



# MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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### Murrabit Community News

As we plan to 'spring' into Spring, and hopefully some good weather, we wish our football and netball teams competing in the Grand Final all the best. Unfortunately, the Grand Final (at Macorna) clashes with our September Murrabit Market on 6 September so it will be a busy day for us all. Give us a call if you don't already have a volunteer job and available to lend a hand. Locals are also 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](http://www.murrabit.com.au/market) or phone: 5457 2205.

Some great events are being planned for October including a visit from the Veterans Club of Victoria on 17 October and Hall Stories Theatre Production on 23 October. Please mark these dates in your diaries and support these great events.



### UPCOMING MURRABIT MARKET SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2025

Variety of market stalls. Live music by Noel Pearson.

Country market food by our local community groups.

Stall bookings to [www.murrabit.com.au/market](http://www.murrabit.com.au/market)

### Hall Stories Theatre Production by Damian Callinan 22 & 23 October 2025

A fantastic community event is planned for Thursday, 23 October. *Hall Stories* with Damien Callinan promises to be an entertaining evening full of jokes, humour and wonderful local stories based on the many years of events and incidents that have happened in and around our Hall and about the people (and animals) that have been there. Stories are being collected in the lead up to the big night - if you have a story to share - please contact Faye Morton 0427 508 795 or come along to talk to Damian at the hall the night prior to the main event, when a meet and greet evening will be held.



### Help needed

The Veterans Car Club of Victoria will be in our area on **Friday 17 October 2025** and have asked the Murrabit Lions Club to cater for a morning tea.

Vintage vehicles will be parked on the Murrabit Market site from 9:30am to approx. 11:00am. Around 200 people are expected at 9:45am. As a community event, the Lions Club is seeking assistance.

**Would you be able to donate cakes, slices or sandwiches, and/or help to serve and clean up?**

If you are able to assist, please contact Pattie McDonald, Murrabit Lions Club, on 0427 570 295, by 5 September.

*Your assistance would be greatly appreciated to make this event a success.*

### Murrabit Crafty & Chatty Club

If you enjoy crafting, or just looking for a friendly group to join, come along to Crafty and Chatty Club. Gold coin donation (includes morning tea). Every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading). It's a warm and cosy venue - ideal for crafting and chatting! Everyone welcome. Bring along a project or just come for a chat.



## Murrabit & District Lions

The local Lions Junior Public Speaking final was held at the Murrabit Golf Club on Tuesday, 29 July. There were two groups. Huey Hein and Keira McNeil in the Year 3/4 group and Pippy Morton, Xavier Hein and Myrtle Pappin in the Year 5/6 group. All the

participants were great and had researched their topics and rehearsed their speeches well. It would have been very daunting for these young people to stand up in front of strangers and give their speeches.

The winner of the Year 3/4 group was Huey Hein and Pippy Morton took the prize for the Year 5/6 group. Huey Hein represented our Lions Club in the Regional finals in the Year 3/4 group, but unfortunately, both Pippy and runner-up Xavier were unavailable to represent our club in the Year 5/6 group, so Myrtle attended and was fortunate to be awarded runner-up in this section.

Congratulations to Myrtle for her achievement.

We thank Principal Greg Adams and judges Jan McClure and Kylie Leahy for their time and guidance of our participants.



***Pictured above: Murrabit Group School students with Lions Junior Public Speaking judges, Jan McClure and Kylie Leahy, along with Lions President, Neil Hopkins and School Principal, Greg Adams.***

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 focussed on helping local people and groups.

This year, we were able to donate over \$10,000, with local organisations such as the Group School, Hall Committee, Men's Shed, Playgroup, Tennis Club and Golf Club benefiting.

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.



## School News

Term 3 has been busy and it promises to get busier as we cram lots into a nine week term! So far we celebrated the Preps students first 100 days of school, which was special for Sally Gurnett, Eli Wilesmith and Dylan Long. The other students in their grade, as well as the teachers, helped celebrate by dressing up for the occasion – as if they were 100 years old!!

