



# MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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### Murrabit Community News

The Murrabit Advancement Association (MAA) recently held its Annual General Meeting. The MAA is made up of representatives from our local community groups who work together to improve our little town as a great place to live and visit.

After purchasing the former Uniting Church property, the main project completed was the second stage to upgrade the Murrabit Family Hub (playgroup building) which involved removing the bottom third of the building and adding corrugated iron.

With flood recovery funding received from Gannawarra Shire Council we were able to fund live music and children activities at the market, such as a bouncing castle and Billabong Ranch animal nursery, as well as the 100th anniversary of the town.

Disaster Management Training was held in the Murrabit Hall and the hall also received a donated generator and pump for use in future floods from the Kerang Neighbourhood House.

The Men's Shed attracted a flood recovery grant to redo the community garden and this funding was invested into a new community garden at the front of the Market office building in the centre of town. The Little Library was also installed and a new photocopier was purchased thanks to funding from FRRR.

There has continued to be lots of great events hosted. Examples have included two men's shed breakfasts, a bus trip to the Nyah Tractor Museum, Party in a Paint Box Workshop, Mosaic Workshop, Weaving Workshop, Frocktober event to raise funds for ovarian cancer, Australia Day Breakfast, ANZAC and Remembrance Day, Murrabit Cod Challenge, Easter Tennis Tournament, and the inaugural Murrabit Rodeo, which was an amazing success. We also had the National Motoring Day Federation Vintage Car Picnic on the market site for the second year and activated the town to support this great event.

The Recreation Reserve was named the Vince Maher Recreation Reserve, and we said goodbye to a founding member of the MAA, Hugh Webb, and founding members of the Murrabit & District Heritage Group, Dick Walters and Alex Monk.

During the year we supported the start-up of the Crafty & Chatty Group and helped get Murrabit Playgroup back up and running.

Both groups are now running successfully.

The hall floor was refurbished and has hosted a range of events including monthly social meals,



Melbourne Cup Luncheon and Hall Stories by renowned comedian, Damian Callinan. We celebrated the market's 48th anniversary in November 2025.

All of this work is thanks to a group of hardworking and enthusiastic volunteers who work together to ensure Murrabit continues to be a great place to visit and live.

Coming up is the final Murrabit Country Market for 2025. This market will also mark the end of an era with the Murrabit Group School and Murrabit Netball Club finishing up their morning tea operations in the hall. The morning teas in the hall have been an integral part of the Murrabit Country Market since the market commenced 48 years ago. Over the years there have only been four operators of the morning teas – the Murrabit Public Hall Ladies Auxiliary, Lake Charm Hall Committee, Murrabit Pre-School and since the preschool closed in 2001 the morning teas have been run jointly by the Murrabit Group School/Netball Club. Well done to all families who have supported the morning tea operations in the Murrabit Hall over these 25 years. If you know of a group who would like to take over the morning tea reigns, please get in touch.

If you don't already receive this newsletter by email, send us an email and we will pop you on the mailing list: Email: [murrabit1@bigpond.com](mailto:murrabit1@bigpond.com).

January Murrabit Market falls on 3 January 2026.

***Whatever your plans for the Christmas/New Year, enjoy the cheer, look after yourselves, and we'll be back with you in the new year!***

# MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET

## 6 DECEMBER 2025



NEXT MURRABIT  
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6 DECEMBER 2025



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## Murrabit Playgroup News

Lot's of excitement at Murrabit Playgroup in November with two special activities. At the first session we crafted hats for the Melbourne Cup and they were very fancy! (photo below). The children were excited about making a hat as they were attending their very first Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon at Murrabit with their big people the next day! Jeanette also came along with the school library and read the book 'There's a BIG Green Frog in the Toilet' by Anh Do. There's a big green frog in the toilet and it's looking up at me. There's a big green frog in the toilet and I'm busting for a wee! A very funny book!



