



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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Murrabit Community News

The first weekend of July marked the 100th anniversary of the Murrabit-Gonn Bridge over the Murray River. It was wonderful to see so many people return to our town to celebrate this important milestone.

Since officially opening on 1 July 1926 as the first all steel dual road and rail bridge across the Murray River, the Murrabit-Gonn Bridge has connected our community.

The 100th Anniversary weekend kicked off with the July Murrabit Country Market. Live music was provided by our very own DJ Greg, and kids enjoyed free rides on the Kerang Rotary Train. Rotary volunteers pictured below.



We enjoyed perfect sunny days for this winter-time event. Sunday attracted 100 people keen to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Murray River crossing.

Morning tea was held at Busy Bees of Murrabit. Visitors were also able to view the Kerang-Murrabit-Stony Crossing photograph exhibition and the new sheave wheel and historic bridge gate installations which now sit as part of our railway precinct at the rear of the community park and playground.

Miss Keats Picnic Park was the scene for the main event of the day. This included the unveiling of the new sheave wheel and signage project installed by Transport New South Wales. We were thrilled to have James and Shane from Transport NSW attend to help us unveil this impressive structure.



MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET 1 AUGUST 2026



8:30AM-12:30PM

Featuring...

Live music by Jimmy Johnson
Variety of market stalls
Brekky, morning tea and lunch
by our community groups
Barista coffee

Market on the Murray since '77

www.murrabit.com.au/market or Ph: 5457 2205

Pictured below left (left to right): Murrabit & District Heritage Group member, Doss Monk, who has lived close to the bridge all her life with her great-grandfather and father both working the punts that crossed the Murray River prior to the bridge being constructed at its present location. Daryl McDonald dressed as 'Scottie' the Bridge Attendant who features heavily in local folklore. James and Shane from Transport New South Wales. Heritage Group volunteers, Stephen Monk who Emceed the event and storyteller, Narelle O'Donoghue. They are pictured with the original 100 plus year old flag belonging to Harry Whiter who established the H.A. Whiter General Store in the new township of Murrabit in 1925 and who helped to organise the official opening of the Murrabit-Gonn Bridge.

Following the main event at the river, attendees moved to the Murrabit Hall for a soup and finger-food lunch, speeches, cake cutting and country style afternoon tea and cuppa. The Murrabit Group School was also open on the day to enable visitors to return to celebrate the original school building's 100th anniversary.

The event was hosted by Murrabit & District Heritage Group. **See full story page 2-4.**

Speech notes from Murrabit-Gonn Bridge 100th Anniversary event:

The official opening of the Murrabit-Gonn Bridge occurred on 1 July 1926.

While none of us gathered here today witnessed the event back in 1926, we can imagine the excitement of that day when more than 700 people gathered, many arriving at this very location on a big DD steam train.

We were very fortunate 15 years ago to celebrate the 85th anniversary of this significant piece of local architecture while we had living residents who remembered the official opening. They described their excitement as young children and the anticipation at the time of what this bridge meant for the new community of Murrabit, as well as the wider district.

At that time Australia was governed by Prime Minister Stanley Bruce, leader of the Nationalist Party. The country was in a period of relative prosperity.

Governments were heavily focused on railway expansion, irrigation schemes, soldier settlement programs, and opening inland farming districts up for development.

Strong attention was being given to connecting rural districts with bridges and railways, especially along the Murray River. Australia's economy was dependent on wool, wheat, butter, and other agricultural exports.

Back in 1926 electricity was still 36 years away. Radios were starting to become popular in cities and larger towns. Silent films were common entertainment. Aviation was still very new and exciting. Telephones existed but were not widespread, and kerosene lamps and wood stoves were standard in most homes.

Globally, 1926 sat between two major world events. It was after World War 1 and before the Great Depression. It was often remembered as part of the "Roaring Twenties" - a decade associated with optimism, development, and social change.

