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Murrabit Community News

Winter has arrived! Some say we haven't had a 'normal' winter for a few years, but not sure what normal is nowadays. What we do know is that the autumn leaves have fallen, although some of our deciduous trees dropped their leaves back in summer and are all mixed up with the seasons! The small amounts of rain we have had of late has been much appreciated and the green around the district certainly brightens spirits.

As always, our little community keeps moving forward. Murrabit markets, social meals, humnstrum music, crafty and chatty group, line dancing, yoga, playgroup and creative workshops. Plus footy and netball are in full swing. This month, the Murrabit Fire Brigade held its Biennial meeting and service awards were presented to members with 5 years service, to over 65 years! What a remarkable achievement. Thank you to all our fire brigade members who continue to keep not only our own community safe, but the whole region and beyond.

Our men's shed members and friends enjoyed a bus trip to Balranald during the month. Joining Quambatook and Kerang men, the bus trip of more than 40 enjoyed a day checking out lots of sites around Kyalite and Balranald including a visit to Yanga Station and homestead.

Stage 1 of the Murrabit Community Garden project was completed during the month and we now wait patiently for the plants to grow. Stage 2 will see some creativity and colour added. The community garden is now in front of Busy Bees of Murrabit to be admired by our visitors and contributed to by our community members.

The Little Library at the front of Busy Bees continues to be well utilised. Thank you to community members who keep the little library well stocked. Hardcopies of this newsletter can also be collected from the Little Library on a monthly basis.

July kicks off with the Murrabit Market on 5 July. 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 5 JULY 2025

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 Phone: 5457 2205.

Murrabit Country Market Future

As the market approaches its 48th anniversary in November, new ideas and enthusiasm are being sought from the wider community to make sure the success of the Murrabit Market continues into the future.

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. Things such as the Murrabit playground and community park, office, gift shop and visitor centre, toilet blocks, the establishment and operation of the Murrabit Recreation Reserve, men's shed, landscaping around town, walking trails and bbq facilities simply would not be at Murrabit if not for the Murrabit Market. Even programs at the school are provided through fundraising from the Murrabit Market and the Lions Club is able to further support a whole heap of community activity through annual donations from the profits they make. Come along, be involved, and help continue to make Murrabit a great place to live and visit.

**Community Ideas Meeting - Monday 18 August 2025,
7:30pm Murrabit Men's Shed Meeting Room**



Murrabit & District Lions

Our local Lions Junior Public Speaking Final will be held on Tuesday, 22 July at the Murrabit Golf Club. It's a really terrific event for young people in years 3-6 and the kids from Murrabit Group School always do an amazing job. This year's topics are: Year

3 and 4: *If you could invent something new, what would it be?*
Year 5 and 6: *The impact of fast-moving technology on our lives and the environment is often overlooked, yet it can be far reaching. Is technology moving too fast for humans to keep up?*

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 had a dinner at the Murrabit Tavern recently to say farewell to Julie Madden and Mark Membrey who are leaving the local area and heading down to Baringhup over Maldon way. Julie and Mark, who have been terrific workers and supporters of our club, won't be completely lost to us as they are keen to travel back for Murrabit Market days. And we will be very glad to see them!

We have had quite a few Lions members off touring the world. A few that spring to mind are: Di has just come back from an amazing safari in Africa, the Maddens are still up north trying to strike it lucky on the goldfields somewhere, Carmel has been sunning herself up north, John and Glenis have been reeling in the fish in the Territory, while Pattie and Macca are now on a long holiday in sunny Barham, settled in to their new home with their new sausage dog. Good luck to them all!

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 54572213
President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.

Murrabit & District Heritage Group: Day trip to Bael Bael homestead

Postponed in April, this trip is now planned for Thursday, 28 August. If you are interested in joining a tag along tour to Lake Bael Bael Homestead followed by lunch at Lake Boga, please get in touch. Bael Bael Homestead is located on the shores of Lake Bael Bael, between Kerang and Swan Hill. It dates from the 1870s and is heritage listed. Bael Bael Homestead is of architectural significance as an outstanding and refined example of drop log construction. Although this was a common form of construction, very few good examples remain and perhaps none as well built and as intact as the house at Bael Bael. The house is also of interest for the plan of the house particularly in regard to the unusual width of the central hall.



