



MURRA-BIT-A-NEWS

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Community News Contributions Gratefully Accepted

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Murrabit Community News

There's plenty happening around Murrabit as we head into spring! Murrabit Playgroup continues to welcome local families, with a special Sensory Play morning planned for 28 September.

The Murrabit Country Market is on Saturday 3 October. Live music by Jimmy Johnson. Stall bookings to www.murrabit.com.au/market or phone 5457 2205.

The Murrabit Tennis Club is getting ready for another season, with Thursday night training beginning 1 October, Saturday pennant starting on 10 October and junior coaching commencing later in the month.

Congratulations to our Murrabit Group School students who have been busy with Book Week, transition programs, and athletics, with five students progressing to Regional Level athletics.

It was also a fantastic achievement for the Murrabit Netball Club, with three teams reaching the Central Murray grand finals and the Under 17s taking home the premiership.

The Murrabit Lions Club has continued its generous support of local organisations, distributing funding to five community groups at its September meeting.

And don't forget the Community Meal on Wednesday 30 September and the Men's Breakfast on Friday 16 October.

A big thank you to the volunteers who give their time and energy to make these activities and events possible. We always welcome extra hands and new faces. Every contribution helps keep our little community active, connected and welcoming. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to any of our local community groups - we would love to hear from you!



Thanks to Gannawarra Shire Council and Northern District Community Health, Murrabit Playgroup will host a Sensory Play activity these school holidays.

Monday 28 September

10am to 11:30am

Suits children aged 9 years and under.

All welcome. Morning tea provided.

Murrabit Family Hub, 45 Gonn Avenue
(opposite Murrabit Trading).



Tennis News

Tennis season is almost ready to hit-off. The Northern District Lawn Tennis Association competition is set to start a week earlier this year, with round one on 10 October. If you are keen to join the tennis club, we still have limited spots available, so get in quick. Contact Ang Morton on 0408 313 257 if you would like to play Saturday pennant competition. We have a title to defend and are looking forward to swinging the racquet.



Thursday night training will start on 1 October. All are welcome to attend. It's always a relaxed social night. Feel free to come on down to the courts for a hit, a chat, and something to eat. We have plenty of spare racquets. The bar is open, and a BBQ is usually available.

Our very popular junior coaching programs will be held each Thursday evening at 6pm. Starting on 22 October and running up until Christmas.

The Hotshots program is for ages 3 and up and teaches kids the basic tennis skills. It involves lots of fun and games and is a great opportunity to get the little ones involved.

Tennis 4 Teens is for those a bit older (adults are also welcome to join in for some coaching tips). Participants will receive coaching and have the opportunity to experience sets and competition play. Shaun Davey is in charge of the Tennis 4 Teens this year, and Sally McDonald will continue to run the Hot Shots. Thanks to our coaches and Committee members for running this program.

Happy Hitting!

Ang Morton - President



GREENSKEEPER WANTED

The Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club is looking for a reliable person to help keep our lawn tennis courts in great condition throughout the tennis season.

THE ROLE INVOLVES:



Mowing the courts 1-2 times per week during the tennis season



Lining the courts weekly



Helping ensure our courts are ready for competition and social tennis

This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys working outdoors and would like to earn some extra income while helping our local community tennis club.

Experience is not essential – guidance can be provided.



Paid position



Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club

INTERESTED?

Please contact Angela Morton for further information or to express your interest.

A small quantity of Murrabit-Gonn Bridge merchandise remains available for sale from Busy Bees of Murrabit, open 9:00am to 12:30pm Murrabit Market Days. Stubby holders \$10, Bridge mugs \$15, Framed photographs \$10, Pens \$10, Stickers \$5, Our Place on the Line - a history of the Kerang-Murrabit-Stony Crossing Railway \$15.



Great ideas in the lead up to Christmas!

Hum n Strum



If you are interested in music you might like to join Hum n Strum.

We meet each Wednesday at the Murrabit Golf Club from 2-4pm.

You don't have to play an instrument, and you are welcome to join us for a singalong or just to listen to some good music. You can come for the whole time or just a part of it.

And if you are interested in performing, we also play once a month at different spots around the district.

You're welcome to just come along or if you would like to know a bit more. Contact Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641.

Community Meal Update

Another month has gone by and it is almost time for the September Community Meal "Cooked by community for community"

We had a lovely roll-up for the August meal, with 51 meals plated up. The marinated chicken steaks were again a hit, served with mashed spuds, carrots and beans, cauliflower-au-gratin and gravy. Main course was followed by individual trifles and ice-cream. No complaints from anyone and full bellies all round!

The next Community Meal will be held on Wednesday, 30 September. With the menu expected to be corned silverside, potato mash, pumpkin mash and broccoli and white sauce. Dessert will be home stewed fruit, kindly donated by our Tresco farming friends, and served up with custard and ice-cream.

Bookings would be appreciated, by phoning Sharon on 0427 144 205

Remember we are always happy to have new volunteers - no experience necessary - just bring your smile!