But let's first go back in time. This was the land of the Barapa Barapa and Wamba Wamba aboriginal peoples. The area provided plentiful supplies of fish, roots, plants, grubs, snakes, goannas, possums, emus, kangaroos and birds of many kinds.

Major Mitchell passed through in 1836. Squatters took up pastoral leases from 1844 and Colonel John Capel ran 'Gonn' Station on the NSW side of the river from the 1850s. Steamboats were on the river as early as 1853 when boats from South Australia took on cargo and travelled past this very location to reach the Port of Echuca.

The 1869 Land Act broke the monopoly of the squatters and land was divided into 320 acre lots. Many families came to the Murrabit district from the goldfields. Most were not experienced at farming.

Although the township of Murrabit did not exist until 1924, the name Murrabit was used extensively from very early times. The first Murrabit Post Office opened in 1879 on the Murrabit to Benjeroop Road and the first Murrabit School opened in 1882, south-east of Myall, between Teal Point and Culfearn. The 'Murrabit' Station was south east of Swan Hill and bounded by the Little Murray, the Loddon River and Lake Boga, extending south to Reedy Lake.

A railway line to the Murrabit district was first discussed in 1911 when the Victorian Premier brought up the matter of a bridge over the Murray River at 'Gonn' Station to open up the rich Riverina to Melbourne ports.

'Gonn' Station had already been subdivided and 'Mellool', 'Chah Singh' and 'Nurong' were available for subdivision. Gonn Crossing on the Victorian side had settlers on citrus blocks, a post office, boarding house and blacksmith's shop converted to a citrus packing shed. The public punt across the Murray operated at Gonn Crossing. The punt was large enough for two horse drawn buggies of about 20 head of cattle.

Various government deputations, inspections and official commissions followed.

The railway line was originally proposed to cross the Murray River near the public punt at Gonn Crossing. A solid riverbed, suitable for a bridge coupled with a straight enough reach for the river boats to line up and run the bridge, was however not found.

The bridge needed to be erected three miles (5 kilometres) upstream from the Gonn Crossing settlement. And that is how the bridge came to be located at this location. The new township of Murrabit was then surveyed and the railway through to Murrabit was officially opened on 20 December 1924.

The building of the bridge had already commenced. A great pile of redgum sleepers was stacked on the Victorian side awaiting the construction of the bridge so that progress of the railway through to Stony Crossing could occur.

Storytelling from Murrabit-Gonn Bridge 100th Anniversary event:

On 1 July 1926, the Murrabit-Gonn Crossing Bridge became the first all-steel, dual road and rail bridge to be opened across the Murray River.

Across the Murray, broad and blue,
Where punts once ferried travellers through,
A mighty bridge of steel now stands,
To link two states and farming lands.

The train whistle blew, the crowds arrived,
A growing district sprang to life;
From horse and dray and railway line,
They gathered here in wintertime.

The flags were raised, the speeches made,
Beneath the river gums' cool shade;
While children laughed and people smiled,
And dreams of progress ran free and wild.

Just imagine it is 1926.

Before the bridge, the Murray River decided everything. It decided whether wool reached market on time. It decided whether children could get to school, whether stock could be moved, whether families could visit one another, and whether a doctor could be reached in an emergency.

On still mornings, the river looked peaceful enough, reflecting the gums and the pale skies of the district, but those who lived beside it understood its moods. Fog could descend without warning. Floodwaters could rise and swallow tracks and riverbanks. Barges could drift. Horses could shy. Men could disappear beneath its surface.

Yet despite its hardships, people stayed. They came to the country around Gonn, Cobramunga, Umeena and Murrabit. Soldier settlers returned from the Great War seeking land and a future. Farming families planted seeds into the dry earth and watched for rain. Others planted young citrus trees in newly irrigated soil, believing the district could become a thriving orchard region.

