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Community News Contributions Gratefully Accepted

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Murrabit Community News

How time flies - welcome in 2025!

Some great events coming up and regular and new programs planned for the coming year.

January Murrabit Market is already done and dusted.

Our regular Australia Day Breakfast is next - on Sunday 26 January. All are welcome to attend the Aussie Day breakfast from 8am at the Lions Shelter at the back of the Murrabit Hall. Speaker this year is local Murr-a-bit-ian, Nathan Henry.

The annual Murrabit Australia Day Floatilla will follow at 11am. This is always a fun activity for local families. Bring along anything floatable - life jackets, floaties, lilos, blow-up thongs - whatever 'floats your boat' really!

The plan is to meet at the boat ramp and be ready to hit the water at 11am. The finishing line is Morton's sandbar on the NSW side for lunch. There will be a couple BBQs on site. Bring along your own meat and a salad to share or your own picnic lunch. Boats are welcome to float along as well to accommodate our more senior residents and those adverse to floating in the Murray River water!

Students will be returning to Murrabit Group School on Wednesday 29 January. Remember the 40 kmph speed limit along Browning Avenue in front of the school - so please slow down and watch out and ensure a safe environment for our local school children and families.

Next social meal is also on 29 January, along with the Murrabit Crafty and Chatty Club gathering and Hum n Strum Music group which are back up and running each Wednesday post the Christmas/New Year break.

Next Murrabit Market will be held on 1 February 2025. Variety of market stalls. Live music by Jimmy Johnson. Stall bookings via our website: www.murrabit.com.au/market or by phoning 5457 2205

Looking forward to a successful 2025!

MURRABIT AUSTRALIA DAY FLOATILLA

Sunday 26 January 2025
11am

Meet at the Murrabit Boat Ramp and be ready to hit the water at 11am.

Finish line is Morton's sandbar on the NSW side for lunch. BBQs on site.

Bring along your own meat and a salad to share or your own picnic lunch.

Cars can be left at the sandbar before the float. There will be boats to ferry you around (let someone know if you need a ride).

All children must wear a life jacket and be supervised.

The floatilla follows the Australia Day breakfast, which starts at 8am behind the Murrabit Hall.

All Welcome

Australia Day Breakfast

Sunday 26 January 2025

Back of Murrabit Hall

From 8am

All Welcome

Guest Speaker: Nathan Henry

8:00am Breakfast by Lions Club (by donation)

9:00am Welcome, Flag Raising, National Anthem

9:20am Guest Speaker

9:40am Presentation by Gannawarra Shire Council

10:00am Close and Thank you

Please come along and celebrate all that it means to be Australian.

Hosted by Murrabit & District Lions Club.



NEXT MURRABIT MARKET

1 FEBRUARY 2025



SOCIAL MEALS

January-June 2025

Wed 29th January
Wed 26th February
Wed 26th March
Wed 30th April
Wed 28th May
Wed 25th June

Murrabit Hall
 Bookings to NDCH Community
 Care
 (03) 4429 1900
 A great way to socialise and
 enjoy a home-cooked two-
 course meal for just \$10.

Hum n Strum Music

HumnStrum is back after a short Christmas/New Year break. Held each Wednesday, sessions are very informal, great fun and with a very nice afternoon tea. 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! We meet at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2-4pm.

If you're interested in coming along, contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641 for more information.

Murrabit Chatty & Crafty Club

Murrabit's new Chatty & Crafty Club is on each Wednesday. If you don't have a craft project underway to bring along, don't worry, there's some crafty ladies that will help you out with supplies and advice.

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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Reminder - Murrabit Group School - students return Wednesday 29 January

We will be welcoming two staff members to our school in 2025 - Bernie Monaghan and Kate Bartels. Bernie and Kate have taught at Koondrook in recent years and we are very excited to have them joining our staff at Murrabit Group School.

Murrabit & District Heritage Group Inc
Next meeting will be held on **Monday 10 February 2025** at the Market Office. All welcome. Supper provided.



Murrabit Lions News

If you are interested in becoming involved in our Lions Club, meeting new people and serving our community, please contact our membership Chairman Bill Hazen 5457 2213 or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.

Murrabit Advancement Association Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday 17 February 2025** 7:30pm at the Murrabit Men's Shed.

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

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

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

KERANG TO ECHUCA BUS SERVICE

1st Tuesday & 3rd Friday of each month

Timetable, Bus stops & Fares

8am - Departs Kerang Railway Station -

8.25am - Departs Murrabit Hall

8.45am - Departs Koondrook Hall (side)

9.05am - Departs Cohuna Hall (rear)

10.15am - Arrives Echuca CBD

2pm - Departs Echuca CBD for the return service

One-way, part way and non-concession fares are also available. No bookings necessary. Tickets available from the driver and allow for free transport on Echuca buses whilst there.

For more information, please call Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007.



SAVE THE DATE



MURRABIT
RODEO

Saturday 12 April 2025

Gates Open 3pm - main event 5pm, Murrabit Recreation Reserve: Bar, Food Stalls, Kids Activities, Mechanical Bull. Camping area, Outback traders, No BYO. Must show proof of over 18+, fun festivities for everyone!

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

Deadline for articles for the next edition is:

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025.

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

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

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

Murrabit Book club

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



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

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

The Men's Shed sets up for each Murrabit Market - all welcome to come along and help out - meet at the Lions Park at 9am on the Friday morning - next set-up is Friday 31 January.

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

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

We held a successful Men's Breakfast on 20 December. Sixteen men came along throughout the morning and enjoyed catching up with each other (pictured below).



A Murrabit Men's Shed meeting will be held on **Sunday 9 February at 1:30pm to plan for 2025.** All welcome.