Murrabit Heritage Group

Goodbye to Alex Monk: This month we sadly said goodbye to one of our founding members, Alex Monk (19 April 1936-4 June 2025).

Alex was always a huge wealth of information on anything to do with our district.

One memorable occasion was when the heritage group, headed by Alex and Doss, organised a bus trip from Murrabit, taking in Gonn Homestead, Tullakool, Noorong Homestead and Mellool Homestead. A day of activities was planned and quickly we not only had one coach filled, but two! Over 100 people! With a lot of solid planning, Stephen Monk and Dick Walters co-led one coach and Alex and Narelle O'Donoghue co-led the other coach. The trip was planned to the last minute and what a wonderful day it ended up being. Another memorable occasion was the development of the railway precinct at Murrabit. Alex was involved in all the planning and construction works - although he did mention recently that he actually didn't do much of the work, just the talking! He enthusiastically took on the role of constructing a hitching rail for the pony that came along on the day of the 85th anniversary of the railways in 2014. He declared that it was only meant to be a temporary fixture for the event, but it is still there today; a tribute to his great farming skills!

Alex also constructed the lectern for the same 2014 event which has lived on to serve the Murrabit community at every ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day service since.

Alex may have thought he was only good at the talking, but he had many hidden talents that have left a huge legacy in the Murrabit community and his boots will be very hard, if not impossible to fill. He always had a joke to share and a story to tell. He was a friend to all and a listening ear to many.

Thank you to Alex for all you did. We had a lot of fun over the years and your knowledge and enthusiasm for everything to do with local history will be sadly missed. Alex was farewelled on Friday, 13 June 2025. Our deepest sympathy particularly to Doss and Stephen who continue on as members of the Murrabit & District Heritage Group.

Pictured below is Alex Monk (left) providing some historic tuition to those attending a heritage group bus trip in 2018. This bus trip was Murrabit-Capel's Crossing - Myall and beyond. Picture taken in the historic Banool Woolshed.



Winter break: The heritage group is now enjoying a break over winter. A day trip to Bael Bael Homestead will be held in August (see article to the left).

Murrabit Netball Club News

Mid-Season report: A lot has happened since our preseason update.

Many of you will know that the Central Rivers Leagues Board, with support from AFL Central Victoria, has released recommendations of the Northern Futures Project (NFP) on 11 June 2025 to all Clubs, accompanied by a media statement in local newspapers and radio on Friday, 13 June. Eight recommendations were put forward for further consideration and discussion by the CRL Board, member Clubs and AFL Central Victoria. Murrabit Football Netball Club remains in talks and will advise members of the next steps when this comes to hand.

Senior co-coaches Kalinda and Emelia, for A grade; B grade coach Erica; co-coaches Nicole and Jess in B Res; and newly appointed C coach Ria have settled into their squads and are certainly seeing results. A grade and 17s are undefeated so far, and B grade has only dropped 1 game. Bres is turning a corner and stringing wins together and only just missing out by the smallest of margins. C grade is integrating juniors, which is great for further development, and they, too, have a couple of wins! We are blessed to have all three junior coaches return – Lauren and Nicole for 17s and 14s, and Ang, U12s/F-Troop. Their shared knowledge and strategies to support player development extend to the committee, parents, and members in an inclusive environment.

Noteworthy Gains: We have made notable additions in 2025, with eight new players. Namely, Alyce, Jess, Jaymee, Lily, Ryley, Kerri, Zara and Grace. Welcome! Each recruit is featured in our player profiles on socials and has said they are enjoying their time at Murrabit.



Interleague: Throughout May and June, Murrabit had many junior girls representing our Club in Netball interleague. Congratulations to Belle, Alexis, Sadie, Macy, Mabel, Pippy, Elada, Lyla, and Eve. They travelled to their first tournament in Echuca, followed by their second and third tournaments in Bendigo. A great experience and opportunity for each player (pictured above).

