

MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS PUBLICATION

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Murrabit Community News

Coming up quickly is the centenary celebrations at Murrabit on 5-6 October. This event celebrates 100 years since the Murrabit Township was established, 100 years since the British Migrant Settlers arrived to take up land across the district, and 100 years since the official opening of the Kerang-Murrabit Railway. Flyer with details are in this newsletter.

This is a significant event for our little community with lots of people coming back to Murrabit to help celebrate. Saturday is Murrabit Market day and the main event will be held on the Sunday with buildings around town being opened on the day, a commemorative tree to be planted and a lunch, celebrations and lots of displays at the hall. Please book tickets so that we know roughly how many we are catering for.

Thank you for everyone who helped to get the town cleaned up by coming along to the community working bee held recently, and also a huge thank you to those who continue to work quietly behind the scenes keeping our town looking neat and tidy for everyone to enjoy.



UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKET SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

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, email murrabit1@bigpond.com or Phone 5457 2205.

Thank you Gaby

Gaby Hogg has filled the role of Acting Principal of our Murrabit Group School wonderfully for the past 3 years. Her time at Murrabit Group School comes to an end this week. Gaby stepped very willingly into the role at a time of change and challenge and has done a wonderful job in leading the school. She has worked tirelessly for the advancement of the school - the grounds look amazing and are a credit to her attitude to make things better for our kids. Her willingness to make the students aware of the importance of community and of the value of showing gratitude and kindness and of striving to do your best are reflected in the positive, friendly atmosphere that is so obvious when you walk into the school. It has been a pleasure to walk in the door and is a great credit to Gaby and the lovely staff group that she has had working with her. On behalf of the Murrabit community, we greatly appreciate all that you have done for our school Gaby and we say thank you and good luck for the future.

Happy Birthday John Danson

Happy birthday to John 'Snow' Danson. John turned 80 on 17 September – John is a well known identity around Murrabit and the whole community sends their best wishes for a wonderful year ahead. Love form all your family and friends at Murrabit Johnny!



Murrabit 100 Years Celebration

A reminder that the 100th Anniversary of the Murrabit Township is being celebrated on 5-6 October.

See Flyer for details.

It would be appreciated if tickets for the Sunday event could be pre-booked so that we have an idea of how many we are catering for.

Tickets can be booked online here:

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1191719

Murrabit Group School cookbook orders close 18 October. \$30. Order here:

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1293329

Netball News

What a huge finals campaign for the Murrabit Netball Club and all members and supporters. All six netball teams made finals, and four teams reached the Grand Final at Hay on 7 September. What an achievement! Big effort from C grade and A grade who both put up a fight - just missing out.

PREMIERSHIP PHOTOS

Congratulations U14 Premiers. Woohoo – back-to-back. Thanks to coaches Nicole Henry and Lauren Morrow for a fantastic season.

Pictured below: U14 Premiers – Murrabit 57 defeated Hay 47 and B Grade Premiers – Murrabit 67 defeated Ultima 27





Well done to B Grade who also went back-to-back! Murrabit broke away from the start with many changes that worked so well for Murrabit to gain a huge lead. Congratulations to coach/player Erica Cummins.

Golden Rivers Netball League and Murrabit Netball Club awards & winners will follow in the October edition.

Thanks for a wonderful 2024 season. As President, I am elated with all teams reaching finals and two back-back Premierships! We have many fantastic volunteers that ensure we all get the best out of the season.

President - Jenny Nethercote

UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKETS

Saturday 5 October 2024
(combined with 100th Anniversary of Murrabit)
Saturday 2 November 2024
(47th Anniversary of the Market)
Saturday 7 December 2024
(Christmas Market)
Online stall bookings and further information:
www.murrabit.com.au/market
or phone 5457 2205

Murrabit Hall

On 10-11 September an Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management training workshop was held in the hall. We would like to again thank the Kerang Neighbourhood House for their generous donation of a generator, 2-inch pump and 6 emergency kits to the Hall to be used by our community in times of need. A demonstration of the equipment was included in the workshop days.

