

MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS PUBLICATION

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Murrabit Community News

ANZAC Day Service and Community Luncheon on 25 April was a great success with a record number attending. Our Murrabit & District Lions Club did a great job catering for the huge crowd serving over 150 meals.

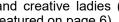








May market on 4 May was a lovely weather day. Winner of the Mother's Day hamper by Busy Bees of Murrabit was Faye Nadort of Bendigo (Faye is pictured right with Neil Hopkins). The Five Ways to Wellbeing Coffee and Create event at the Murrabit Family Hub on Friday 10 May by the Dandy Lion Studio was attended by 21 enthusiastic



back of the hall.

and creative ladies (pictures are featured on page 6). There was a great vibe in Murrabit for the National Motoring Day Federation Picnic event on the Market Site on Sunday 19 May (pictured below and next column). There was about 100 vintage cars on display. The Murrabit Recreation Reserve BBQ went down well on a chilly morning and the line up at the coffee van was

something to behold! Local band, Four to the Floor, entertained the crowd from the Lions Food Shelter at the



The community Woodfired Pizza lunch at the back of the hall finally occurred on Sunday 26 May, after being cancelled in 2023 (photos next month).

The Gannawarra 2022 Flood Exhibition is currently on display in Busy Bees of Murrabit and will be moving on after the June market. For anyone wishing to view it, opening times are on page 6.

Hopefully you made it along to the above events as they were all great opportunities to gather, chat and celebrate our little community.

June market is coming up on Saturday 1 June. If you would like to help out as a volunteer at the market, we would also love to hear from you - there are always plenty of opportunities to volunteer your time in whatever way you choose.



UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKET

SATURDAY 1 JUNE

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 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 Hall Wednesday 29 May Wednesday 26 June Bookings to NDCH Community Care (03) 4429 1900 A great way to socialise and enjoy a home-cooked twocourse meal for just \$10.

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)**.



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 MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2024

June Market - Murrabit Men's Shed
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

Murrabit (SEC)

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 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

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Murrabit Group School News

We welcome Ms Makayla Green to the school, who is teaching in Grade P-3 with Mrs Jones as well as Kath Maclean who returns as an Educational Support in grade P-3. We now have an Educational Support staff member for each classroom.

There is much excitement around the school with extra activities and hands-on learning happening everywhere. The sand and gravel were delivered for the new Gaga pit built by Swan Hill College students. Our students were quick to help smooth it out. Zeik, Darcy, Austin, and Casey made an excellent, precise border around the area. Students are adapting the rules to make the game inclusive and safe for everyone. Students planted some seeds in our school garden just before the rain. The chickens and a few other characters joined our pets of Murrabit Group School family. The students have been caring for them and giving the guinea pigs lots of cuddles! Once again, we are very fortunate to have Tobie Cameron join us to complete the grounds indigenous arts projects funded through the Gannawarra Shire Council flood recovery grant. Tobie has been designing, teaching, and creating with all the students. They are designing aboriginal art to share the story in honour of Bill Sheldrick who built the buddy benches as his last project before he passed away.

We are very proud of all the eleven students who participated in the Mallee cross country for their effort, persistence, and sportsmanship. Congratulations, Eve, Darcy and Xavier on getting through to the regionals. Thank you to all the families that helped raise funds for our Jump Rope For Heart Jump off. A project/fundraiser the Student Representative Council decided to support.

















Murrabit Hall

Congratulations to our local Anzac Day committee and Lions Club who organise the ANZAC Day service and the beautiful lunch. It was a great success. The National Motoring Heritage Day picnic at the

market site on 19 May saw a really good crowd enjoying excellent music, fine barbequed tucker and the chance to look over more than 100 beautiful cars.

Then there was the Woodfired Pizza Community Lunch on Sunday 26 May. Another excellent afternoon.

The next community lunch is on Wednesday 29 May in the Hall. With the HumnStrummers joining in again last month there were around 20 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?

Have you heard a persistent beeping sound near the Hall kitchen door recently? Don't panic - you're not hearing things! The accessible Defib machine at the door is sending a low battery signal. A service call with the Shire was logged over a month ago and we are waiting for it to be actioned.

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

Have a great month everyone!