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Save the date

Census is coming
Tuesday 11 August 2026



Census

The railway had already brought change. Steel rails stretching into the district carried supplies, machinery, livestock and people. Railway sidings became gathering places where wool bales stood stacked in long rows and citrus crates waited for loading. Trains connected remote farms to the wider world, but still the Murray River interrupted the journey between Victoria and New South Wales.

Crossing the river was not simple. Punts carried drays, horses, stock and passengers from one side to the other.

Paddle steamers moved slowly along the Murray towing barges heavy with wool, timber and produce. River men knew every bend and snag between Echuca and Swan Hill. Their whistles echoed through the gums while the smoke from their funnels drifted across the water.

The river was alive with work. Camps dotted the riverbanks where timber workers boiled billys over open fires beneath the stars.

Still, despite the river trade and railway, the district remained isolated.

Then came the decision that would change everything.

A bridge. Not merely a timber crossing or a simple road bridge, but a great steel structure spanning the Murray River itself — carrying both railway and road traffic and linking Victoria to New South Wales permanently.

For the people of the district, the idea seemed almost unbelievable. When the bridge construction began in the early 1920s, Murrabit transformed almost overnight.

Where once there had been only scattered homes and dusty tracks, there suddenly appeared a bustling construction camp. Hundreds of workers arrived. Tents spread across the Victorian side of the river. In one tent, Mr Normanby, the Church of England minister who travelled by jinker, used to hold services about 300 or 400 yards up from the bridge where the track now lies.

Cookhouses and boarding tents served meals to hungry labourers. The men were given one shilling and sixpence a day camping-out allowance.

Barges crowded the water. Piles of sleepers towered beside the railway line. Mr Stone, weighing 20 stone, rowed passengers across the river while the bridge was being built.

The district had never seen anything like it.

Children rode their bicycles to watch the works. Families travelled by horse and dray simply to stand beside the river and observe the progress. Men balanced high above the water on girders and beams. Donkey engines rattled. Pile drivers crashed into the riverbed with booming force that echoed for miles, and at night, fires burned beside the bridge works.

Rivets were heated red hot before being carried into place by teams of sweating workers. The steel skeleton of the bridge slowly climbed across the river while paddle steamers navigated carefully beneath the construction.

Workers battled mud, currents, heat and exhaustion. Cofferdams were built and pumped dry so pylons could be constructed deep in the riverbed. Barges shifted unexpectedly. Timber floated loose. Heavy machinery operated above swirling water.

Bill Hargreaves, of 'Umeena', worked on the road surface of the bridge with his team of horses. The hollow noise of the roller on the bridge terrified them. They became frantic and had to be blindfolded before they would work.

Yet the work continued. People believed the bridge represented something greater than steel and concrete. It represented the future.

For the farming families of the district, the bridge promised opportunity.

The district itself began to grow alongside the bridge.

Soldier settlement blocks attracted new families seeking a fresh start after the hardships of war.

Homes were built. Schools expanded. Sporting clubs formed. Hall committees organised dances and concerts. Churches were filled on Sundays.

The isolated river crossing slowly became a thriving rural community.

There are memorable incidents of using the bridge still under construction. Bill Hargreaves' mother, Emily, while visiting at 'Umeena', kicked over a billy of water and scalded her foot badly. She was taken across the partly constructed bridge on a railway trolley and onto Kerang by a construction worker in an early model car.

Margaret Keats, the vet, was asked to attend a horse which the owners arranged to bring to the Victorian side of the bridge. Still unfinished, she pushed her bag of veterinary requirements ahead of her as she inched her way forward, straddled across a girder.

Then came the great day.

1 July 1926. The opening of the Murrabit Bridge. People came from every direction.

Some travelled by special train. Others arrived in motor cars that raised clouds of dust along the roads. Horse teams lined the approaches. Families crossed paddocks and tracks simply to witness the occasion.

By morning, the riverbank was alive with excitement. Flags fluttered in the winter breeze. Officials from the railway department gathered beside local residents.