Murrabit Advancement Association Inc

Next meeting will be held on **Monday, 19 October 2026** 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 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.



Line Dancing
Thursdays in Kerang & Murrabit!

Kerang Band Hall	Murrabit Public Hall
Every Thursday	Every Thursday
Morning 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Evening 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	\$8 per session
\$5 per session First session FREE!	

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
Community Meal

Wednesday, 30 September & Wednesday, 26 October 2026

Murrabit Hall 12noon
\$12 per person
Bookings essential by phoning Sharon 0427 144 205

A great way to socialise and enjoy a cooked two course meal
-Cooked by community for community-
All Welcome



Murrabit
MEN'S SHED

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, 2 October.

We are also hosting a Men's Breakfast as part of Seniors Week on Friday 16 October 2026 from 7am to 9:30am. It's great when new people join us so please feel welcome to come along at anytime.

Membership fees for the year 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**

Men's Breakfast

Friday 16 October 2026

From 7am to 9:30am

All welcome

Murrabit Men's Shed

Browning Avenue, Murrabit

Murrabit Playgroup News

September sessions have been very busy at Murrabit Playgroup with new babies and their big people coming along: Tori and Lanie, Amber and Kody and Sophie and Remi joining the bigger kids, Joshua, Billie, Charlie, Eli, Jaxson, and Jasper. At the first session Jeanette read the book Wombat by Philip Bunting. "Wombat, twobats, threebats, morebats, littlebat, middlebat, wopperbat, topbat....it's a rhyming book all about wombats!



The children made wombats from paper plates for Jeanette's story, which were very cool! (pictured below).



For the second session in September, the children made decorated biscuits to share for morning tea and the Murrabit Fire Truck came along. The boys particularly loved the truck. It was a great reminder that the weather is warming up and with lots of long grass around it's a good time to clean up around homes and make sure they are fire safe.



Everyone is welcome at Murrabit Playgroup.
Upcoming sessions:
Mondays
28 September
5 October
19 October
9:30am to 11:30am,
Murrabit Family Hub
(opposite Murrabit Trading). Gold coin donation includes a cuppa and morning tea.

Contact: Olivia 0474 707 772.
Email: murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com
Facebook: murrabitchfamilyhub



Murrabit
FAMILY HUB

Murrabit Playgroup

Play, Connect, Learn,
Make Friends, Have Fun!



All Welcome

Gold coin donation
Morning tea provided



**First and third
Monday of each month**

9:30am to 11:30am



Play, Learn, Create

Outdoor play, craft
activity, storybook



Murrabit Family Hub

45 Gonn Avenue
(opposite Murrabit Trading)

Email: murrabitplaygroup@gmail.com or phone Olivia O'Donoghue 0474 707 772



School News

Murrabit Group School was very busy towards the end of Term 3. High School Transition programs were taking place as well as our Prep Transition Program for 2027. This was all very exciting for the students involved.

The 2026 Book Week took place and we were lucky enough to have local author and Swan Hill Primary School teacher Andrew Kelly visit our school on the Monday of Book Week. Andrew has written three children's stories, Cry Hard Chucky, Laugh Hard Chucky and Good Onya Chucky. Andrew entertained the each grade with his stories, music and knowledge for an hour. On the Friday of Book Week the students had a special assembly where prizes were awarded for the Murrabit Group School Book Competition. Winners were Beau Murray, Finn Murray, Riyan Sandhu, Rumi Hein, Dusty Pappin, Jade Lavey, Emily Murray and Brax Maclean. The standard of books was fantastic. After the assembly the students and staff, who had dressed up to the theme of Myths and Legends, took part in the Kerang Book Week Parade. Everyone looked amazing, and the students enjoyed walking around the streets in their different costumes.



The final two weeks saw many of our students in Grades 3-6 compete in the Kerang Athletic Trials and the Mallee Zone Athletic Sports. Well done to all the students who reached such a high level. Congratulations to Moppy Pappin, Jade Lavey, Keira McNeil, Brax Maclean and Beau Murray who have made it through to the Regional Level in Term 4. It is a wonderful effort to have five students from such a small school making it through to the Regional Level. Good luck to them all.



Murrabit Lions

The dinner meeting held on 22 September was well attended with over 30 people coming along to enjoy a two course meal prepared by the Kerang Girl Guides. The Lions Club distributed funds to local groups on the night (see photo on page 6).

The night finished with a great presentation from Paul and Lyn Madden on their recent 17 day art and culture tour of Japan (pictured below with President Neil Hopkins).



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.

If you are new to the district or are interested in becoming involved in Lions and helping our community, please contact:

President Neil Hopkins on 0490 830 641.

Netball Grand Final Results

A big day for the Murrabit Netball Club with three teams playing in the Grand Final. Our first year in the Central Murray and we are very proud to have three teams (and five in the preliminary finals) out of 16 clubs. Under 17s had a great win, our under 15s lost by 1 goal and our amazing A graders had a huge last quarter to finish with the ball in our goal circle when the final siren blew at 55 all. Unfortunately then going down to a very strong Mallee Eagles in time-on. Congratulations to all. Pictured below is the under 17s premierships team (photo taken by Ang Morton).