The Barcom Scouting group used the Hall as their base from 13-22 September. The group have been coming to Murrabit and using the Hall for a number of years now. They run a fantastic adventure program on the Murray River for Scouts; building watercraft and paddling them from Murrabit away up past Swan Hill.

We gave the Hall interior a good going over (plenty of dust and cobwebs about) as well as weeding and tidying the garden beds at the **community working bee**. Thank you to all who came along to help out.

The next community lunch is on Wed 25 September in the Hall. It is a great chance to catch up, or to meet some new people, in a very friendly atmosphere. With a delicious 2-course feed thrown in for just \$10 - last month it was delicious roast pork - why not think about coming along?

The Hall will have a central role in the 100 years celebrations coming up 5-6 October (Sat & Sun). The Hall will be the site for a wide range of displays of photos and memorabilia covering lots of important and interesting events from the past 100 years. And we will have lunch at the rear of the Hall on the Sunday. It promises to be a fantastic event. You don't want to miss it so book your tickets!

If you're a bit arty or creative this might be for you! Kerang Neighbourhood House are running a **Small Weaving session** at the Hall on Sunday 3 November. If you're interested contact 4403 6640.

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!





Jack Hill's Store



Auction of Murrabit township blocks, 24 May 1924



Propaganda recruiting to the British Empire Migration Program, 1924

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 - 10am Registration

Busy Bees of Murrabit, Gonn Avenue

Cost: Adults \$10 Families \$25

Murrabit historical publications and merchandise for sale

Self Guided tour of historic Murrabit buildings Open 9am - 11.45am

Historic memorabilia on display - map available on registration

10am - Ham Morning tea

Murrabit Group School

12 noon planting of a commemorative tree

Murrabit Railway Precinct

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 murrabitheritage@gmail.com



Official opening of Kerang - Gonn Crossing (Murrabit) Railway, 20 December 1924 (Don Potts)



https://www.trybooking com/CPUXJ











Supported by Gannawarra Shire Flood Recovery Funding through the Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee

MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2024/25

October - Murrabit Tennis Club November - Murrabit Fire Brigade December - Murrabit Tennis Club January - Murrabit Tennis Club February - Murrabit Playgroup March - Murrabit Fire Brigade April - Murrabit Men's Shed

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



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 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 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.

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.



Men's Shed is held 1:30pm to 4pm Sundays or join us for a cuppa and chat at 3pm Next Community Lunch - Sunday 29 September 12noon-1:30pm. All welcome

The Men's Shed successfully applied for a Gannawarra Shire Council Community Grant to re-do the Murrabit Community Garden after it was flooded on Christmas Day 2023. The garden site has now been cleared ready to be re-designed. If you would like to be involved in helping with the community garden project, please come along to the shed on a Sunday. The Men's Shed also has funding for social gatherings from October to December and these special activities are advertised in this newsletter on page 6.

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 October. A market stall will also be held at the October market. We love having new people join us for any activities. Membership fees are now due for the 2024/25 year. Memberships 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
Deadline for articles for upcoming edition is

TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2024

Information can be emailed to murrabit1@bigpond.com, delivered or posted through our door.

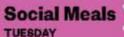
Community interest info is free.

Advertise from \$10.



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 twocourse meal for just \$10.



1OCTOBER

Quambatook

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER Koondrook

TUESDAY **8 OCTOBER** Lake Charm

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER

Leitchville

FRIDAY **18 OCTOBER**

Cohuna

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

Lalbert

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

Kerang

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

Macorna

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

Murrabit

BOOKINGS REQUIRED: NDCH Community Care 4429 1900

Cost \$10

THURSDAY **3OCTOBER** Leitchville Movie & Meal FREE EVENT 12 NOON

Lettohville Memorial Hall

BOOKINGS: Gannawarra Library Service 5452 1546 or Ibrary@gls.vic.gov.au





WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER

Seniors' Creekside Lunch

FREEEVENT 12 NOON **BOOKINGS REQUIRED:** Cohuna Neighbourhood House 5456 4666 or hello@cnlv.org.a



Contilled in accordance with varia Shire Council Government Rules

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER Tri-a Trishaw



10.00AM-2.00PM Victoria Square, Kerang

OONTACT: Cycling Without Age Angela Hird 0428 532 583 or owakerang@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER



FREE EVENT 10:30 AM

BOOKINGS REQUIRED: Gannawarra Library Service 5452 1546 or library@glavic.gov.au

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER Singalong with the **Gay Charmers**

2.00PM Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

Gannawarra Library Service 5452 1546 or library@gis.vic.gov.au

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

Quambatook Silo Cinema

ENQUIRIES:

Info@quambatookallocinema.com.au

EIGHT DAYS OF FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

As a Victorian Seniors Card holder, you can explore Victoria with free Festival travel from Sunday 6 October to Sunday 13 October 2024

TO SEE A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS **ACROSS VICTORIA VISIT** https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival FREE BUS TRANSPORT AVAILABLE from Leitchville, Cohuna, Koondrook and Murrabit. Pick up times and locations will be confirmed prior to event.



Victorian Seniors **Festival**

Murrabit Football Netball Club

The Murrabit Football Netball Club inducted 2 new Life Members at their Presentation night on 13 September. This is considered a real honour and everyone at our club congratulates Cameron Coulter and Brent McKnight on this wonderful achievement.

CAMERON COULTER #26

Cameron is often referred to as the hardest working person at the club.

Throughout his 319 club games, he was a fearless team man. He was a key part of two Senior Premierships in 2005 and 2007 wearing the famous #26 on his back.

Cam was elected President of the club in 2018 and would continue this tenure for another 3 years during the very difficult Covid-19 years.

Cam arrives early to training, lights the fires, cleans up around the place, is our go to person if something goes wrong - If something doesn't work.... Where's Cam? His most recent role has been taking on the role of Head

Trainer, upskilling himself taking the and lead TOUR OW! managing the resources and keeping players on the field. Here for the first game of the day, and often the last to leave.

Nothing is too difficult for this bloke. Always a big smile for everyone. Cam has made the club

better. He has been a great player, leader and confidante to so many around the club. Cam handled all this, and more, very comfortably, never complains just gets on with the job.

BRENT JAMES 'TICKY' McKNIGHT - #35

Brent truly reflects the ethos of what a Life Member is. As an Executive, Committee Member, Player, Sponsor and Parent we aim to

acknowledge the magnificent service and everlasting improvement to our club for close to 40 years with Life Membership.

Brent's playing days commenced with the Under 14s in 1985 and as a player he would amass over 345 Senior club games throughout his career including multiple premierships, captaincies and coaching and selection roles. He was elected President in 2007 where he and Senior Coach, Josh Bray lead the club to its 3rd premiership within an 8 year period. Brent would continue as President for 2008 and 2009 and would again step in as President in 2013. Brent continued to play when until 2022 often juggling other matchday roles within the club. Brent was Umpire, Coach for our U17.5s and transitioned into the Junior Football Manager to ensure the future of our club was entrusted into good hands. This would see a diversity of roles, Auskick Coordinator, umpire and has most recently progressed into trainer.

One of Brent's greatest achievements has been the commencement and continuous management of our major fundraiser, The Murrabit Cod Challenge. Brent has been the driving force behind the inception and management of the competition since its beginning.

Brent is an excellent motivator and encourages others to help volunteer their time to the club. Brent fulfills the true notion of a leader. He empowers people to think about their own contributions and sets the precedent. He has been a great player, leader and ambassador to our club over many years.





Murrabit Lions Update

A delicious meal was provided by the Koondrook Tennis Club for the Murrabit &

District Lions Club August dinner

meeting. Kerry Sterling was the guest speaker at our meeting and spoke about palliative care services provided in the area (pictured right with President Neil).



Our Club also handed over annual donations at this meeting. Over \$13,000 was handed out to organisations such as the Murrabit Group School, Tennis Club, Men's Shed, Golf Club, Hall Committee and Playgroup. Donations were also made to Murray Haven, Kerang District Health, Koondrook RSL &



Kerang Girl Guides.

Left to right: Gaby Hogg (Murrabit Group School), Angela Morton (Murrabit Tennis Club), Stephen O'Donoghue (Murrabit Men's Shed), Jeanette Coulter (Murrabit Hall Committee), Olivia Monk (Murrabit Playgroup), Diane

Waller (Murrabit Golf Club), Neil Hopkins (President, Murrabit & District Lions Club).