The second playgroup session for November had a very special guest - Rachel from Northern District Community Health. We had 7 playgroup children and 13 Prep to Grade 3 children from Murrabit Group School, along with 10 adults. It was a busy place! Rachel ran a Veggie Adventure with the children. The children got to spin the wheel and taste whatever fruit and veggie the wheel landed on. Must say there was more excitement when the wheel landed on 'apple' and 'strawberry' and less when it landed on 'beans' and 'broccoli'! But the children tasted lots of different types of fruit and vegetables and had lots of fun! The session finished with each child taking turns at cleaning Chomper's teeth! (See photos right).



We also want to thank Gannawarra Shire Council for providing an Annual Community Grant to playgroup which has helped us purchase new tables and chairs, plus some paint, a coffee machine and four new balance bikes for the growing number of little children attending. Playgroup is a great way to meet others and for children to play and learn together in a safe environment. Gold coin donation includes a cuppa and morning tea. President of Murrabit Playgroup is Nathan Hocking and Secretary/Treasurer Olivia O'Donoghue. Email: [murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com)

**Upcoming playgroup sessions:** Monday 1 December and Monday 15 December, 9:30am to 11am, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading). See separate flyer in this newsletter for details of Christmas events.

## Early Childhood Educator Wanted

Are you a qualified early childhood educator who might be interested in starting up

a Family Day Care business at Murrabit?

We have a purpose built facility at the Murrabit Family Hub that has run a successful Family Day Care operation in the past. The facility is now owned by the community and we are wanting to get childcare back up and running. We are looking for a qualified early childhood educator to utilise the building at low cost to provide a childcare program at Murrabit. If you are a qualified early childhood educator, please get in touch and we will be only too happy to meet you at a suitable time to tour you through our wonderful facility and help you through the registration process. This is a much needed service in our town. We would love to help support getting childcare back up and running. Interested? Phone 5457 2205 or email: [murrabit1@bigpond.com](mailto:murrabit1@bigpond.com)



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## MURRABIT PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

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CHRISTMAS CRAFTS  
WATER PLAY  
FIRE TRUCK VISIT

TWO DATES:

MONDAY 1 DECEMBER

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

Fun from 9:30am - 11:30am  
Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading)

Gold coin donation (includes morning tea  
and barista coffee/hot chocolate)

**ALL WELCOME**

Queries to: Nathan 0418 281 222  
or Olivia 0474 707 772



Gannawarra



## MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET 3 JANUARY 2026



MURRABIT  
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3 JANUARY 2026

8:30AM-12:30PM

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## MURRABIT

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Grab a Christmas colouring sheet from  
the Little Street Library  
In front of the Market Office, Murrabit  
Playgroup or Murrabit Group School

Return completed colourings to  
entry envelopes at the same locations

Entries close 12pm  
Thursday 4 December 2025

Entries displayed and prizes awarded at  
the December Murrabit Country Market

Queries to Market Office: 5457 2205

## Murrabit Crafty & Chatty Group

### Christmas Craft Workshop

Wednesday 10 December 2025  
10am to 12noon  
\$10 per person

Murrabit Family Hub  
(opposite Murrabit Trading)  
Bookings to:  
Sharon McCalman 0427 144 205





## Melbourne Cup Day

It was a lovely day of fashion, fine food, fun and cheering on the horses, when locals gathered at the Murrabit Hall to celebrate the Melbourne Cup. Over 40 guests dressed up in their finest race day attire to watch the races on the big screen. The weather was miserable outside and it looked even worse in Melbourne. We were the smart ones, as the Murrabit Hall was the place to be!

The Hall was decorated for the occasion and looked fabulous, featuring roses, candles, lace, and some antique touches.

This year the popular colours on the day in Murrabit were black and white, with a few touches of pretty florals and reds and greens to brighten it up. With it being a colder day, our guests chose outfits appropriate to the weather, and we loved the hints of velvet, heavy fabrics and different textures in the fabrications worn. The matching headpieces were beautiful and for most of our guests, added a pop of colour to their outfits. Not to mention, a couple of the headpieces were creatively handmade.

Jeanette Coulter, as always, ran the sweeps, keeping everyone entertained and very excited when their horse came home a winner. The race was shown on the big TV, and we all cheered on our horses. Thank you to Jeanette for doing such a fabulous job. All the money spent on our sweeps goes back to our patrons in winnings, so we had some very happy winners in the room!