Murrabit & District Lions Club

Anzac Day - what a fantastic community event! The Hall was bursting at the seams! Our guest speaker Gregor McDonald shared such an amazing story with everyone, and the kids were brilliant. Dylan Maher and Zeb Hein showed great poise, maturity and respectfulness in their important roles. Thank you and congratulations fellas. Our own MGS students, our regulars from KTHS and Barham High along with a mix of students from other schools all over the country were fantastic. The kids really turn it into such a lovely community event so a big thank you to all of them, their families and their schools. Thanks to Marlene Laursen for her work in decorating the Hall and to Greg Gurnett for stepping in as our sound and music man for the service. I'd also like to say a huge, huge thank you to all of our Lions members for their amazing and selfless efforts each year to ensure that Anzac Day is a successful part of our community calendar. And thank you to the Gannawarra Shire flood recovery team for supporting our event.

Coming Up - The Junior Public Speaking competition is also coming up with the local final for our MGS students from years 3 - 6 held at our July Dinner meeting.

We are very much a local community club with our efforts focused on helping local people and groups. We'd love to have you join us!

If you are new to our district or are interested in becoming involved in Lions and helping our community, please contact membership Chairman Bill Hazen on 5457 2213 or President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.



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Murrabit Netball Club

The season is off to a great start! We ventured to Hay for round 1 and came home with 4 victories. Round 2, we played Macorna and had 4 great wins on home soil! In round 3 we travelled to Ultima, coming away with 2 wins and a draw and round 4, we hosted Wandella only dropping one game in the B grade by 1. Next is Moulamein and we are a third of a way into the season!

For socials, we commemorated Darby Stanton holding "Darby Day" with ferret races, one of Darby's favourite social events! All proceeds went to raising funds for Cure for Brain Cancer. Then we held a Flight night which was heaps of fun and laughs. Our social committee certainly provided same fabulous destinations! We also flew Bonza before cancelling all flights! Although the plane mostly run on autopilot!

Netball Goals for the season? Seniors the focus is on development of teams to be competitive within each grade of the competition. For the juniors, the goal is to create opportunities for our young and upcoming players to get plenty of court time and development and to strive to play higher grades.

Noteworthy Gains: In squad 1, we welcome A grade coach Ellie Bookham, who has returned to the Club from Lalbert. Ellie is a big believer in staying active and advocates for health and nutrition and this is evident with her stamina on court! Look out for Ellie's small business "GLOW"! We also welcome Emelia Shannahan who has joined husband and senior coach Jack. Emelia was a Lalbert girl, and we are very lucky to gain Emelia in the much-needed GA. Welcome back Steph Reeves, a talented mid court player and past coach, who had some time away to start a family. The core of the team remains reigning premiers, and so far they have not dropped a game. Lyla Morton, a talented U14's player has also debuted and certainly put on a performance taking many intercepts and earning an award!

In the B grade, we have the returning faithfuls with the likes of coach Erica Cummins, Pez Perry and Jess Bray after their premiership in 2023. We also have some upcomers Jessie Teasdale and Georgia Carse along with returning players that are still a little undecided if they want to come out of retirement! The team is still settling, but the games have been very close and competitive.

In squad 2, Murrabit has B-Reserve and an additional C grade side! So, we have a very different dynamic in age and range of players, including retired. The ever-reliable Lisa Morrow has taken on the coaching role with sister Mandie Harvey and Ria Dwyer. Lisa has been hard at work to encourage the likes of Aleisha Millard, Nicole Hein, Olivia Monk, Ez Hein, Jo Yard and Ria Dwyer. We also welcome to the Club tall GS Jordyn Donovan who is a Barham girl and is loving her first few matches at Murrabit. Numbers have declined which has opened up the opportunity to elevate juniors. This year our rising stars include Georgia, Lyla and Alexis. They are committed to establish permeance in senior grades and so far, show a lot of talent. We know they will grow over the season with opportunities in the higher grades!

In the juniors, we are blessed to have newly appointed Georgia Andew-Mills coach U17's. This is Georgia's first coaching role at Murrabit, and we look forward to seeing the girls prosper under her guidance.

We also welcome new recruit Bainli who has made the move from Wandella. Bainli likes to play defence and has fit into the team well. She is loving her time with Murrabit, and the girls have strung a couple of wins which is great! This year U14's has joint coaches - Nicole Henry and Lauren Morrow.

Combined experience is sure to increase the skills and development of our talented juniors. The reigning premiers just seem to be getting stronger with the inclusion of Frankie Bray, Imogen Collier and Georgia Danson.

Ang Morton continues as F-Troop coach, providing fun opportunities to develop U12's with a focus on skills and decision making. Lots of potential in these girls in years to come.

