



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS A FREE PUBLICATION

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Community News Contributions Gratefully Accepted

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Murrabit Community News

While there have been some cold and frosty weather, its great that we have had some rain - the grass is green, crops are growing, cows are happy, wattles are starting to bloom - and that means spring is definitely in the air! Here's a few pics from around Murrabit taken this week:



August market is coming up on Saturday 3 August. Variety of market stalls. Live music by Honest Ken. Breaky, morning tea and lunch by our community groups. Stall bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market or 5457 2205.

Come along and enjoy a lovely morning out, support our loyal stallholders and our community groups who raise vital funds for our community each month through the market.



UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKET SATURDAY 3 AUGUST

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Developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan

The Victorian Government is currently inviting submissions about the draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines, Feedback is being sought to help:

- shape the method we will use to refine the broad geographical study area to draft proposed renewable energy zones
- identify areas within the study area that we should protect and that would be suitable for renewable energy projects
- identify factors that could influence the placement and design of infrastructure within the study area.

This feedback will be used to shape our approach as we investigate parts of the study area and work through options to identify draft proposed renewable energy zones as part of developing the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan>

Submissions close 11:59 pm Sunday 25 August 2024

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
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 1800 800 007.*

Murrabit and District Lions Club

Can You Help?

We're still looking for a place to store our Lions caravan (our mobile kitchen). If you can help us or have an empty shed or garage that might be available we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you

Neil Hopkins (Pres.) Mob:0490 830 641

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)**.



Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm Sundays

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. Membership fees 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 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 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.

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 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 20 AUGUST 2024

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

Community interest info is free.

Advertise from \$10.

MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2024/25

- August Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
- 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



Murrabit Hall
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Murrabit Hall

We have had some really good luck this month as we were successful with our application for funding to help with the resurfacing of the Hall floor. The old hall is looking a bit tired and worn but the Gannawarra Shire

Community Grant will allow us to have the Hall and stage floors sanded back and then re-varnished to restore it all to a sparkling, new finish. It should all happen in the next couple of months. Might have to organise a town dance!!!

The next community lunch is on Wednesday 31 July in the Hall. There have been some good numbers attending recently but there's always room for plenty more! It is 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 – why not think about coming along?

We have got a couple of big events coming up in September at the Hall. More about those next month, so stay tuned!

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

Have a great month everyone!

Neil Hopkins, President

Hum n Strum Music

After a short break, we are back in business! We performed at the W.D. Thomas Day Centre recently and even though we still have 5 of our group off travelling at the moment, the remaining ten of us had a terrific time and made some pretty good music as well. The crowd at the Day Centre are a great audience and they really got involved; singing along, playing shakers, calling out requests and dancing.

The Twist seems to be everyone's favourite and we have a couple of very enthusiastic twisters in our group who just can't help themselves. As soon as they hear the start of The Twist, Robyn and Marilyn throw down the song sheets and instruments and hit the dance floor. It can be pretty hard to hold John "Chubby Checker" Ficken down as well! The audience love it! Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal, you don't need to play an instrument, you just have to like music! So if you would like to pop in every now and then and maybe sing along, we'd love you to join us!

This month so far we have added a few classics (Ghost Riders in the Sky) and some great tunes by Linda Ronstadt and The Everley Brothers.

We try to make sure that there is 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.

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



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Murrabit & District Lions Club

The Junior Public Speaking competition was held at our monthly Dinner meeting recently. We had an excellent crowd of 35 adults and 9 kids who were able to enjoy a delicious casserole dinner followed up with a choice of four desserts. Our very own Ladies of Murrabit Arts and Culture Group did an excellent job catering. Thank you ladies!



For the speaking competition, the Year 5-6 students were asked to talk about the most influential person in their life with Year 3-4 speaking about their favourite book or Fairy Tale character. The five students from Murrabit Group School had clearly put in plenty of preparation, they all spoke very well whilst the audience certainly enjoyed the humour that the kids put into their presentations.

It was a very close contest with the results being:

Year 5-6: Winner-Narky Lea, Runner-up-Evan McNeil, Participation awards-Kobi Teasdale and Clairah Lea.

Year 3-4: Winner-Brandon Thomas.

Narky and Brandon will go on to represent Murrabit in the Zone final in early August. A big thank you to our judges Jan McClure and Jenny McDonald who did a fantastic job – and surprised and delighted the kids with some small gifts for participating. Thank you also to the staff at Murrabit Group School for their support and encouragement of all of the students involved, and of course, to the students for having a go. What a great lot of kids!



Our next Dinner meeting will be on 27 August (always the 4th Tuesday of the month). We'll 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!

We are very much a local community club with our efforts focused on helping local people and groups. We'd 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 5457 2213 or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.



Murrabit Men's Shed Update

Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm Sundays

The Men's Shed sets up for each Murrabit Market - anyone is welcome to come along and help out - meet at the Lions Park at 9am on the Friday morning prior to the market. It only takes about an hour and then we meet at the shed for a coffee and chat. We also generally have a stall at the market and help with the pack up after the market.

Membership fees are \$35 each year to cover insurance costs and can be paid by dropping into the 'shed' on a Sunday. That's the only cost involved.

