



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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Murrabit Community News

August kicks off with the Murrabit Market on 2 August. Locals are encouraged to have a stall at the market. Second hand/garage sale stalls are welcome too, or if you have an items to sell - boat, caravan, car, tractor etc. you are welcome to get in touch and we can find you a spot to park your item on the market site.

Stalls for local Murrabit & District residents are \$15 - and a great way to make some extra cash.

Bookings via the online application form on our website: www.murrabit.com.au/market or phone: 5457 2205.



UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKET SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 2025

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

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

PREMIERSHIP REUNION

PAST PLAYERS DAY

Time to relive, reminisce and celebrate our club's premierships and past players.



65 SENIOR & RESERVES

75 RESERVES

95 U17'S

05 SENIOR

05 U17'S

15 RESERVES



HOME GAME V WANDELLA
2ND AUGUST

Murrabit & District Heritage Group Bael Bael homestead - Last chance

Thursday, 28 August. Tag along tour to Lake Bael Bael Homestead (between Kerang and Swan Hill) followed by lunch at Lake Boga. The homestead dates from the 1870s and is heritage listed. Bael Bael Homestead is of architectural significance for its drop log construction. Although this was a common form of construction, very few good examples remain. The house is also of interest for the plan of the house particularly in regard to the unusual width of the central hall. If you would like to join us, email: murrabitheritage@gmail.com or phone Neil Hopkins, (President) 0490 830 641



Murrabit and District Lions Club Can You Help?

Lions are looking for a place to store the Lions caravan (mobile kitchen).

If you can help or have an empty shed or garage that might be available, please get in touch:

Neil Hopkins (President)

Mobile: 0490 830 641



Murrabit & District Lions

Our local Lions Junior Public Speaking Final will be held on Tuesday, 29 July at the Murrabit Golf Club. It is a really terrific event for young people in years 3-6 and the kids from Murrabit Group School always do an amazing job.

I was invited to be a judge at the school level of the competition last week. The kids were great! Their speeches were really well researched and very thought-provoking. I know that they will do a terrific job at our Lions Club final.

The show starts at 6pm and there is a fantastic meal available during the evening. If you are interested in coming along give Neil (0490 830 641) or Pattie (0427 570 295) a call. We would love to have you join us for the evening.

We have the Market coming up on 2 August. The markets have kept us busy lately with so many away on holidays. And the market is our major source of income which allows us to donate money every year to our many local groups.

We have an important Business Meeting on the Tuesday, 5 August where we will discuss and allocate those annual donations to our local community groups.

And the following week, on Tuesday 12 August we have combined dinner with Barham Lions to mark a visit to our area by the District Governor.

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 focused on helping local people and groups.

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.

School News

Murrabit Group School was busy towards the end of term before the students had their mid year break. All students participated in a Cluster Day at Leitchville Primary School with students in our rural cluster from Koondrook, Gunbower and Leitchville Primary Schools. Activities they were involved in were Physical Education, music and drama based, as well as being entertained by the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art for a session.

At our Mallee Zone Winter Sports, Xavier Hein participated in the Kerang Schools Football Team and they were successful in winning the day, beating St Marys, Swan Hill by one point in the final. Xavier's team will now play in the Regional Winter Sports in Swan Hill on 14 August. Well done Xavier.

On the last day of term Clariah Lea, Jade Lavey and Moppy Pappin completed a leadership task with Mrs Jones. This task involved teaching the students how to cook a loaded hot potato. The girls cooked the hot potatoes on the camp fire, before presenting the students with some delicious toppings that they add to their hot potato. A great way to finish the term.

Term 3 promises to be very exciting with lots of exciting activities taking place including Athletics, Book Week and an excursion to Werribee Zoo.



Pictured above: Fun times at Murrabit Group School.



**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 1 August. Please feel welcome to come along at anytime. 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**



Pictured above: Murrabit Netball Club NAIDOC Round

Murrabit Country Market Meeting

A community ideas meeting planned for 18 August has been **POSTPONED** until further notice. A new date will be advertised once known.