The Grade 5-6 students are participating in the Aspire Program delivered by Murray Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network (MMLLEN). This is a program for upper primary school students. The aim is to inspire students with future career possibilities and in turn, increase their motivation to engage in learning.

Our Grade 3-6 students recently participated in the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. This was a three tiered competition, occurring at school level, club level and district level. Our students did a wonderful job in preparing their speeches, practising them, and presenting them in front of an audience. The competition was very close as was shown by the fact that the winners changed at each competition. At school level the winners were - Grade 5/6 – 1st – Myrtle Pappin 2nd – Pippy Morton 3rd Emily Murray 4th Xavier Hein; Grade 3/4 1st – Kiera McNeil 2nd – Lenny Hein 3rd Huey Hein. From this competition Myrtle, Pippy, Xavier, Kiera and Huey represented the school at the Murrabit Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. Results were: Grade 5/6: 1st Pippy Morton, 2nd Xavier Hein, 3rd Myrtle Pappin. Grade 3/4: 1st Huey Hein, 2nd Kiera McNeil. From this, Myrtle and Huey represented the school and Murrabit Lions Club at District Competition in Cohuna where Myrtle came second. A wonderful effort by all students.

The whole school was involved in athletics training to prepare for the Cluster Athletic Sports held on 19 August, the Murrabit Group School Athletic Sports on 20 August and follow up days of Kerang Zone Trials and Mallee Zone Aths. It was an exciting time with lots of running, jumping and throwing!

Recently we had two students, Pippy Morton and Emily Murray, attend a 9 day adventure camp to Somers Camp. The girls said, "they had a great time because they got to meet a lot of new people and the activities were fun."

Recently, we have also been part of Bullying No Way Week and the students have discussed actions that make our school a safe school, including



Be Bold, Be Kind, Speak Up. Part of the activities was to make posters around the theme. Congratulations to Xavier Hein, Lenny Hein, Rumi Hein, Jackson Lavey and Dylan Long who were our winners in the poster competition.

Finally, we congratulate Xavier Hein who participated in the Kerang District Football Team that won the Mallee Zone Carnival, beating St Mary's Swan Hill by one point in the final. A wonderful effort. Xavier then played in the Regional Competition against teams from as far away as Bendigo and Mildura and acquitted himself very well, although the team did not progress any further.

**Greg Adams**  
Principal



## Murrabit Playgroup News

Our little playgroup continues to grow to six little children attending with their big people. The sunny weather on each playgroup day has meant that we have been able to be outdoors playing and chatting in the sun. The children have keenly watched their snap peas grow in little hothouses for the community garden and these have now been planted (see photos bottom right). Thanks to Faye, Sharon and Narelle for helping out with the planting. We welcomed another new family in August, Charlotte and her mum Beth. We love having new families join us. If you are a family with under school aged children, please come along. It's a great way to meet others and for children to play and learn together in a safe environment.

Big people are welcome to drop in anytime for a chat. Jeanette brings the school library to playgroup on the first Monday of the month. The August book was "If Elephants wore Trousers" by Henriette Barkow.

*If Elephants wore Trousers, does you know what they'd wear?*

*Would they be fluffy and pink, like my big sister's pair.  
Or would they be velvety brown, like the fur of a bear.  
Would they be rainbow-speckled like the clowns' at the fair.*

*Or would they be dappled and green like the skin of a pear?*

*If elephants wore trousers, do you know what they'd wear?*

*I don't, But just imagine how we'd all stop and stare!*

Gold coin donation includes a cuppa and morning tea. President of Murrabit Playgroup is Nathan Hocking and Secretary/Treasurer Olivia O'Donoghue. Email: murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com

**Upcoming playgroup sessions:** Monday 1 September Monday 15 September and 29 September, 9:30am to 11am, Murrabit Family Hub (opposite Murrabit Trading).

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## 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).