Contact: Stephen O'Donoghue, Secretary 0418 577 238.
Facebook - **Murrabit Men's Shed**



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MURRABIT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

NETBALL PRESEASON SCHEDULE 2025

FEB 13TH	PRE-SEASON TRAININGS START	6:15 PM
FEB 27TH	1ST COMPULSORY TRAINING	6:15PM
MARCH 13TH	2ND COMPULSORY TRAINING	6:15PM
MARCH 20TH	3RD COMPULSORY TRAINING	6:15PM
TBA	WHOLE CLUB TRAINING NIGHT	6:15PM
TBA	PRACTICE MATCH	TBA
TBA	NETBALL CAMP/BONDING DAY	TBA

ALL APOLOGIES TO A GRADE COACHES: MEELS AND KALINDA

Murrabit Recreation Reserve

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

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



Note that the machine which is usually at the Men's Shed door is currently being upgraded and is not available until further notice.



COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS FOR THE 2025 - 2029 GANNAWARRA COUNCIL PLAN AND COMMUNITY VISION

Gannawarra Shire Council is seeking the help of residents to shape the next version of its Council Plan and its Community Vision.

Feedback received will inform the 2025-2029 Gannawarra Shire Council Plan, which will incorporate Council's Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and the municipality's Community Vision for the next 10 years. Visit: www.gsc.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlan

Community engagement to develop the updated Gannawarra Social Inclusion Strategy is also underway.

Residents can complete the survey online by clicking on the Social Inclusion Strategy 2025-2029 heading at: www.gsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

Both surveys close at 5pm Friday, 14 February 2025.



Hall News

The first social meal for the new year will be held on Wednesday 29 January. It's a great chance to catch up, or to meet some new people, in a very friendly atmosphere so with a delicious 2-course feed thrown in at a

very low cost, why not think about coming along? Contact Community Care 4429 1900 to book.

You might remember we received a grant to help with the costs of refurbishing the Hall floor. We are expecting that to take place in February and we should have a set date for you by the next newsletter.

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

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 MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2025

February - Men's Shed
March - Fire Brigade
April - Men's Shed
Easter Saturday - Men's Shed



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2025

TAKING BOOKINGS NOW

- Skill Development
- Social Interaction
- Physical Activity

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Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club

We were pleased to finish the year off with wins for all teams in our match against Cohuna just before Christmas. Both Div 1 and Div 2 battled all day with several close matches and very enjoyable tennis. In the juniors, it was unfortunate that our kids did not get to play, as Cohuna had to forfeit due to low player numbers.

In the week prior we competed in the NDLTA championships. We were very proud of our club as we were able to enter all events and congratulations to those players who represented Murrabit Tennis Club.

In hot conditions our singles players worked extra hard. A massive well done and thank you to Carolyn Nixon and Simon Morton for competing in the singles. Simon played 4 long, tough sets and finished the day as the Men's Northern District Singles Champion. Carolyn also had a successful day, finishing as runners-up. Congratulations to you both.

In the doubles event, Jodie Hartley and Tracey McKerrow had a strong win, they played 4 sets, only dropping 2 games for the day to win the Division 2

Ladies Doubles Championship. Ang Morton and Jenny Nethercote played well, coming runners up in the Division 1 Ladies Doubles.



Pictured left: Tracey McKerrow, Jodie Hartley and Simon Morton.
Below: Murrabit Tennis Club participants in the NDLTA championships.



Our junior coaching program for this season finished up just before Christmas. The final night included some fun and games, a few lollies, and a mini-tournament. Indi Millard was the tournament winner.



Pictured left: Sally McDonald with junior coaching program participants.

Thank you to Simon, Sally and Belle for coaching the kids each week and to Sara and Tim for preparing the meals.



Pictured left: Simon Morton with junior coaching program participants.

Although junior coaching has now finished, we will still be training on Thursday evenings, and kids are welcome to come along and have a hit.

Club Championships will commence shortly, as this is always run during February. You must be a full financial member to compete. If you wish to play in the Singles Champs, please let Ang know or put your name down at the clubhouse.

Go Murrabit!

Ang Morton, President



Murrabit Playgroup starting in March

Exciting news for families with under school aged children. Playgroup will recommence at Murrabit on the **first and third Monday of each month, starting on 3 March 2025 at the Murrabit Family Hub**. Full details in next month's newsletter. Send us an email if you are interested in attending so that we can keep in touch as we put together a program of activities for the year.

If you don't have under school aged children but would like to be involved in helping to re-establish our local playgroup as a thriving, fun place for little children and their families to connect, learn and play together, please also let us know: murrabit1@bigpond.com or phone Jodie on 5457 2205.

Meanwhile, upgrade works are continuing at the Murrabit Family Hub (pictured right) thanks to funding received by the Murrabit Advancement Association from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).



**MURRABIT
COD CHALLENGE**

14-16 March 2025

Friday

*Arrive at Murrabit
*Registrations Murrabit Complex
*7pm tea Murrabit Complex
*Camping Murrabit Rec Reserve

Saturday

*Breakfast from 6am
*Fishing from 8am to 6pm
*Lunch delivered to the water
*7pm tea Murrabit Complex
*Major draw
*Camping at Murrabit Rec Reserve

Sunday

*Breakfast from 6am
*Fishing from 8am to 11am
*12pm BBQ lunch Murrabit Complex
*Fishing results and presentations

www.murrabitchallenge.com.au



Farewell to Ian McClelland

Our sympathy is extended to Glenna and the extended McClelland/Hartley family on the passing of Ian. Ian was 93 years young and a long-term Murrabit resident. He was a member of the Murrabit Advancement Association Inc from 1983-1985 and 2001-2003 and involved in helping to develop and maintain the Murrabit Market site. Thank you for your contribution over the years Ian. Rest in Peace.

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