Committee: Behind the scenes, the committee has been ensuring everything is ticking like clockwork. Whether it is arranging umpires, court supervisors, game day administration, attending to league updates and reminders, we are truly fortunate to have many skill sets running such an efficient netball club.

A noteworthy mention to Connor from Headspace Swan Hill, Police Officer Travis Collier, and newly appointed Child Safety Officer, Jen Nethercote, for their recent talk to young children and teens about child safe practices at Murrabit Football Netball Club. We were very pleased with junior feedback, and to have gained an understanding of what it means for our younger generation to feel happy, welcome, and safe at our Club!



Ladies Day: Many weeks ago, it was fabulous to hold Ladies Day! Big thanks to Travis for bringing this event to fruition and to Lauren and Jess for making delicious food, goodie bags, and raffle prizes. There were so many people to thank, including our wonderful social committee, who dedicate much of their time to preparing a day such as this. Shout out to the Murrabit Football and Netball Club Social Committee: Loz, Grace, Kalinda, Tee Cee, Mitch, Lily, Kayla, Taylah, Austin, and Carmel on a fine job this year.

Jenny Nethercote

President - Murrabit Netball Club



Murrabit Playgroup - join in the fun!

First playgroup session for June saw Jeanette come along and read the children a book titled **Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas** by Aaron Blabey (pictured below). Aaron is an Australian author of children's books and an artist. His award winning picture books include Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley, The Ghost of Miss Annabel Spoon and the best-selling Pig the Pug. *Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas* is a cheeky picture book that flips expectations in the most delightful way. It stars Brian, a piranha with a peculiar preference - he loves bananas. The problem? His fellow piranhas are horrified. They're all about meat, not fruit, and they can't understand why Brian would want to munch on something so... yellow and squishy! Thank you Jeanette for your entertaining stories - enjoyed just as much by the big people!



The Annual General Meeting of Murrabit Playgroup was held on 2 June. Thank you to the nine people who came along on the night and three more who placed apologies. Your support is much appreciated.

The weather has been lovely on playgroup days and the children have been happy playing outside, making best use of the big collection of rideable things - bikes, trikes, scooters, etc on the excellent all weather concrete bike track. Swings, slides, sandpit and fort are also all enjoyed. On the weeks when Jeanette isn't coming with the school library, we set up a very short craft activity - very short because that's all that's needed to keep the children entertained. Stick trees, air dried clay creations, painting, colouring, playdough have kept us busy.

The children love visitors, particularly if they don't mind giving pushes on the swings! We have people who regularly pop in and this is appreciated. We also recently had the fire extinguishers serviced which created added interest! Cappuccinos/hot chocolates are made for anyone arriving at morning teatime - gold coin donation to help cover the cost of the coffee beans!

MURRABIT PLAYGROUP



First and third Monday of each month



Play
Connect
Learn
Make friends
Have FUN!



9:30 - 11:30am
Gold coin donation



All Welcome
Morning tea provided



Murrabit Family Hub
45 Gonn Avenue

Supported by Murrabit Advancement Association Inc
Queries: 5457 2205 or email: murrabit@bigpond.com








Re-establishing childcare at Murrabit is something we are working towards. A meeting has been held onsite with Gannawarra Children's Centre management. A list of small maintenance items for us to attend to, but nothing unexpected and the conversation was positive.

We were also excited recently to meet with an early childhood educator who may be interested in starting up at Murrabit in the New Year, pending some further discussions.

If you are a local family looking for childcare, please get in touch with the Gannawarra Children's Centre on 5452 1357. Childcare will only be able to recommence at Murrabit if there is enough demand to make it a viable proposition for an educator.

In the meantime, if you are a local family with under school aged children, come along to playgroup. It's a great way to meet others and for children to play and learn together in a safe environment.

New President of Murrabit Playgroup is Nathan Hocking and Secretary/Treasurer Olivia O'Donoghue.

Email: murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com

Upcoming playgroup sessions:

Monday 7 July, Monday 20 July,
Monday 3 August, Monday 17 August

- Everyone is always welcome -



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 17 JULY 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.

MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL COOKBOOKS FOR SALE
ONLINE PAYMENT AND POSTAGE CAN BE ARRANGED.
\$30 PER COPY. CALL JUDI AT THE SCHOOL 5457 2284.

Cookbooks are also available Murrabit Market mornings at the Hall and also at Busy Bees Gift Shop.



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. For more information contact Jeanette Coulter (5457 2331).

Murrabit Advancement Association Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday 21 July 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.

MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2025

July Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

August Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

September Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

October Market - Murrabit Tennis Club

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

School News

Lots has been happening at our school recently. We had a visit from Kai Lane and Aboriginal Elder, Uncle Ron Galway from Ecology Australia who helped the students build Habitat Pods using Cumbungi and Lignum. These Habitat Pods will be placed in local waters for fish to live in. Students also participated in the Reconciliation Walk in Kerang that started outside the Court House and finished at Memorial Hall. There they took part in a smoking ceremony before participating in some activities in the Memorial Hall.

Some students participated in Cross Country at Mallee Zone and Regional level. We are proud of Huey Hein and Jade Lavey who performed extremely well in Swan Hill and were selected to go to the Regional Cross Country at St Arnaud. In very windy and cold conditions, Huey and Jade ran excellent times. Our Grade 4,5 and 6 students participated in Winter Sports at Riverside Park with students from the Kerang District in football, netball and t-ball. They had a great day with lots of smiles and mingling with students from other schools. At the end of the day, teams were selected to represent the Kerang District at the Mallee Zone Winter Sports. Congratulations to Xavier Hein (football), Pippy Morton (netball) and Emily Murray (netball) who were selected.

The school has received funding to further improve the school grounds this year through an Active Schools grant. By the end of the year, we will have a basketball court with two backboards and padding on the football goalposts. This is great news for our active students.

The school is open for tours for anyone looking at sending their child to our wonderful school in 2026. Contact the school on 5457 2284 or the Principal, Greg Adams (0447 531 841) to organise a visit.



**NORTHERN
COUNTRY
LINE DANCERS**

Murrabit Public Hall

Every Thursday 1pm - 3pm
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
for just \$12.

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Murrabit Fire Brigade

Biennial Meeting: The Murrabit Fire Brigade held its biennial meeting on Sunday, 15 June at the Murrabit Tavern with 32 in attendance. The meeting was followed by the election of Captain, Lieutenants, Secretary/Treasurer, Communication Officer, and Safety and Training Coordinators. Overseeing the elections was CFA Commander, Luke Waterson.



Pictured above is the Murrabit Fire Brigade Leadership Team with Regional Commander Luke Waterson (left), 2nd Lieutenant: Peter Laursen, 3rd Lieutenant: Peter Heffer, Captain: Stephen O'Donoghue, and Secretary/Treasurer: Kylie Leahy. Absent: Greg Maher, 1st Lieutenant.



Service Medals: A Service Award Presentation Ceremony was included.

Captain, Stephen O'Donoghue said that it was an incredible achievement that members receiving service awards on the day had over **915 years** of combined service to the CFA!

"It's important that we acknowledge this volunteer contribution to the CFA and the Murrabit Fire Brigade.

We know that these members don't volunteer their time for recognition; they

do it for the community.

Be it at a fire, flood, road accident, or any situation to lend a hand where it's needed, whatever our fire brigade members do, it's an important part of being part of a small town.

In a lot of cases, it is work that is unseen by the wider community and today is our chance to say thank you for your service in keeping not only the Murrabit community safe, but for the wider contribution the Murrabit Fire Brigade plays in the network of fire brigades across Victoria."

Service Medals were presented to the following 28 local residents:

Gordon Yard (65 years), Jack Challis, Greg Henry, John Danson, Jim Danson and Bill Hazen (55 years), Eric Ash and Laurie Day (50 years), Geoff McDonald, Peter Laursen, Ricky Maher and Stephen O'Donoghue (35 years), Andrew Leahy and Andrew McDonald (30 years), Dale Hartley, Greg Maher and Stewart Mason (25 years), Joanne Danson, Lorraine Danson, Nicole Danson, Shirley McDonald, Scott McNeil, Judy Yard, Gwen Maher and Lisa Maher (20 years), Peter Heffer, Wayne Clayton, Kylie Leahy and Neil Teasdale (10 years), and a 5 year service certificate to Sharni Maher.