The food was also a winner on the day. Each guest brought along a plate to share and the banquet was certainly fitting for the occasion, with a beautiful array of food.

Our MC Jodie Hartley entertained the crowd with some cup-day facts, stories and trivia before announcing the fashion winners of the day. Thanks to our judge Sharon. The Lady of the Day was awarded to Adele McDougall, who was very surprised when her name was announced. Ayden Fletcher received the Best Dressed Gent award and the Best Dressed Couple/Family went to Melissa and Nathan Hocking.

Junior Racegoer this year was awarded to our visitor Lola Patterson. Best Hat went to Jan Fullford, and special mentions were gifted to Maggie Jobling and Sonjia Maukonen.

Our raffle was a beautiful gift hamper, filled with goodies, supplied by Busy Bees, and the lucky winner was Tracey Williams. The second and third prizes in the raffle went to Sonjia Maukonen. The lucky door winners were Glenna McClelland, Tracey Williams and Sharon McCalman.

The event was run by the Ladies of Murrabit Arts and Culture Group in conjunction with the Murrabit Promotions Committee.

With special thanks to the Murrabit Hall Committee for the use of the venue.

All money raised on the day will go towards future events in Murrabit.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely, relaxing, social day.

Next year we would like to see a few more of our local fellas join us, it is a great day out.

**Ang Morton**  
**Event Coordinator**

Thank you Ang for keeping this great event going and adding some extra sparkle each year xx







## SOCIAL MEALS

**Murrabit Hall**  
**Bookings to NDCH Community**  
**Care (03) 4429 1900**  
**A great way to socialise and**  
**enjoy a home-cooked two-**  
**course meal for \$12.**

Wed 26 November

## 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.

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### MURRABIT

→ Last session:  
**Thursday, 27th November**  
 → Re-starting:  
**Thursday, 15th January**

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## Hall Stories by Damian Callinan

Laughter echoed through Murrabit Hall for the performance of Hall Stories by renowned comedian, Damian Callinan!

What a fantastic night it was. Damian had the audience roaring with laughter from start to finish. His sharp humour and clever storytelling brought to life memories of times gone by — made even better with local yarns about the old picture nights, debutante balls and even a special celebration of the Coulter's who were married in the Murrabit Hall 49 years ago to the day! (pictured right)

Jeanette and Gary Coulter were married on 23 October 1976 and had their reception at the Murrabit Hall. It was the day of the full solar eclipse, and the photographer was concerned that it would be dark for the photos once they came out of the church. Thankfully the priest banged on a bit and the eclipse was over by the time they came out. As it was their 49th anniversary on the night of the Hall Stories show, we recreated the wedding complete with flower girls, ring bearers, and a full black out mid ceremony. Gary hesitated during the renewal of the vows, but not when told he could kiss the bride. When revealed that the wedding dress on display was Jeanettes, but it was originally her mums and that her daughter also wore it, the audience registered 100 on the sentimental scale! The 'wedding ceremony ended with the cutting of a wedding cake, made especially for the occasion.

Other stories included in the Hall Stories show:

Why did the men gravitate to Major's Butcher shop across the street from the Murrabit Hall on the night of the dances? Was it a refuge for those who couldn't dance or was it because there was keg of beer going in the cool room? Probably a bit of Column A & B!

The Murrabit Hall Committee and Murrabit and District Heritage Group went above and beyond with historical displays tailored for the night, including wedding and debutante dresses worn in the hall, the secret recipe for the infamous Murrabit Coffee and a display on all the uses the hall has seen over the years. Oh, the stories the walls of the Murrabit Hall could tell!

We heard John Danson and Terry Morton (pictured below) talk of being emotionally scarred by seeing the 'Creature of the Black Lagoon' as young lads on movie night; Elaine Curtis (nee Harvey) and Margaret Jobling (nee Day) talked us through their Debutante Ball held in 1956 and how the photographer had creatively added front teeth to Margaret's partner in the photos.



Some of the other stories recalled...

One night a local man was laughing so hard that his false teeth fell onto the floor!

