Reeves was consistent and provided plenty of encouragement to her team mates as well as having great vision and feeds to the goalies.

Preliminary Final: Saturday, 31 August, at Ultima

Grand Final: Saturday, 7 September, at Hay



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MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2024/25

September Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
October - Murrabit Tennis Club
November - Murrabit Fire Brigade
December - Murrabit Tennis Club
January - Murrabit Tennis Club
February - Murrabit Playgroup



Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm Sundays
or join us for a cuppa and chat at 3pm
Next Community Lunch - Sunday 1 September
12noon-1:30pm. All welcome
Annual General Meeting 1 September 1:30pm-3pm

The Men's Shed successfully applied for a Gannawarra Shire Council Community Grant to re-do the Murrabit Community Garden after it was flooded on Christmas Day 2023. If you would like to be involved in redesigning and helping get the garden back up and running again, please come along to the meeting on 1 September. The Men's Shed also has funding for social gatherings again this year and these will be also be planned at this meeting.

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 6 September.

Membership fees are now due for the 2024/25 year.

Memberships are \$35 to cover insurance costs and can be paid at the meeting on 31 August or by dropping into the 'shed' on a Sunday.

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



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 Accessible Defibs - Snake Bite Kits 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.

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.

Thanks to Ambulance Victoria Snake Bite kits have been added the accessible defib cabinets. Remember to always first call an Ambulance in an emergency by phoning **Triple Zero (000)**.



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.

Murrabit Book club

Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm, usually in member's homes. New members welcome. Please contact Jeanette Coulter 5457 2331 for 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

Deadline for articles for upcoming edition is

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Community interest info is free.

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SOCIAL MEALS

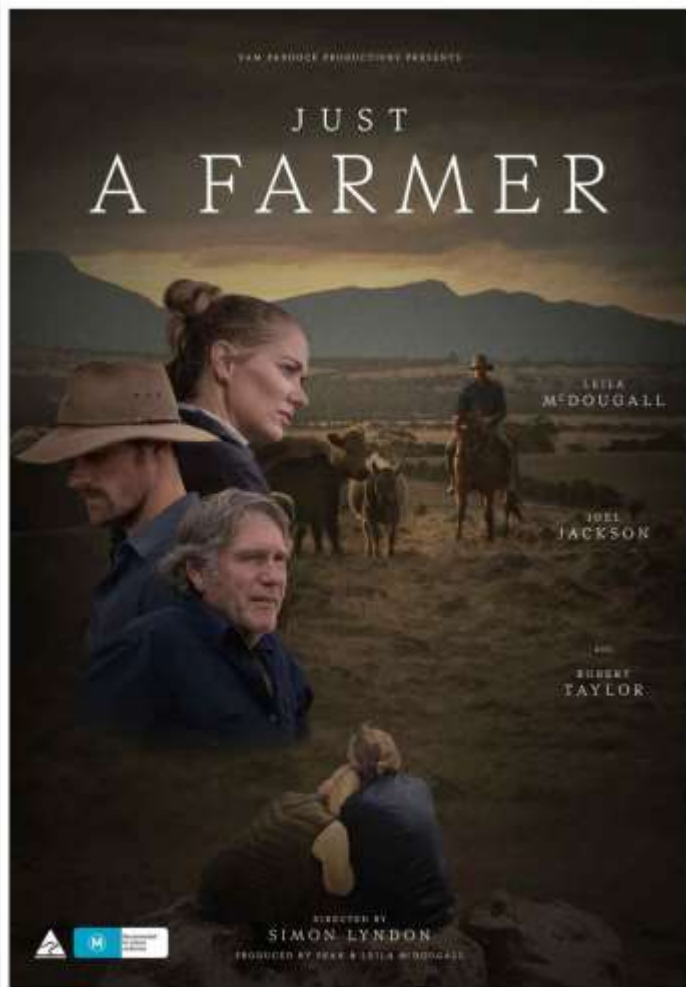
July - November 2024

Wed 28th August
Wed 25th September
Wed 30th October

Wed 27th November
(Christmas meal)

Murrabit Hall
Bookings to NDCH
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Free Movie Screening & afternoon tea



Mallee Family Care invites the communities of Kerang and surrounds to come together for afternoon tea and a screening of the brilliant Australian film *Just a Farmer*.