In the meantime keep thinking about new ideas to help make sure the success of the Murrabit Market continues into the future, and how you might contribute to the ongoing success of the market for the benefit of the wider community.

Through the years, the market has generated enough income for lots of community group to cover the cost of building, maintaining and operating much of the infrastructure, services and programs that occur around Murrabit. Your help and input into continuing to make Murrabit a great place to live and visit is appreciated.

Murrabit Playgroup News

The weather has been lovely on playgroup days and the children have been happy playing, working and crafting outside. At the first playgroup for July the children planted up some snap peas for the community garden and are eagerly watching them grow in little hot houses. Then a fortnight later Oliver (4) did a great job teaching the younger children how to bead onto pipe cleaners. Some lovely jewellery was created, as well as an anklet for Oliver's toy puppy!



We have welcomed Mia, Piper and their mum Bec to playgroup for the two July sessions. It's always great to have new families join us. If you are a family with under school aged children, please come along. It's a great way to meet others and for children to play and learn together in a safe environment. Big people are welcome to drop in anytime as well for a chat - we love entertaining visitors - particularly ones who like to help the children with pushes on the swing set! 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



Upcoming playgroup sessions: Monday 3 August
Monday 17 August, 9:30am to 11am, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading).

- A place where everyone is welcome -



Murrabit Crafty & Chatty Club

Wednesdays 10am to 12noon

If you enjoy crafting, or just looking for a friendly group to join, come along to Crafty and Chatty Club. It's a great excuse to get out of the house and meet others in our little community.

Everyone is welcome and supported no matter their crafting ability.

Gold coin donation (includes morning tea).

Every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading).

It's a warm and cosy venue - ideal for Winter crafting and chatting!



MURRABIT PLAYGROUP



First and third Monday of each month



Play
Connect
Learn
Make friends
Have FUN!



9:30 - 11:30am
Gold coin donation

Murrabit Family Hub
45 Gonn Avenue





All Welcome
Morning tea provided

Supported by Murrabit Advancement Association Inc
 Queries: 5457 2205 or email: murrabiti@b-gpond.com







Hum and Strum

We jumped right back into music after our mid-year break with a performance at Northaven. We had a few missing, with some not well, Doris in Melbourne at the theatre and Kerry currently touring through the NT. But we had an unexpected new recruit in one of the residents, Rex, who turned up with his home-made lagerphone and sang and played along with us. And he was pretty good too! We all had a terrific afternoon and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The team at Northaven treated us to scones and a cuppa afterwards which was very welcome after singing and playing for nearly 2 hours.

Next month our performance will be at WD Thomas Day Centre on Wednesday, 20 August.

We have been thrilled to have a bit of new talent, Nathan Hocking, come along to our last couple of sessions and add his guitar skills to our group. Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal and good fun and we are always happy for new people to join in. You don't have to play an instrument, you just have to like music! 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 are interested in coming along, contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641 for more information.

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.

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:

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 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.

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.



Hall News

A quiet month at the Hall for outside bookings, however, Yoga (Mon & Wed evenings), Line Dancing (Thurs arvo) and Market morning teas are all running flat out as usual.

TCV – the powerline group – have booked the Hall for

Thursday, 28 August. Let's hope that they have a little bit more useful information than on their previous visits!

The next social meal/community lunch is this coming week – Wednesday 30 July. Contact Community Care 4429 1900 to book. And the August meal will be on Wednesday, 27 August.

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 (Secretary/Treasurer) 0458 572 331.

Have a great month everyone!



Pictured above: Murrabit Playgroup children growing seedlings to plant at the Murrabit Community Garden

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

August Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

September Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

October Market - Murrabit Tennis Club

November Market - Murrabit Fire Brigade

December Market - Murrabit Tennis Club



**NORTHERN
COUNTRY
LINE DANCERS**

Murrabit Public Hall

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Everyone is welcome - Come alone or
bring a group

For more
information call
44036640



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.

These life saving machines are available to anyone in an emergency.



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.

Camping enquiries to Terry.



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
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WED 30 JULY 2025

WED 27 AUGUST 2025

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