



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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Murrabit Community News

Thanks to flood recovery funding, the community Woodfired Pizza lunch at the back of the hall finally occurred on Sunday 26 May, after being cancelled in 2023. Great turnout and yummy pizzas cooked by Brad from Tiamo-Twin-Flamed Pizzas of Gunbower who has been very kind to our community since the 2022 floods. It was a beautiful, sunny winters day and everyone was happy to linger and chat away the afternoon. Thanks to the Murrabit Lions Club for putting on this great event for everyone to enjoy (pictures below).



The Gannawarra 2022 Flood Reflections Exhibition was on display in Busy Bees of Murrabit from 19 May to 1 June. It was great to see so many locals and visitors view this high quality exhibition while in town. Prior to that it was on display in Kerang for a month and has since been on display for a month in Cohuna. Next the exhibition moves on to Quambatook for a month. Great to see so many Murrabit & District photos and stories included.



Pictured above: Gannawarra Flood Reflections Exhibition on display in Busy Bees of Murrabit.

July market is coming up on Saturday 6 July. 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 6 JULY

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.

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 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**

Hardcopies are delivered via Australia Post to local residences. Deadline for articles for upcoming edition is

TUESDAY 22 JULY 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

July Market - Murrabit Playgroup

August Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

September Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

October - Murrabit Tennis Club

November - Murrabit Fire Brigade

December - Murrabit Tennis Club



Wed 31st July
Wed 28th August
Wed 25th September
Wed 30th October
Wed 27th November
(Christmas meal)

Murrabit Hall
Bookings to NDCH
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A great way to socialise and enjoy a home-cooked two-course meal for just \$10.



Murrabit Hall

The next community lunch is on Wednesday 31 July in the Hall. There are some good numbers attending recently, last month there were around 30 diners in attendance but there's room for plenty more! It's a

great chance to catch up, or to meet some new people, in a very friendly atmosphere – with a delicious feed thrown in – why not think about coming along?

We are still waiting for a replacement battery for our Hall Defib machine, so that persistent beeping sound near the Hall kitchen door which has been going for over 2 months is still there! I've again contacted the Shire, who are responsible for the machine, and they have assured me that the new battery has been ordered and are waiting for it to arrive. You would think replacing an item such as this would be an important priority. Fingers crossed for some action soon!

We are also waiting on the outcome of a grant application which will provide funds to revarnish the Hall floor and have it looking its very best again.

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) 0490830641 or Jeanette Coulter (Sec/Treas) 0458 572 331.

Have a great month everyone!

Neil Hopkins, President

Hum n Strum Music

We visited Murrayhaven for our June performance, and even though we were down a few (Covid strikes again!) we had a great time and made some pretty good music. There was a large crowd, the audience was very enthusiastic and loved Robyn and Marilyn doing the twist during the show – they asked if we could come back again the next week! We shared afternoon tea and a few stories with the residents afterwards. We will be taking 2 weeks off during the school holidays and will return to our regular Wednesdays on 17 July with a performance at the WD Thomas Day centre in Kerang on 24 July.

Our regular Wednesday meetings are great fun. They 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! Over the last month we have added a few old classics (Click Go the Shears, Five Foot Two) and some great tunes from the 60s (The Wanderer & Bobby McGee). 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.

Contact Neil Hopkins
0490 830 641
for more information.



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Murrabit & District Lions Club

Our Woodfired Pizza Lunch at the Murrabit Hall last month was a beauty!! Perfect weather, delicious pizza and a few cool drinks made for a fantastic afternoon for the 80 or so people who came along.

Our June Dinner meeting was a great get-together. Local young person, Belle Morton was our guest speaker and shared her experiences of living, travelling and going to school in Switzerland for 6 months last year.



Well done to Belle Morton for presenting at the recent Lions Club dinner. Belle is pictured above, and below with Lions Club President, Neil Hopkins.



There was also our usual delicious meal, raffles (everyone's a winner!) and entertaining Tail-twisting yarns from Stephen Monk. You don't have to be a Lion to come along to the monthly Dinner meeting; everyone is welcome - give us a ring! You won't be sorry!

The Junior Public Speaking competition is also coming up with the local final for our MGS students from years 3 – 6 to be held at our July Dinner meeting. MGS held their school level competition last week and I headed over to hear the kids presentations. I was very impressed with their efforts. And, boy were they entertaining! Well done to all of the year 3-6 students who spoke! Excellent work!

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 54572213 or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.



Murrabit Family Hub News

Our community took a big step and purchased the former Murrabit Uniting Church property back in 2021 and after a lot of planning, we are excited to announce that the first stage of our Creating a Family Hub at Murrabit project has now been completed.

While a little bit boring, stage 1 works were essential in re-spouting the buildings and connecting the property to the town stormwater system. This means that when it rains now, water no longer runs under the buildings.

Funding to help assist with this project has come from Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Grants Program and FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities Program. Our community is now ready to move onto Stage 2. Stay tuned for the next update.



School Holiday Program Cosy Days

Porcelain Mugs (5+)

Decorate a mug using special porcelain markers and take your designs home to make them permanent.

Kerang - 10.30am, Tuesday 2 July
www.trybooking.com/CSMHE



Cosy Crafts (all ages)

A morning of crafty fun!

Kerang - 10.30am, Tuesday 9 July
www.trybooking.com/CSMJL

Finger Knitting (5+)

Learn the technique to while away those wintery days.

Kerang - 10.30am, Thursday 11 July
www.trybooking.com/CSMKU



Adults to accompany children.
Online booking or phone 5452 1546 for assistance.

you are invited to our

Teddy Bear Story Time



Wear your PJs and bring your teddy to a special Story Time in the library. We'll share songs and stories and enjoy a cosy hot chocolate (and a bikkie!). Your teddy is then invited to a special sleep over!

All ages welcome, adults to accompany children.

Online booking or phone 5452 1546 for assistance.

COHUNA LIBRARY
4.00pm, Thursday 4 July
www.trybooking.com/CSMWF

KERANG LIBRARY
4.00pm, Wednesday 10 July
www.trybooking.com/CSMWJ

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GANNAWARRA THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS...



StoryWalk - Our Home, Our Heartbeat

StoryWalks are picture books set up along a short walking train. The walk will be set up in Cohuna for NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Garden Park, Cohuna from 27 June-15 July



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Decorate a mug using special porcelain markers and take your designs home to make them permanent.

Kerang - 10.30am Tuesday 2 July

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Online booking or phone 5452 1546 for assistance.



Rainbow Veggie Adventure! (all ages)

Come and enjoy an afternoon of reading 'What if Vegetables were people', making your own veggie face and planting your own veggie. You'll become a true Food Explorer. It's a colorful adventure you won't want to miss!

Koondrook All Abilities Playground - 2.00pm Wednesday 3rd July

Adults to accompany children.
Online booking or phone 5451 0200



Winter Art Workshop with Kerryn Finch (for school age children)

Thursday 4th July

Session 1 - 11am-12.30pm | Session 2- 1.30pm-3.00pm

Location: 36 Victoria St Kerang Cost: FREE

Book Tickets through
www.trybooking.com



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Family Fun Day

Tuesday 9th July | Starting at 11:30AM
Kiranyuk Gathering Place (11 Nolan St)

Jewellery Making . Painting . Games
Jumping Castle . Face Painter . Raffle

For more information, please contact MDAS Kerang office:
03 5412 6004



Wednesday 10th July

Kerang Memorial Hall

10.30am until 11.20am

Cost : FREE

Book Tickets through
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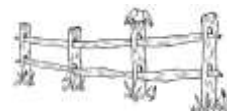
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SAVE THE DATE

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