Farmers stood shoulder to shoulder with labourers, orchardists, timber cutters, railway workers and schoolchildren.

Present were the Honourable F.W. Eaglestone, Minister for Railways, Mr Harry Angus MLA, Chief Engineer Mr Perrin, railway officials and community leaders.

But the true heart of the celebration belonged to the people of the district who had waited so long for this moment.

The speeches spoke of progress. They spoke of connecting Victoria and New South Wales. They spoke of agriculture, irrigation, transport and prosperity.

Predictions were made that the rich land between the Murray and Wakool Rivers would become one of the great productive regions of the Riverina.

Then the ribbon stretched across the bridge was cut.

Cheers rose from the crowd.

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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!



Slowly, proudly, the train steamed across the bridge. The old river world of paddle steamers and barges passed beneath the bridge's great lift span while above, trains and motor vehicles crossed into a new era of transport and connection.

The bridge was immediately woven into daily life.

Bridge keeper Scottie became a familiar figure. Living in a small railway hut near the crossing, he operated the lift span whenever paddle steamers approached. Red and green navigation flags were raised. Gates swung shut across the approaches. Kerosene lanterns glowed in the evenings while river traffic passed beneath.

Children waited impatiently for the bridge to lower again so they could continue to school.

Farmers crossed with wagons loaded high with wheat and wool. Citrus growers consigned thousands upon thousands of fruit cases by rail from Murrabit rail station.

During harvest, roads and rail sidings bustled with activity. Bagged grain was hauled toward the railway. Wool bales stacked high beside the sheds awaited transport. Sheep grazed across the open plains while stock agents and drovers moved animals between properties and markets.

The bridge carried it all. No longer was the growing district of isolated settlements divided by the river.

Families crossed it for weddings, funerals, dances, football matches and agricultural shows. Through flood and drought, depression and war, the bridge has endured. 100 years later the Murray River remain central to life at Murrabit.

Children swim in its waters. Fishermen cast lines from its banks. Families camp beneath the redgums in the heat of summer. Floods occasionally remind everyone of the river's immense power. And always above it, for the past 100 years, has stood the bridge.

Following the speeches, the sheave wheel display was unveiled before the bridge was lifted by Transport New South Wales staff. We tried to get the P.S. Melbourne to attend but it just wasn't possible given the river levels - they did however make it as far as Koondrook on the day of the event and stayed for two weeks, taking on passengers, before heading back to Echuca.

We got the next best thing to pass under the raised bridge - Terry Morton's barbie boat - complete with Upper Murray Flag - thank you Terry.



The ladies never disappoint in decking out the Murrabit Hall for these events, and the hall was again presented beautifully to 1920s theme. A DVD of the 85th Anniversary of the Murrabit-Gonn Bridge played on the big screen showing the many senior residents, past residents, and visitors, who have since passed away.

Tables for the 100 guests were set to the left side of the hall and the buffet food table to the right. The back right corner was reserved for fabulous displays of information on the bridge, photographs and construction plans. Transport New South Wales also provided a display of information on the day and reported that they learnt a lot of new information from those attending the event, and were able to answer questions on the modern workings of our bridge.



The 100th anniversary cake was cut by Victorian Railway Enthusiast, Ted Godwin from Cockatoo, who has taken a special interest in the railway line from Kerang-Murrabit-Stony Crossing, having ridden on the train to Murrabit and taken photos in the 1950s and visited many times since. Local resident, Geoff McDonald assisted with the cake cutting along with President of the Murrabit & District Heritage Group, Neil Hopkins. Thank you to everyone who played a part on the day. It was a fabulous event that will be remembered for many years to come.

Thanks to Gannawarra Shire Council for providing funding through the Community Grants Program to enable our community to put on this event.





Murrabit Lions

Our local Lions Junior Public Speaking competition is well underway. Murrabit Group School students are practising their presentations to be ready for the school level, and then Club level competitions. It is a really terrific event

for young people in years 3-6 and the kids from Murrabit always do an amazing job.

