



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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Murrabit Community News

There's been a bit of rain of late and although the mud will be a pain for farmers and their animals, they always say that there is money in mud! The season looks like it will be a good one.

Rivers are running at minor flood levels - the Murray as well as the Loddon. This is due to the bigger rainfall events in the catchment areas. While no risk is foreseen at this stage, it is a good reminder, particularly for new residents, to know your flood risk and have a plan in place. There's lots of resources available to help you plan and prepare on the Victorian State Emergency Service (VicSES) website:

www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/emergencies

For our New South Wales residents, the New South Wales State Emergency Service provides equivalent advice.

Roads are also wet so best to keep off dry weather roads and save yourself the inconvenience of getting stuck in the sticky mud!

Coming up we have the September Murrabit Country Market on 5 September. Live music by Noel Pearson. Variety of market stalls. Brekky, morning tea and lunch by our community groups. Barista coffee.

Stall bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market or phone 5457 2205.

On Sunday 6 September Murrabit Football and Netball Club is hosting a semi final at the Murrabit Recreation Reserve. Why not head along and support these great local events. Volunteers are always welcome to join in and help support our little community.

Around the district...



MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2026

September - Murrabit Men's Shed

October - Murrabit Tennis Club

November - Murrabit Fire Brigade

December - Murrabit Tennis Club



Community Meal Update

The July Community Meal themed as Christmas in July was very well attended by over 60 people. The Hall and tables were decorated with a Christmas theme and several people came along wearing Christmas outfits! A talking point was the traditional Schwib Bogen lit up on the stage which was from Heike's childhood home in the Czech Republic and is traditionally displayed on the window at Christmastime. Murrabit's inflatable Santas also made a mid-year appearance!

A scrumptious meal was cooked up with spit roasted pork and lamb, cauliflower and cheese sauce, roast potatoes, pumpkin and carrots and peas - accompanied of course by lashings of mint jelly, apple sauce and gravy!

The highlight of the meal was homemade plum pudding, served alongside custard that you could stand your spoon up in! A huge thank you to Glenna McClelland for cooking and supplying the puddings for us. Glenna struggled into the Hall lugging enough hot plum pudding for 60 people along with gallons of custard! A huge trip down memory lane for most of us. Thanks Glenna.

Plenty of laughs and friendship shared at the luncheon, with visitors also coming from Cohuna to celebrate with us. A massive shoutout also to our volunteers who produced and served this huge meal. We are sure living up to our motto "cooked by community for community".

A meet and greet with Gannawarra Shire Councillors and senior staff was incorporated into the luncheon as part of the Connect with Council program. Plenty of opportunity to share how great our community is and what can be done to improve the area. The Mayor, Councillor Garner Smith was also roped into drawing the lucky door prizes from a hat, with 7 lucky people taking home scratchie tickets and a chance to win a fortune!

We were also able to pass on our thanks to Gannawarra Shire Council as our group was lucky enough to receive a \$1,400 grant from the Council's Small Grants Program towards our community meal program. This enabled the Christmas in July luncheon to be supplied for a 'Fiver'! Leftover funding will be used for food handling training for our volunteers and a subsidised luncheon sometime later in the year. Remember - everyone is welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, just rock up to the Hall on the Wednesday morning at 9am and we will find a job for you! Please give Sharon a call on 0427 144 205 if you are attending the lunch.



Murrabit Advancement Association Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, 21 September 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 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.

Line Dancing
Thursdays in Kerang & Murrabit!

Kerang Band Hall	Murrabit Public Hall
Every Thursday	Every Thursday
Morning 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Evening 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	\$8 per session
\$5 per session First session FREE!	

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.



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, 4 September.

It's great when new people join us 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 Lions

This time of year sees some of our members head north for the winter. We hope Neil and Robyn, Jo and Carmel are enjoying the sunny weather while we freeze here in Murrabit!

Our stalwart member Dorothy has not been in the best of health lately. Thank you to the Lions and Lions Ladies for helping with firewood deliveries and transporting Dorothy to her medical appointments. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Club level of the Junior Public Speaking competition was held recently at the Murrabit Group School. The participants from grades 3 and 4 were Tyler Long, Beau Murray and Karleigh Thomas. Their topic was "If you could go on a holiday anywhere in Australia, where would you go and why". All the speakers were great, and all spoke enthusiastically about their favourite places.