An photo of a Service Medal presented on the day is pictured above.

The Country Fire Authority service awards consist of a circular bronze medal with the Australian coat of arms within the rim carrying the inscription 'Country Fire Authority Victoria Service Award'. It is suspended by a crown with a bar attached to a ribbon. The bar is imprinted with the years of service.



Pictured: left Greg Henry, below left Jim Danson, and Bill Hazen being presented with 55 year CFA Service Medals by Commander Luke Waterson



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 4 July. 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**



Murrabit and district men enjoyed a trip to Balranald on Thursday, 19 June. This was a combined trip for Kerang, Quambatook and Murrabit Men's Sheds. Hosted by Mallee Family Care the journey kicked off with morning tea at Kyalite Pub, followed by local history at the Balranald Discovery, the Murrumbidgee River swing bridge, and lunch at the Balranald RSL. The afternoon wrapped up with visits to the Historic Yanga Homestead, Woolshed, and Quarters - a perfect end to a brilliant day full of mateship, fresh air, and shared stories.

Mosaic Workshop

Some lovely mosaic designs were created Sunday, 1 June by a group of 18 enthusiastic crafters at Murrabit! Thank you to Mel from Riverside Creative and the Kerang Neighbourhood House for supporting the workshop, which was enjoyed by all that attended.

Everyone completed a beautiful mosaic designs and took home bags of grout and instructions to finish off their masterpieces. The room was filled with colour, laughter, and connection – exactly what community art is all about. Pictured below is artist, Mel Lane Pinto, Robyn Hopkins (right) and Jodie Hartley and Glenna McClelland (below right) creating their mosaic masterpieces!



Murrabit Crafty & Chatty Club

The Crafty and Chatty Club provides a safe and supportive environment to share and learn together. So far the group has dabbled in some knitting, macrame and crochet skills, along with air dried clay and mosaic workshops. There are lots of ideas for future projects and always a lovely morning tea.

Crafty and Chatty Club is a great excuse to get out of the house, meet others who enjoy craft and a chat. It's a very friendly and welcoming group. Why not pop along on a Wednesday and check it out? Everyone is welcome and supported no matter their crafting ability. Every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading).



Grant Acknowledgement

Murrabit Community Garden

Thanks to funding from the Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Grants Program in 2024, a new Murrabit Community Garden has been constructed at the front of the Murrabit Service Centre, which also acts as the Market Office, Visitor Centre and Gift Shop.

The new community garden has enhanced accessibility to the garden and the visual appeal of this space. We are sure the community and our visitors will enjoy the garden as the plants grow and the garden flourishes.

Stage 3 of the project is now being planned which will add colour through some creative elements to the garden.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the project.



What matters to your wellbeing?

Invitation to participate

The University of Canberra and University of Southern Queensland are being funded by the Gardiner Foundation to work with Gannawarra Shire Council and other local agencies to implement a Regional Wellbeing Project, which will develop a localised wellbeing framework tailored to the Gannawarra's specific needs.

Gannawarra is one of only three Victorian communities to benefit from this program.

Residents can assist by completing a five-minute survey and sharing what matters most to their quality of life.

This short survey can be completed online at:

www.regionalwellbeing.org.au/building-wellbeing-into-regional-decision-making/

Residents are also encouraged to apply to join the free Wellbeing Leadership Program, with up to 20 residents to be selected. Run initially online followed by a two-day workshop later in the year, this free program will enable participants to network, build their skills and pass on their knowledge to our communities.

Applications for the leadership program close on 30 June.

For more information on the project and to express an interest in the leadership program, visit:

www.regionalwellbeing.org.au/building-wellbeing-into-regional-decision-making/



COHUNA Beach

BUILDING WELLBEING INTO REGIONAL DECISION MAKING

WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOUR WELLBEING?