A panel discussion featuring *Just a Farmer* actor Damian Walshe-Howling and writer, actor, producer and executive producer Leila McDougall will follow.

Free event!
Afternoon tea provided



Where
Kerang Memorial Hall

When
1pm-4pm, Sunday 8 September 2024

More information
Mallee Family Care
Swan Hill
03 5032 4479

Please register online at <https://bit.ly/JAFKerang> or via the QR Code.



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

Murrabit Group School

A Country School With A Big Heart

On offer is small class sizes, extensive specialist programs, positive relationships with families, explicitly taught balanced well-being programs, individual student education plans for all students, excellent student behaviour, engaged students, student-led hands-on learning, gardening, pets, bike education and a pump track, go-karts, cooking, Legos, cubby building and much more...

Little Explorer Prep Transition Program every Monday during Term 3 and twice a week during Term 4.

Murrabit Group School prides itself on providing high-quality education to students from Foundation to Grade 6 in a warm and nurturing environment. Everyone loves coming to school at Murrabit!

We offer support for families with a before and after school care program that runs from 7:30am to 6:00pm daily.

The school's mission is to provide a comprehensive education that empowers students to become independent, creative, and responsible citizens.

To achieve this mission, the school has a team of highly skilled and dedicated teachers who work closely with students to provide individualised attention and support. Murrabit Group School strongly focuses on literacy, numeracy, inquiry skills, and well-being, with dedicated programs and resources to support student learning.

The school also offers a range of extracurricular activities to enrich the student experience, including music, sports, and Italian.

Students have said the current highlights are the Gaga Pit and the new Pump Track, which they initiated.

One of Murrabit Group School's unique features is its commitment to sustainability and environmental education in its beautiful grounds.

The school has a large vegetable garden that is tended by students. The produce is used to cook and sell at the school gate, fundraising for camps. Students also participate in regular waste reduction and recycling initiatives through Sustainability Victoria and have recently joined the River Detectives Program.

The school has a strong connection to the local community, with regular events and activities that involve parents and community members. This helps to create a supportive and inclusive school culture where everyone is valued and respected.

Murrabit Group School also strongly emphasises technology and the development of digital literacy skills, keeping safety in mind.

Murrabit Group School is a small rural school with a big heart. The school's commitment to high-quality education, sustainability, and community engagement makes it a special place for students to learn and grow.

Come and join our amazing little school, which has excellent achievement and balanced lifelong learning opportunities. Please book a time for a tour.





Murrabit Lions Update

Our August Dinner meeting will be held this Tuesday 27 August. It's an important meeting as we have allocated the money raised over the past year and will pass on

donations to members of our local groups. We will have our usual delicious meal, our raffles (everyone's a winner!) and entertaining Tail-twisting yarns from Stephen Monk. You don't have to be a Lion to come along; everyone is welcome - give us a ring! You won't be sorry!

The Zone level of the Junior Public Speaking competition took place in Cohuna on Sunday 11 August. Whilst Narky Lea (Year 6) and Brandon Thomas (Year 3/4) both spoke very well, the judges didn't choose either of the fellas to go on to the Regional final. Narky did a particularly good job with the impromptu question. Cohuna Lions provided an absolutely sensational afternoon tea for everyone to enjoy afterwards. It was worth the trip for the afternoon tea alone!

We manned the gate at the GRFL semi-final last Sunday. Thank you to all Lions and friends who were able to help out on the day as we have got a lot of our members away and some unavailable for health reasons at present. **On that note**, if you think you might like to help out at a market, give us a yell – we are always pleased to have new people join us, even just for a day. And finally, good luck to all of our netball and our footy teams. What a great effort!

We are very much a local community club with our efforts focused on helping local people and groups. We would 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.