This year's topics are:

Years 3-4: *If you could go on a holiday anywhere in Australia, where would you go and why? Tell us about it... e.g. What can you see and what would you do there?*

Years 5-6: *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 serve them for dinner?*

In the past, the Club level (where the winners of school level present their speeches) has been held at the Murrabit Golf Club in the evening. However, this year it will take place at the Murrabit Group School on Monday, 27 July at 9.30am. I'm sure that you would be most welcome if you would like to come along. The winners of the Club competition will go on to compete in the Zone final at Cohuna on Sunday, 16 August.

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.



Hum n Strum

The Hum n Strummers are having a break from performing during July but we are still 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.



School News

Towards the end of Term 2 the students were involved in a Cluster Day with students from Koondrook, Gunbower and Leitchville primary schools. This

was held at Leitchville Primary School. The focus was music and art activities. The children enjoyed working with staff from the Australian Centre of Contemporary Art as well as with Music and Art specialist teachers.

At the end of Term 2 we farewelled Mrs Judi Ficken who had given incredible service to our school. Judi had worked at Murrabit Group School for 33 years in the role as Business Manager and has seen so many students, families, teachers and Principals come and go. She was an extremely efficient, professional, caring staff member who always put the wellbeing of all students first and we will miss her enormously, although she is welcome to visit at any time, and perhaps bring along one of those amazing cakes that she is famous for!!

During the school holidays we opened up our school to celebrate 100 years of being on our current site. The original school building, which is currently being used by the P-3 class, was used for the first time 100 years ago, in 1926. The school was open to visitors on Sunday, 5 July, and there was a display of memorabilia, including photos and rolls that could be studied. A big thank you to Mrs Coulter, Judi Ficken and Mrs Bartels who organised the day and were present to greet the visitors.

At the start of Term 3 we welcomed our new Business Manager Helen Spy. Helen is experienced in the this role having worked at other schools. Helen will be working at Murrabit Group School on Monday and Wednesday each week and Koondrook on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We know that Helen will enjoy being at Murrabit.

The students are currently participating in the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. This involves researching their topic, writing a speech, practicing and refining the speech and making the speech in front of their peers. The first formal speech process happened on Monday, 20 July, and 6 students were chosen from the school to present to the Lions Club judges on Monday, 27 July. Our winner in Grade 3-4 was Beau Murray, runner up was Tyler Long and third was Karleigh Thomas. In the Grade 5-6 section, winner was Emily Murray, runner up was Riley Danson and third was Brandon Thomas. We look forward to these students progressing through the stages.

Greg Adams - Principal



Pictured above and below: 6 students chosen to present to the Lions Club judges on Monday, 27 July. Grade 3-4 Beau Murray, Tyler Long and Karleigh Thomas. Grade 5-6: Emily Murray, Riley Danson and Brandon Thomas.



Murrabit

Community Meal

Wednesday 29 July 2026
Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Murrabit Hall 12noon
\$12 per person
Bookings essential by phoning
Sharon 0427 144 205

A great way to socialise and enjoy
a cooked two course meal

-Cooked by community for community-

All Welcome

Murrabit Advancement Association Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, 17 August 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!	

Community Meal Update

The June Murrabit Community Meal saw another great roll up with 41 meals plated. Everyone enjoyed a hearty beef and vegie stew accompanied by rice.

Sweets were an equally delicious - apple crumble with custard and ice-cream. Yum!

Each month, we have had a great rollup of volunteers to help set up the Hall and to prepare the meal. New volunteers are always most welcome. Just rock up to the hall on the last Wednesday of each month from 9.00am and you will be given a job!

For something different in June, our meals were pre-cooked at volunteers' homes overnight on the Tuesday night before the luncheon. Stories of kitchen lights turning on at 3.00am to turn slow cookers on and off made us all giggle!