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Strong regional communities are built on strong wellbeing foundations.
To guide decisions that support our collective wellbeing we're working together to create a framework that reflects what's unique about Gannawarra.

Wellbeing is more than just health and wellness. It's also our jobs and income, access to services and housing, feeling safe and included and having places to connect and enjoy life.

The project is funded by the Gardiner Foundation, delivered by University of Canberra and University of Southern Queensland and supported by council and other local organisations.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS
What makes life good in Gannawarra, what could be better?

Complete this short questionnaire and share what matters most to your quality of life. Scan the QR code below or go to www.regionalwellbeing.org.au/building-wellbeing-into-regional-decision-making





IMPLEMENTING WELLBEING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30TH JUNE 2025

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We're building a diverse group of local wellbeing leaders, people who care about the future, no special background is needed.

The Implementing Wellbeing Leadership Program is a unique opportunity to develop skills in understanding and using wellbeing data in Gannawarra.

As a wellbeing leader, you'll help bring community priorities into everyday decision-making.

The project is funded by the Gardiner Foundation, delivered by University of Canberra and University of Southern Queensland and supported by council and other local organisations.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Apply to be part of the Implementing Wellbeing Leadership Program. Be part of building a better future, one that puts your community's wellbeing at the centre of decisions.

[Apply here](#)





MEASURE WELLBEING

TURN THE DIAL OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

To guide decisions that support our collective wellbeing we're working together to create a framework that reflects what's important to Gannawarra.

The Building Wellbeing into Regional Decision-Making project is helping communities like yours define, measure, and support what matters to your quality of life.

This project combines global knowledge with local wisdom to create wellbeing tools made by and for rural communities.

The Regional Wellbeing Monitoring Hub we're developing from this project will support communities across Australia.

www.regionalwellbeing.org.au/building-wellbeing-into-regional-decision-making



PAINT YOUR PET PAW-TRAITS

Monday 7th July
2 - 4pm

For 12-18 year olds

See John Gorton
Library Kerang,
Murray Valley
Way,
Kerang VIC

Have a dog, cat, fish, bird or other pet? Create a painted portrait of your beloved creature!
Provide us with a photo of your pet & Thrifty Linn Studio artists will outline your pet ready for you to make your painting paw-traits!

After the session you'll get to take your completed 18 x 28" canvas home!

Purchase a ticket for \$10 at: www.trybooking.com/DCFHO

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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
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Hall News

A fairly quiet month at the Hall, however, Yoga (Monday and Wednesday evenings), Line Dancing (Thursday afternoon) and Market morning teas are all running flat out as usual.

Next social meal/ community lunch: Wednesday, 30 July. Contact Community Care 4429 1900 to book.

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!

WINTER WARMERS JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Where The Wild Things Are!
Kerang - Tuesday 8 July
10:30 - 11:30 am



Messy Art 5+
Cohuna - Wednesday 9 July
10:30 - 11:30 am



Weaving Wonders 8+
Kerang - Thursday 10 July
2:30 - 3:30 pm



Messy Art 5+
Kerang - Tuesday 15 July
10:30 - 11:30 am



Winter Wonder Science 8+
Kerang - Thursday 17 July
2:30 - 3:30 pm



Hum and Strum

We played at Glenarm recently for our June performance. Maggie was back with us after a short break due to a mishap at home (all better now!), but we were down on numbers a bit as Robbie was unavailable, Colin and Adele are still over in the West somewhere, and I forgot to tell Angie! But, we had a terrific afternoon and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance! Ange and the crew at Glenarm gave us a cuppa, cookies and delicious jelly slice – my favourite! Next month our performance will be at Northaven on 23 July. And, before that we will be having our mid-year break during the school holidays (9 July and 16 July).

Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal and good fun. In the past month we have added some great songs to our play list. Golden oldies like 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart', 'Silvery Moon', 'Roll Out the Barrel', a couple of country tunes and a great little Cliff Richard number called 'Lucky Lips'.

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



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