## 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.*

## Hum and Strum

Our August performance was at the WD Thomas Day Centre in Kerang. Still have a few missing, but we made some pretty good music and all had a terrific afternoon and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Maggie's red, red robin threatened to steal the show with its tuneful singing while Marg Burden, our lead tambourinist, got so excited and banged away so vigorously during one song that bits of tambourine went flying off in all directions!! No worries though, as she was able to perform some on-the-spot repairs in time to thump out a beat in the very next song! The gang at the Day Centre treated us to delicious cakes, slice and a cuppa afterwards which was very welcome.

Wonderful to welcome Colleen Lahy back and we have been delighted to welcome Lyn Sheldrick, another Barham girl with a very sweet voice to HumnStrum. We have also added a couple more new songs, including the Kenny Rogers classic *The Gambler* to our play list, which now has over 160 songs and something for everyone.

Our regular Wednesday meetings are very informal and good fun and 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.



## Hall News

**Don't miss this one!!** The Hall will be hosting a fantastic community event on Thursday, 23 October. *Hall Stories* with Damien Callinan promises to be an entertaining evening full of jokes, humour and wonderful local stories based on the many years of events and incidents that have happened in and around our Hall. I know that you'll love to be involved. Stories are being collected in the lead up to the big night - if you have a story to share - please contact Faye Morton 0427 508 795 or come along to talk to Damian at the hall the night prior to the main event, when a meet and greet evening will be held. See flyer on the next page. Tickets can be purchased online, at Council's customer service office in Kerang or locally at Busy Bees of Murrabit on a market morning.

The hall has been busy with Yoga (Mon & Wed evenings), Line Dancing (Thurs arvo) and Market morning teas are all running flat out as usual.

The next social meal/community lunch is Wednesday, 24 September. Michael, the head cook, has asked that people please book in if they are coming. Last month we had quite a few extras come along, and while it's lovely to see everyone there, it did put a strain on the food supplies for that meal! 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!**



## 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](http://www.murrabit.com.au/murra-bit-a-news)

Deadline for articles for the next edition is:

**THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025.**

Information can be emailed to [murrabit1@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

## MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2025

September Market - Murrabit Men's Shed

October Market - Murrabit Tennis Club

November Market - Murrabit Fire Brigade

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## Murrabit Heritage Group

Unfortunately, our trip to the Bael Bael Homestead was again postponed due to bad weather. New date for tag along tour to Lake Bael Bael Homestead (between Kerang and Swan Hill) is **Monday, 8 September**, leaving Murrabit at 10am. The homestead dates from the 1870s and is heritage listed. Bael Bael Homestead is of architectural significance for its drop log construction. Although this was a common form of construction, very few good examples remain. The house is also of interest for the plan of the house particularly in regard to the unusual width of the central hall. If you would like to join us, email: [murrabitheritage@gmail.com](mailto:murrabitheritage@gmail.com) or phone Neil Hopkins, (President) 0490 830 641. The trip is weather permitted and we will take along a picnic morning tea.



Next heritage meeting: Monday 15 September commencing at 7:30pm at the Murrabit Market Office, Gonn Avenue. All Welcome. Lovely supper included!

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Contact: Stephen O'Donoghue, Secretary 0418 577 238.

Email: [murrabitmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:murrabitmensshed@gmail.com). Facebook - Murrabit Men's Shed

### 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Community Open Days: Sundays 1:30 – 4pm - except public holidays**

Come along or just come for a cuppa and chat at 3pm

**Annual General Meeting 1:30pm to 3pm: Sunday 14 September**

**Community Lunch 12noon: Sunday 28 September (Terry's Sandbar)**

**Men's Breakfast (6:30am to 8:30am) @ Men's Shed: Friday 17 October**

**Christmas Lunch: Sunday 30 November**

**Murrabit Market set-ups 9am MAA Shed/Lions Park: Fridays 5 September, 3 October, 31 October, 5 December**

**Murrabit Market Stalls 8:30am to 12:30pm: 1st Saturday of each month: Saturdays 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December**

**Murrabit Market clean-ups 3pm MAA Shed/Lions Park: 6 September**



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## 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.



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