In BIG NEWS, we were lucky enough to snag a grant from the Gannawarra Small Grants Program to fund a Christmas in July event for our July Murrabit Community Meal. The grant will also fund Food Handling courses for our volunteers. Huge thanks to Gannawarra Shire Council for supporting us with this funding.

Also in other news, several Councillors from Gannawarra Shire Council will be joining us for lunch as part of the *Connect with Council* program. Here's your chance to chat to your local Councillors to let them know how fantastic Murrabit is and to share news as well as any concerns you have that relate to our district.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, 29 July at 12.00noon for a slap up Christmas feast, with some of Glenna's famous plum pudding for dessert!

Please let Sharon know if you will be attending by Sunday, 25 July. Phone 0427 144 205.

Cooked by community for community.

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

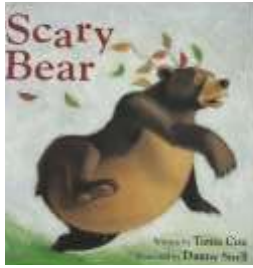
The Men's Shed sets up for each Murrabit Market - all welcome to come along and help out - meet at the Lions Park at 9am on the Friday morning - next set-up is Friday, 31 July.

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 Playgroup News



Children books are entertaining and fun for children and adults. Reading together at playgroup helps children learn and explore their imagination, and to share a love of reading with other children.

At Murrabit Playgroup we love learning together and encouraging children to think about words and stories as they grow. At the first session in July, Jeanette came along and read the book 'Scary Bear' by Tania Cox. Bear doesn't set out to create a commotion. But when he wakes early from his long winter sleep and decides to find his friends, that's exactly what he does! It's hard to imagine how one little event, such as Bear waking up early from his winter sleep, could create such chaos. But when Moose catches sight of him stretching from behind, and hears him yawning very loudly, she warns everyone that there is a huge scary bear about, and that's when the confusion begins. Bear doesn't see himself as scary - he just wants to be with his friends after being in hibernation for so long. Finally, everyone catches on that it's just Bear waking up early from his sleep and they end up all enjoying a jolly good laugh together! We also had fun outside racing cars down the 'hill'.



At the second playgroup session in July, we had 7 parents and 7 children come along and what a great time we had together. Three new families joined us: Tori and Lainey, Shanae and Heidi, and Georgie and Darcy. They were joined by Jaicey and Eli, Meagan, Charlie and Billie, and Olivia, Narelle and Joshua. With lots of different aged children, we enjoyed mat time getting to know each other. We had a go at making pirate hats, which was trickier than we thought! Pictured right is Eli wearing his pirate hat. It was a very cold and foggy day. Hoping that August will bring nicer weather.



August Playgroup sessions:

Mondays 3 August and 17 August, 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.

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



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



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 MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2026

August - Murrabit Men's Shed
 September - Murrabit Men's Shed
 October - Murrabit Tennis Club
 November - Murrabit Fire Brigade
 December - Murrabit Tennis Club

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, 19 AUGUST 2026.

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

Connect with Council coming to Murrabit - 29 July 2026

Gannawarra Shire Councillors will be attending the Murrabit Community Meal at the Murrabit Hall on Wednesday, 29 July 2026 from 12noon to 1:30pm. This is part of a 'Connect with Council' program visiting towns around the Gannawarra Shire. To book in for the monthly meal phone Sharon on 0427 144 205 by Sunday, 25 July. Cost is \$12. Come along to the meet with Shire Councillors and senior staff to discuss matters that affect you, or just come along for a friendly chat.



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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

RESIDENTIAL

2026 FIXTURE

Round 12 - 25 July	Round 13 - 1 August	Round 14 - 8 August	Round 15 - 22 August
Mallee Eagles vs Murrabit	Murrabit vs Lake Boga	Murrabit vs Koondrook Barham	Kerang vs Murrabit
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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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