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MURRABIT 10TH - 11TH SEPTEMBER 10AM - 4PM EACH DAY MURRABIT HALL	BENJEROOP 17TH - 18TH SEPTEMBER 10AM - 4PM EACH DAY BENJEROOP HALL	KOROOP 24TH - 25TH SEPTEMBER 10AM - 4PM EACH DAY KOROOP HALL
LAKE CHARM 1ST - 2ND OCTOBER 10AM - 4PM EACH DAY LAKE CHARM HALL	MYALL 8TH - 9TH OCTOBER 10AM - 4PM EACH DAY MYALL HALL	QUAMBATOOK 15TH - 16TH OCTOBER 10AM - 4PM EACH DAY QUAMBATOOK HALL
KERANG 21ST - 22ND OCTOBER 10AM - 4PM EACH DAY KERANG NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE		

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45 Gonn Avenue,
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COMMUNITY WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

9AM TO 12NOON

Come along and help tidy up the town in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the Murrabit Township on 5-6 October 2024.

If you can't make it on the day there is always plenty of jobs to do - gardening, watering, mowing, picking up sticks, racking up bark and leaves, washing down signs, whipper snipping, spraying weeds and ants, keeping the BBQ, seating area and playground in the Lions Park clean and tidy.

If you see a job that needs doing, we are all volunteers, so please feel free to hop in and lend a hand.

UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKETS

Saturday 7 September 2024

Saturday 5 October 2024

(combined with 100th Anniversary of Murrabit)

Saturday 2 November 2024

(47th Anniversary of the Market)

Saturday 7 December 2024

(Christmas Market)

Online stall bookings and further information:

www.murrabit.com.au/market

or phone 5457 2205

Hum n Strum Music

We performed at the Cohuna Retirement village for the first time this year recently. We had a fantastic time; the crowd were really involved; singing and clapping along, and swapping jokes and stories with us. John Ficken kept everyone entertained from his repertoire of yarns – he has a million stories he likes to share - some of them are even true - and then Michael 'Fred Astaire' Lahy surprised us all and nearly brought the house down with his amazing dance routine to accompany "The Wanderer". And they asked us to come back again next week! They were a friendly and appreciative mob down there and gave us an afternoon tea which included some delicious scones, jam and stacks of cream.

It was nice to have a few visitors after the community meal last month. Gwen Maher joined us, as well as 4 members of the Leitchville Seniors.

Our regular Wednesday sessions are very informal, you don't need to play an instrument, you just have to like music!

So if you'd like to pop in every now and then and maybe sing along, we'd love you to join us!

This month we have added more new songs, including a few old crooners (*The Great Pretender* and *Wonderful World*) as well as the old classic *When the Red Robin Comes Bob Bob Bobbin Along*. But we have got plenty of great tunes with something for everyone.

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.

Our September performance will be at Glenarm in Kerang. If you're interested in coming along, contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641 for more information.



Murrabit Hall

Next community lunch is on Wednesday 28 August in the Hall. These meals are a great chance to catch up, or to meet some new people, in a very friendly atmosphere – with a delicious 2-course feed thrown in for just \$10.

FREE Emergency preparedness and Disaster Management training is being held on 10-11 September in the hall. This is being run by Mallee Family Care and the Kerang Neighbourhood House to help prepare and respond to a natural crisis. The same training will be at Benjeroop 17-18 September and Myall 8-9 October. More info and bookings to the Neighbourhood House on Ph: 4403 6640.

A Generator and Pump is being donated to the Hall to be used by our community in times of need. Thank you to Kerang Neighbourhood House for this donation. The ins-and-outs of operating both machines will be part of the program on 10-11 September.

Barcom Scouting group is using the Hall as their base from 13-22 September. The group have been coming to Murrabit and using the Hall for a number of years now. They run a fantastic adventure program on the Murray River for Scouts; building watercraft and paddling them from Murrabit away up past Swan Hill.

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!

Neil Hopkins, President

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Sunday, 6 October 2024

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10am - 11am Morning tea

Murrabit Group School

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Murrabit Railway Precinct

1pm Lunch at Murrabit Hall

Followed by speeches, cake cutting, music, recognition of oldest returning resident, photo gallery and displays, and vintage car displays

Pre-event ticket purchases encouraged

Neil Hopkins: 0490 830 641
murrabitheritage@gmail.com

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Official opening of Kerang - Gonn Crossing (Murrabit) Railway, 20 December 1924 (Don Potts)



Auction of Murrabit township blocks,
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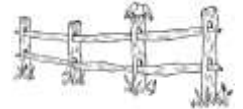
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