When a wedding breakfast was to be held in the Murrabit Hall, all the guild ladies would bring along their best crockery and cutlery to be used.

A wedding breakfast once had crayfish cocktails on the entrée menu - all the local men had their cray nets in the Murray River hoping to catch enough crays for the meal!

Some of the local youths put crackers in the vents at the Hall and the band that was playing thought the noise was coming from their amplifiers!

Attended by 100, the Murrabit Hall was filled with smiles, laughter, and that unmistakable Murrabit community spirit while Damian Callinan kept the audience entertained. The evening finished with a supper fitting for a country hall, complete with a large enamel jug of the historic Murrabit Milk Coffee that did not disappoint!

Thank you to all who came along and helped make it such a memorable evening, and an additional thanks and congratulations to the Murrabit Hall Committee and Murrabit and District Heritage Group (pictured below) who worked tirelessly in setting up a magnificent display of the history of the Murrabit Hall to set the theme for the evening.

The performance was organised by Gannawarra Shire Council's partnerships team with thanks to funding from Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria.





## Tennis News

We are well into the tennis season now and have had some up and down results so far. It has taken us a bit to settle into the season, with a couple of weeks that we were scratching for players. But we are getting our skates on now and getting a few wins on the board. Division 1 are currently sitting second on the ladder.

Our two senior teams and junior team are all playing well. We are very lucky to have some new members this year. They have slipped nicely into our team and are playing some good tennis.

The juniors have been playing terrific tennis and showing off what they are learning each week in their Thursday night coaching sessions. We have a large squad of 15 juniors for Saturday comp, fantastic numbers for our small club. The kids have a great time and love playing tennis with their friends, as well as the friends from the opposition teams.

Thursday night training is on every week. Anyone is welcome to come down to the courts on a Thursday night for a social hit and catch-up. We have plenty of spare racquets. The bar is open and a BBQ is usually available.

Our very popular junior coaching program is going strong with plenty of kids turning up each Thursday night. It's not too late to join in if there are any other kids keen to come and have a go at tennis. Starts at 6 pm each Thursday night.

The junior Hot Shots program is open to children from age 3. The children have a great time with coaches Sally and Belle, playing fun games and learning the basic hitting techniques.

The older group, coached by Shaun, focus on a different aspect each week and Shaun is working on refining their skills. Each coaching session is followed up with the kids playing a set.

Our coaching programs will conclude on 11 December with a Christmas party and break up that evening.

Go Murrabit !

**Ang Morton, President**



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Regional  
Wellbeing  
Survey



## Make Murrabit Count - Participate in the Regional Wellbeing Survey

Murrabit residents are encouraged to participate in the Regional Wellbeing Survey.

The annual Survey is run by the University of Canberra and is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year.

The survey asks people living outside our big cities to share what's working, and what's not, in their communities. This year, with funding from the Gardiner Foundation, results from the survey will be used to develop a wellbeing framework and data dashboard for Gannawarra Shire.

Dr Kim Houghton from the University of Canberra is encouraging Murrabit residents to complete the survey, go in the draw to win \$12,000 in prizes, and support donations to neighbourhood houses in Gannawarra Shire.

"The Survey helps us understand what makes your community so special, and what you need to support long-term wellbeing", said Dr Houghton.

"The Survey provides community leaders and organisations with access to local data that can help guide local planning" he said.

As well as the prize draw, completing the survey will also help raise money for Gannawarra's Neighbourhood Houses, as for each of the first 200 surveys completed by Gannawarra residents the University of Canberra will donate \$5 to the Neighbourhood Houses.

You can complete the survey here:

[www.regionalwellbeing.org.au](http://www.regionalwellbeing.org.au)

(If you would prefer a paper copy survey, there are some in the Little Library at the front of the Murrabit Market Office/Gift Shop, or call 1800 981 499, or text your name and postal address to: 0493 088 387).

## Murrabit Rec Reserve

The Murrabit Recreation Reserve is managed by a DECCA appointed committee of management.

Hiring and camping enquiries to Terry Morton President 0409 692 630 or Stephen O'Donoghue Secretary 0418 577 238.

## MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER

December - Murrabit Tennis Club

January - Murrabit Tennis Club

February - Murrabit Playgroup

March - Murrabit Fire Brigade

April - Men's Shed





## Hall News

We have had a few postponements but the Hall Committee Annual General Meeting is coming up on **Monday 1 December at 7:30pm in the Hall**. Our Hall is an amazing asset to our district and if you reckon that you might be interested in joining us to

help look after our wonderful Hall, why don't you give me a call, or just come along?

We hosted Damian Callinan's *Hall Stories* comedy show on 23 October. And what a fabulous event! Over 100 people came along to share stories and relive past escapades to do with our Hall. The creativity and resourcefulness of the ladies from the Murrabit & District Heritage Group and Hall Committee who arranged the decorations, displays and setting up is quite amazing! I reckon everyone there had a fantastic night and some just didn't want to go home; the show finished around 9.30pm but it was nearly 11pm when I managed to kick the last few out the door!

The November social meal/community lunch is on Wednesday 26 November. Contact Community Care 4429 1900 to book. The Murrabit HumnStrum group is coming along again this year to perform and lead the Christmas Carols after the meal.

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) 0490 830 641 or Jeanette Coulter (Sec/Treas) 0458 572 331.

**Have a great month everyone!**

**Neil Hopkins President**

## Hum n Strum Music

We played for a very enthusiastic, music-loving group at Glenarm recently. We had 4 or 5 regulars unavailable but had our numbers bolstered by a couple of guest strummers; Val (Hoppy's mum), and Lorna McDonald. There was a birthday happening for resident Dot so we did a rendition of 'Happy Birthday' as well and got invited to share in the cake for afternoon tea.

We have a few members who are not 100% at the moment so we wish them well and hope that they are up and about and back singing very soon.

We have a couple more weeks of music and then we will be taking our usual holiday break for a few weeks. But then we will be back in 2026 brighter than ever!

Our regular get-togethers are very informal and good fun. We meet each Wednesday at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2 - 4pm and we're 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're 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.



## Hall Stories Thank You

Congratulations to the Gannawarra Shire Council and in particular Katrina Thorne for bringing the 'Hall Stories' comedy production to our area. Murrabit was very lucky to have the opportunity to host Damian Callinan for one of his amazing shows. He had everybody in stitches from the word go. Also, the Murrabit & District Heritage Group did a fantastic job with their display of hall memorabilia and of course the fantastic supper. And, of course the beautiful wedding ceremony that was the grande finale of the night. It is not every year that you get to celebrate your wedding anniversary with over 100 people! Thank you to the 'flower girls' and Narelle and Faye who made the night very special.

**Jeanette Coulter**

**Photographs below of some of the displays for the event:**

**Top: Jeanette Coulter's wedding dress. Jeanette and Gary where married 49 years ago with their wedding breakfast held at the Murrabit Hall. It was only fitting that a 'surprise' wedding re-enactment form the grand finale to Damian Callinan's comedy show - which even included the cutting of a real wedding cake!**







## School News

Term 4 has been busy with plenty of exciting things happening at Murrabit Group School. Mr Monaghan and our Grade 5 and 6 students took part in a cluster excursion to Canberra and visited places such as the War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The Mint, Questacon and the High Court. The came back more knowledgeable about our Civics and Citizenship curriculum as well as having a great time socialising with students from other schools.

Five of our students competed in the Regional T20 competition in Swan Hill recently against teams as far away as Bendigo and Mildura. The competition was of a very high standard and our students acquitted themselves very well. Well done to Huey Hein, Xavier Hein, Riley Danson, Pippy Morton and Emily Murray who represented the school brilliantly on this day.

Also excelling recently in sport was Pippy Morton, who competed in the VPSSA Athletics Championships in Melbourne. Pippy competed in the hurdles and came 7<sup>th</sup> in her heat. A wonderful effort Pippy.

Our school Prep Transition Program has been taking place, as well as the Grade 6 students who have been going to their Year 7 schools they will be attending to acclimatise to the big change that will take place in 2026.