The donation to Murray Haven presented by Treasurer Pattie McDonald (pictured right), was greatly appreciated and will go towards improving the gardens in the Niemur St area.



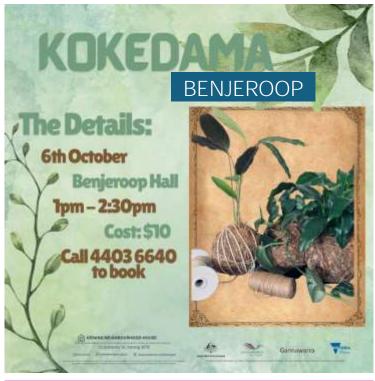
We have the 100 years of Murrabit township celebrations coming up on October 5 & 6 (Saturday and Sunday). It should be an amazing event, so you don't want to miss it! The Lions Club are catering for the lunch on the Sunday. It could be a very big job and if you think that you might like to help out, give us a call – you don't have to be in Lions and we're always pleased to have new people join us, even just for a day.

We spent our morning at the town working bee last Sunday sprucing up around the cenotaph and commemorative area. It's an important and central feature of our town, so thank you to those Lions who were able to be there – the whole area looks fantastic!

We have quite a few away on various trips at present – a few travelling down the Great Ocean Road, some away hoping to strike it rich working over the goldfields, some chasing golf balls and others off trying to keep up with grandkids and relatives. Also all the best to some of our crew who are not in the best of health at the moment. Look forward to seeing you up and about and giving us the benefit of your smiling faces again soon!

We are very much a local community club with our efforts focused on helping local people and groups. We would 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.





Hum n Strum Music

We had a return visit to perform at Glenarm in Kerang this month. We love to play for the residents at each of the retirement homes in our district; they are always so joyful and appreciative of the time, effort and enjoyment we give. John Ficken and Michael Lahy are really hitting their straps lately and keeping everyone entertained with their oneliners and funny yarns-some of them even contain a little bit of truth!

We have a big performance coming up next month! We're playing at the Cohuna Town Hall (expecting a monster crowd!) on 11 October.

This month we have added more new songs, including Chattanooga Choo Choo and the beautiful song Unchained *Melody*. But with over 150 songs in our repertoire now, you can be sure that we've got plenty of great tunes for everyone. Our regular Wednesday sessions are very informal with plenty of laughs and a very nice afternoon tea. 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!.

We meet at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2- 4pm (although we often start earlier and finish later). We have 15 in our group and guitars, ukuleles, banjo (occasionally), keyboard, drum, tambourines and Maggie's whistles and bells are our instruments of choice (as well as our voices). But there's room for more! 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.





UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, 27 October 2024

12 noon at the Shed - ALL WELCOME

DAY TRIP TO NYAH TRACTOR MUSEUM

Friday, 22 November 2024

Limited spaces on bus - book quickly \$10 per person Bookings to Stephen on 0418 577 238

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, 24 November 2024

12 noon at the Shed - ALL WELCOME

CHRISTMAS DAY TRIP AND LUNCH

Sunday, 8 December 2024

For members and partners

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday, 20 December 2024

6:30am - 8:30am at the Shed - ALL WELCOME

Queries and further information: Stephen O'Donoghue, Secretary Ph. 0418 577 238









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Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club

Season 2024/25

TENNIS SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

Get your names in now for Saturday afternoon pennant in the NDLTA

Divisions 1, 2 and Juniors

Season starts 19th October

WE LOVE NEW MEMBERS AND BEGINNERS ARE MOST WELCOME

Hot Shots Junior Coaching and Tennis 4 Teens

Begins 24th October for 8 weeks

Please let Ang know by 30th September to be entered in a team

Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club

Enquires to
MURRABIT LAWN TENNIS CLUB
P.O. Box 33, Murrabit, Vic. 3579

Email- murrabitlawntennisclub@gmail.com.au or Ph: 0408 313 257

www.tennis.com.ptc/murrabit



Thursday night training and social hit to begin on the 10th October

All welcome to come along on Thursday nights for a casual hit and BBQ tea