Big thanks to Ez Hein who will be running Net Set Go this term.

President, Jenny Nethercote

We are in great hands at Murrabit GO BLUES!



Murrabit Football Club

Our kids are doing a mighty job in both netball and football and they are supported by excellent coaches and support people who are encouraging them to play sport in the right way. Healthy sporting clubs which help

young people develop excellent skills and attitudes are just so important. We'd like everyone in our local area to have the chance to be a member of our club. We have a Social membership - \$80, Pensioner member - \$40 (these both give you free entry to all home games) and a limited Member - \$50 (which gives you entry to 2 home matches of your choice).

Would you be interested in becoming a member of our club, the Murrabit Football Netball Club? Give Neil Hopkins, our membership person, a call on 0490 830 641.

Hum n Strum Music

Sadly our May performance at Northaven didn't go ahead due to good old Covid. But we had a terrific day at Murrabit instead – and topped it off with Marg's beautiful jelly slice as part of afternoon tea. It's worth popping along just for afternoon tea - our Strummers certainly are talented!

We'll be playing at Murrayhaven in June and there's no doubt it's one of our favourite spots to visit.

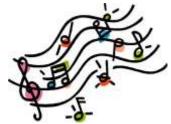
Our regular Wednesday meetings are great fun. They're very informal, you don't need to play an instrument, you just have to like music! So if you'd like to pop in every now and then and maybe sing along, we'd love you to join us!. Songs by Creedence, the Everly Brothers and a couple of lovely old crooners, *Blue Moon* and *Summertime* are some of the recent additions to our play list of over 140 songs. And there's something for everyone.

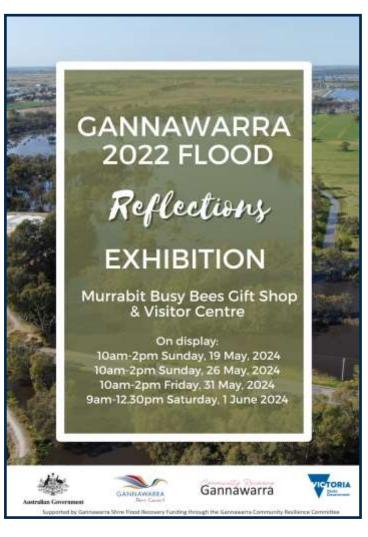
We were delighted to welcome Marg Burdon to the group in May. It's always great to have new people join in. We meet at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2- 4pm (although we often start earlier and finish later)

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

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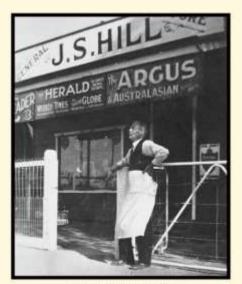
Murrabit Family Hub News

21 ladies attended a lovely 5 Ways to Wellbeing pot painting workshop tonight at Murrabit. Thank you to Felicity and Eden from The Dandy Lion Studio for supporting our creativity while we chatted and enjoyed time together. Thank you also to Murrabit Playgroup Inc for hosting and to Northern District Community Health and Gannawarra Shire Council for funding this wonderful event.









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100th Anniversary Murrabit Township

1924 - 2024

Saturday, 5 October 2024 Murrabit Market

Featuring photographic displays on early history of Murrabit

Sunday, 6 October 2024

9am - IOam Registration

Busy Bees of Murrabit, Gonn Avenue

Cost: Adults \$20 Families \$50

Murrabit historical publications and merchandise for sale

Self Guided tour of Murrabit buildings Open 9am - 11.45am and 1.30pm - 3pm

Historic memorabilia on display

Murrabit Public Hall, Murrabit Recreation Reserve Complex, Murrabit Tennis Clubrooms, Former Murrabit Scout Hall, Murrabit Golf Clubrooms and Murrabit Group School

10am - Ham Morning tea

Murrabit Group School

12 noon planting of a commemorative tree

Murrabit Railway Precinct.

"In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Murrabit township and arrival of the railway in 1924."

Ipm Lunch at Murrabit Hall

Followed by speeches, cake cutting, music, recognition of oldest returning resident, photo gallery and displays, and vintage car displays

Pre-event ticket purchases encouraged

Neil Hopkins: 0490 830 641 Narelle O'Donoghue: 0427 834 367 murrabitheritage@gmail.com



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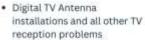
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Murrabit Township's 100th

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

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

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

Flyer for the event is available from www.murrabit.com.au/murr-a-bit-a-news

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