On 11 November our students took part in the Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph in Murrabit. This is a very important day on the Australian calendar and something the school teaches our students about. It was wonderful to see the community come together and for our students being so respectful to our servicemen and women.

Recently our Grade Prep to three students visited the Murrabit Playgroup and met the small group of children who attend playgroup. They then got to listen to Rachel from NDCH who spoke to all children about healthy eating. It was a great morning at playgroup.

As we head into December we will continue to keep busy at Murrabit GS, with our swimming program, an end of year excursion to Echuca, Christmas activities and our School Concert.



## 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 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).

**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

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## Murrabit Country Market

### Morning Tea Opportunity

Following 25 years of exemplary service, the Murrabit Group School and Murrabit Netball Club will be finishing up providing morning teas in the Murrabit Hall as part of the Murrabit Market at the December 2025 market.

The opportunity is available for another group or enterprising locals to fill the gap from January 2026.

The Hall kitchen is of commercial quality to enable a group or private business to register as a food business.

If you are interested, please give Neil Hopkins, President of the Murrabit Hall a call to discuss: 0490 830 641.

## Save the Date

The **100th Anniversary of the Murrabit Bridge** over the Murray River will be held on the weekend of 4-5 July 2026. There are some projects being completed in readiness for this event. More details to come.





Anyone is welcome to come along anytime. Membership fees: \$35 to cover insurance. Contact: Stephen O'Donoghue, Secretary 0418 577 238. Email: murrabitmensshed@gmail.com. Facebook - Murrabit Men's Shed

**Community Open Days:** Sundays 1:30 to 4pm. Or just come for a cuppa and chat at 3pm

**Christmas Lunch:** Sunday 7 December

**Murrabit Market set-ups:** 9am MAA Shed/Lions Park: Fridays 5 December and 2 January.

**Murrabit Market Stalls** 8:30am to 12:30pm: 1st Saturday of each month: Saturdays 6 December and 3 January.

## Murrabit Heritage Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Murrabit & District Heritage Group was held recently, which included a review of 2025. Here's a few of the highlights:

Our local area, like many others, has a very rich and colourful history. But in Murrabit we are extremely fortunate to have a local group who are passionate about bringing that history to life and sharing it. I love the many fascinating stories and yarns that are shared around our table at each meeting.

Our tag-along tour to Bael Bael homestead finally came to fruition in September. It was well worth the trip to hear about and look at a marvellous old homestead in a truly beautiful setting (pictured below).



The Hall Stories show in October was a fabulous event. About 100 people attended to reconnect, to share stories and relive past escapades to do with our Hall. The feedback was hugely positive and tells us that it was not only successful but greatly appreciated by all. The creativity and resourcefulness of the ladies in our group is quite amazing! It's all of those many little extras that you plan and bring to life that people just love, and which, I think, help to make our events so special for so many.



## Would you like to:

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**Phone Neil 0490 830 641 or**

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While the possibility of a heritage museum in Murrabit was discussed last year, it may be a little way off yet. However, it was wonderful to have the first of our pop-up heritage display at the Easter market weekend. Hopefully we can work together to bring more of these displays during the year, and they give people the chance to access and enjoy all of the fantastic information and displays that our group has compiled over the years.



2026 sees 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries galore in Murrabit. The opening of the Murrabit/Gonn Crossing Bridge (1 July), opening of the Murrabit Hall at its current site (3 November), dedication of the Anglican Church (28 November) and of the 'new' school opening at its current site. Plenty of work for the Heritage group so we can look forward to another busy year!

Very sadly in the past year, we marked the passing of two true champions of our Heritage Group: Alex Monk and Dick Walters. Both were founding members of the heritage group

The recording of significant events, the tracing of local histories and the bringing to life of the people and their stories is an important part of who we are and contributes enormously to the feeling of place which helps to make everyone in the community feel safe, comfortable, connected, secure and happy.

**Neil Hopkins, President**

Next heritage meeting: **Monday 9 February 2026** commencing at 7:30pm at the Murrabit Market Office, Gonn Avenue. New members are always welcome. Lovely supper included!



## Murrabit & District

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