The participants from grades 5 and 6 were Emily Murray, Riley Danson and Brandon Thomas. Their topic was "If you could have dinner with anyone in the world (a real person past or present), who would it be, and why and what would you service them for dinner?" Again, the speakers were great, and we were very hungry after hearing what was being served. The grade 5 & 6 students then had about 10 minutes to give a one-minute talk on the impromptu question of "What does being a good neighbour in our community mean today". They all gave good responses under pressure.

Tyler Long from Grades 3 and 4, and Emily Murray from Grades 5 & 6 went on to represent Murrabit Lions at the Regional Final in Cohuna and acquitted themselves and their school well. Thank you to Greg Adams and school staff for preparing the students for the competition and Jenny McDonald and Jan McClure for agreeing to be judges. It was not an easy task to choose a winner!

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 focussed 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:

President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.



A small quantity of Murrabit-Gonn Bridge merchandise remains available for sale from Busy Bees of Murrabit, open 9:00am to 12:30pm Murrabit Market Days. Stubby holders \$10, Bridge mugs \$15, Framed photographs \$10, Pens \$10, Stickers \$5, Our Place on the Line - a history of the Kerang-Murrabit-Stony Crossing Railway \$15. Great ideas in the lead up to Christmas!



393 River Road
Gonn Crossing

Jirapan's Roadside Stall

Eggs For Sale

Large \$7, Small \$5

Murrabit Neighbourhood House Inc Annual General Meeting

If you are interested in being involved in getting a Neighbourhood House up and running at Murrabit, come along to a meeting to elect a committee:

Monday 31 August 2026, 7:30pm

Murrabit Markt Office, Gonn Avenue, Murrabit

This will provide an umbrella group for the Murrabit Community Meals Program, Murrabit Crafty and Chatty Group and any other social groups at Murrabit that don't currently have any formal structure around them.

All welcome

Hum n Strum

The Hum n Strummers are meeting each week to enjoy some great tunes.

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 delighted when new people join in.

You don't have to play an instrument, and you are welcome to join us for a singalong or just to listen to some good music. You can come for the whole time or just a part of it.

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.

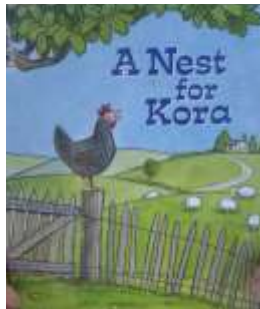


Murrabit Playgroup News

Playgroup has been going well, with more new families joining in. For the first session in August, a group from Murrabit School students came along. Jeanette read the book 'A Nest for Kora' by Claire Saxby. Kora is a young hen who is about to lay her first egg. She wants this to be a special occasion, so she sets off around the farmyard looking for what she believes will be the *perfect place* to make her nest.

Her grandmother, Granny Hen, has experience and offers Kora advice. But Kora is young and determined to do things her own way. She explores different possibilities and doesn't particularly want to listen to Granny's wisdom.

Eventually, Kora finds what she thinks is the perfect nest. However, she discovers that what looks perfect isn't necessarily the best choice. She eventually returns to the hen house, surrounded by her family and friends, and lays her first egg!



We then enjoyed a special treat with the school children reading 'Where is the Green Sheep', acting out some of the animal sounds to the delight of the younger children. (pictured right) We have babies and their mums attending as well as bigger children. Come along and join us. All welcome.



September Playgroup sessions:

Mondays 7 September and 21 September, 9:30am to 11:30am, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading). Gold coin donation includes a cuppa and morning tea.

Contact: Olivia 0474 707 772.

Email: murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com

Facebook: [murrabithub](https://www.facebook.com/murrabithub)



Murrabit
FAMILY HUB

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

Play, Learn, Create

Outdoor play, craft
activity, storybook

Murrabit Family Hub

45 Gonn Avenue
(opposite Murrabit Trading)

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



Hall News

What a great event and celebration the 100th Anniversary of the Bridge was at the start of July with the Hall used for lunch and wonderful displays.