We try to do a few excursions throughout the year to some places of interest and have a few different day trips planned for the rest of the year.

Gordon has been busy in the shed each day and its great to see him out and about keeping active. He recently completed a project he has been working on for a number of weeks - an occasional table that looks magnificent - well done Gordon!

(pictured right).

We have a community lunch on the last Sunday of each month at 12 noon. There are generally about 15 or so who attend each month and it's a great opportunity for a catch up - we always have plenty of food so please feel welcome to come along.

You don't need to be a member of the Men's Shed to join in for the community lunches or coming along on a Sunday for afternoon tea from 3pm to 4pm.

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

Facebook - **Murrabit Men's Shed**

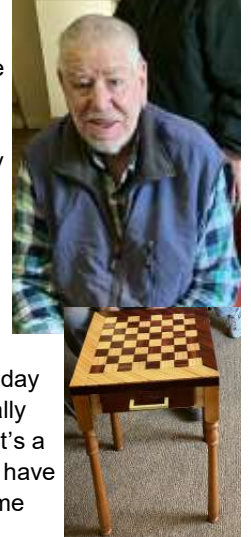


Photo taken near the Murrabit Bridge showing an old fence line through the orange groves and lovely redgums

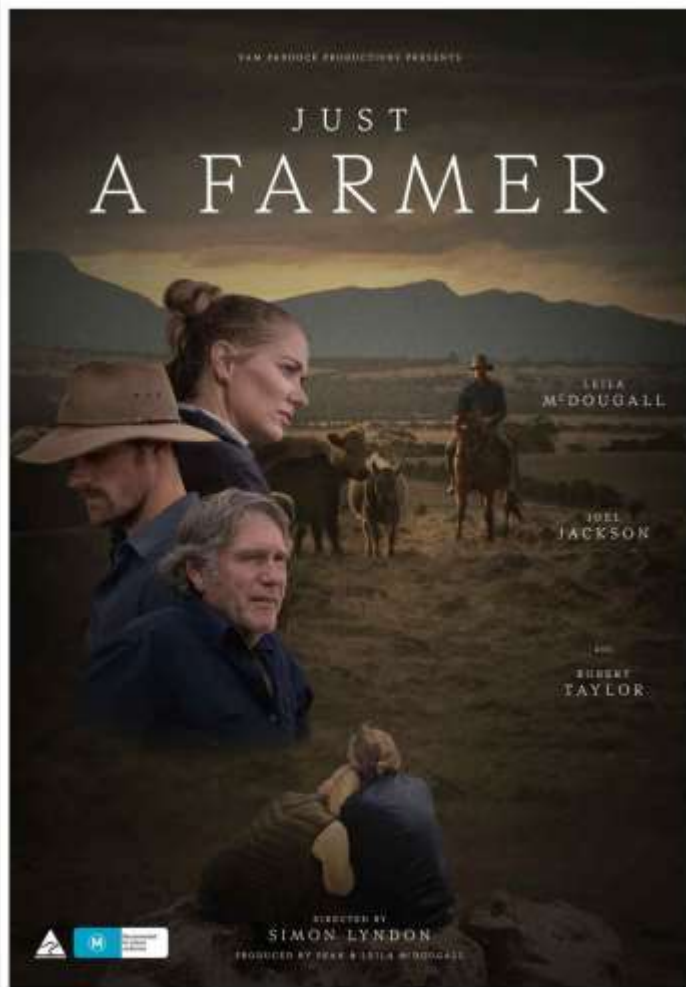


Murrabit Football Netball Club invites all past players to return to help celebrate the past premiership success of the 2004 RESERVES.

More details to follow in relation to the formalities planned for the day.

Saturday 10 August 2024 at 1pm

Murrabit Recreation Reserve



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

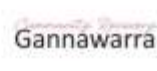


Where
Kerang Memorial Hall

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.



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Participate in planning Stages 2 & 3 of the Murray River Adventure Trail by Friday 2 August 2024

Murray Regional Tourism is seeking help regarding the draft alignment for Stages 2 and 3 of the Murray River Adventure Trail.

Parks Victoria is overseeing Stage 1 of this exciting project, which covers the trail from Koondrook/Barham to the Barmah National Park via Echuca/Moama.

Stages 2 and 3 will connect Koondrook/Barham to Mildura/Wentworth (Stage 2) and Barmah National Park to Albury/Wodonga (Stage 3).

You can learn more about this exciting project and add your comments to the interactive project map by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/5x9adn8r>



100th Anniversary Murrabit Township

1924-2024

Saturday, 5 October 2024
Murrabit Market

Featuring photographic displays on early history of Murrabit

Sunday, 6 October 2024

Community Newsletter Support for 2024/25



Funding has been provided to support the the production and printing of community newsletters by Gannawarra Shire Flood Recovery Funding through

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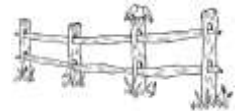
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Murrabit Township's 100th

The Murrabit Heritage Group is planning a celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the township of Murrabit.

An event is being planned for the weekend of **5-6 October 2024**. This is in the school holidays.

2024 is also be the 100 years of the coming of the railway. George Weller owned the land that became Murrabit township.

Flyer for the event is available from

www.murrabit.com.au/murr-a-bit-a-news



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