The Community 'Christmas In July' Meal was also held in the Hall. About 60 people enjoyed a delicious Christmas inspired roast meal together, followed by homemade Christmas pudding! Puddings were cooked the traditional way by Glenna and were delicious. Well done to Sharon who co-ordinates everyone to make the monthly meals available. Next Community Meal will be on Wednesday, 30 September Bookings to Sharon by the Sunday prior: 0427 144 205.

Some Councillors and staff attended the July community meal to enable community members to discuss any issues they had. This resulted in quick action to replace the soap dispensers in both toilets at the hall! Thanks to Melissa Hocking for cleaning the hall toilets while Neil takes a break. The Murrabit Public 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 (President) 0490 830 641 or Jeanette Coulter (Secretary Treasurer) 0458 572 331.



School News

This term, we continued with the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition, and we had two students participate in the Regional Event in Cohuna. They were Tyler Long in the Grade 3-4 competition and Emily Murray in the Grade 5-6 competition. Both Tyler and Emily did extremely well, and the school was very proud of their efforts. See photo on page 3.

Athletics started despite the wet weather, including practice on the school oval. This led to our Murray Plains Cluster Athletic Sports against Leitchville, Koondrook and Gunbower primary schools which we won (photos right). A great effort by the students. We now have the Kerang Athletics Trials and Mallee Zone Sports before the end of the term. This will give older students a chance to compete at a higher level.

Bullying No Way Week was on 16-21 August with Murrabit Group School taking part in this. We looked at the theme, "Small Acts, Big Impact", and completed activities so that the students develop a better understanding of bullying, and how they can support themselves and others in the school.

Recently Murrabit Group School purchased 6 new bikes which has kept the school yard busy at recess and lunchtime and will be part of our bike ed program. The students love riding them on the school's pump track and around the running track. We have bike rules that the students follow and our students are becoming much better and safer riders!

Greg Adams
Principal





**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.



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 liking our **Murrabit Promotions** Facebook page

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

Hard copies of this newsletter are available from the Murrabit Store or from the Little Book Library at the front of the Murrabit Market Office/Busy Bees

Deadline for articles for the next edition is:

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2026.

Articles to be submitted in Word format (no PDFs please) and pictures/photos submitted separately.



**Murrabit
Community Meal**

Wednesday, 30 September 2026
Murrabit Hall 12noon
\$12 per person
Bookings essential by phoning
Sharon 0427 144 205

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2026 FIXTURE

Finals week 2

5 & 6 September

(Semi Finals)

6 Sept at Murrabit

Finals week 3

12 & 13 September

(Preliminary Finals)

Finals week 4

19 September

(Grand Final)

Farewell to Ken Bennett

Ken Bennett passed away on 23 August 2026. He would have been 92 next week.

Ken contributed greatly to the Murrabit community as an active volunteer on many groups, including the Murrabit Lions Club and Murrabit Advancement Association. In fact, he was a committee member on the MAA from 1979 and only finished up when COVID closed the Murrabit Market down for a few months. He proudly wore the same Murrabit blue cap for all those years, only to be presented with a new one on his retirement.

Ken was instrumental in the development of the market site, Lions Park and construction of lots of buildings and facilities. Our love to Dawn. Ken's funeral is being held at the Koondrook Cemetery, 11am on Thursday, 3 September 2026. Rest peacefully Ken.

Murrabit & District Heritage Group

Next meeting: **Monday, 14 September 2026** at the Market Office. All welcome. Supper provided.



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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.



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



-Kerang Car Wash

Contact: Phone or text 0427 674 473

Murrabit Accessible Defibs

- Snake Bite Kit included

Hopefully you never need it, but just in case you do. There is a 24 hour accessible defib machine is mounted externally next to the kitchen door at the Murrabit Hall.

There is also another machine mounted to the right side of the door to the Murrabit Men's Shed. This one has child as well as adult pads.

Both have snake bite kits included in the cabinets.

These life saving machines are available to anyone in an emergency. In an emergency, always call Triple Zero (000)



Murrabit Business Directory

Advertise your business on this page for \$10 for a small ad (must be business card size or smaller. \$15 for next size up or \$30 for half page. Ads are to be submitted so that they can be copied and pasted in please.

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