Join the Murrabit Chatty & Crafty Club

When: Each Wednesday
Time: 10.00am at the
Where: Murrabit Family Hub
 45 Gonn Ave, Murrabit
Cost: Gold coin donation
Queries: (03) 5457 2205

Bring along:

- your art or craft project
- something to eat **or**
- just come along for a chat

Tea & coffee supplied

Auspiced by Murrabit Advancement Association Inc.



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 liking our **Murrabit Promotions** Facebook page



Five community groups were presented with funding from the Murrabit and District Lions Club on 22 September. Pictured with Lions President, Neil Hopkins and Treasurer, Pattie McDonald is Bernie Monaghan (Murrabit Group School), Narelle O'Donoghue (Murrabit Playgroup), Jeanette Coulter (Murrabit Hall Committee of Management), Gary Napier (Koondrook RSL), Rick McKenzie (Murrabit Golf Club). Thank you to the Lions members for their ongoing generosity.

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

Hard copies of this newsletter are available from the Murrabit Store or from the Little Book Library at the front of the Murrabit Market Office/Busy Bees

Deadline for articles for the next edition is:

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026.

Articles to be submitted in Word format (no PDFs please) and pictures/photos submitted separately.

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Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club



Season 2026/27

Get your names in now for
Saturday afternoon pennant in
the NDLTA
Divisions 1, 2 and Juniors

**Season starts
10th October**

**Please let Ang know by
26th September**
to be entered in a team

**WE LOVE NEW MEMBERS AND
BEGINNERS ARE MOST WELCOME**

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and Tennis 4 Teens*

**Begins 22nd October
for 8 weeks**



**Thursday night
training and social hit
to start on the
1st October**



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



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*See you
on court!*

Gannawarra Seniors Festival 2026

October 1- October 31

CONNECT
CREATE
CELEBRATE

● Author Talk

Meet author, Leonie Kelsall at Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library on **Thursday, 1 October** at 10.30am, morning tea provided. Bookings: (03) 5452 1546

● Leitchville Men's Shed Open Days

Drop in for a chat, tour, demonstration and morning tea on **1, 15 and 29 October** from 9am-1pm. Railway Avenue, Leitchville

● NDCH Social Support Group

Join Chronic Disease Management Nurse, Claire Gillen for NDCH's Social Support session on **Wednesday, 7 October** from 11am-1pm. 24 Fitzroy St. Bookings: (03) 4429 1900

● Singalong with the Gay Charmers

Join the Gay Charmers for a singalong at Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library on **Thursday, 8 October** at 2pm. Bookings: (03) 5452 1546 or library@gls.vic.gov.au

● Hall Stories with Damian Callinan

Enjoy an evening of comedy and reminiscing at the Leitchville Memorial Hall on **Wednesday, 14 October** from 6.30pm. Tickets are \$5 for seniors and \$10 adults, with supper provided. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/DNAAB or via Council's Customer Service Centres

● Murrabit Men's Shed Breakfast

Enjoy a free breakfast on **Friday, 16 October** from 7am-9.30am. Browning Avenue, Murrabit. Bookings: 0418 577 238

● Glasshouse Concert

Terry Carter (piano) and Maria Sims (violin) will entertain during a delightful concert occurring at The Glasshouse on **Tuesday, 20 October** from 10am. Morning tea will be provided. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/DOORW or (03) 5452 1546

● Seniors Creekside Lunch - Cohuna Pavilion

Relax beside Gunbower Creek and enjoy lunch at the Cohuna Pavilion, Cohuna Recreation Reserve on **Wednesday, 21 October** from 12 noon. Bookings: Cohuna Neighbourhood House, (03) 5456 4666 or hello@cnh.org.au

● Kerang Social Lunch

Enjoy a special social lunch at the Kerang Neighbourhood House on **Thursday, 22 October** from 12 noon

● Mindfulness Colouring

Enjoy mindfulness colouring sessions at the Cohuna Library on **Friday, 23 October** at 2.30pm and Kerang's Sir John Gorton Library on **Friday, 30 October** at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea provided. Bookings: (03) 5452 1546

● Cohuna Senior Citiz. 60th Party

Celebrate the Cohuna Senior Citizens' 60th birthday at the Cohuna Memorial Hall on **Tuesday, 27 October** at 1pm-3pm. Enjoy an afternoon tea and music from Noel Pearson. Bookings via Council's Customer Service Centres or (03) 5450 9333

● Community Meal

Enjoy a two-course meal at Murrabit Hall on **Wednesday, 28 October** at 12 noon. Bookings essential: 0427 144 205

● Trackside Connections Lunch, Kerang

Enjoy a free lunch and live music trackside at the Kerang Turf Club (Alexandra Park) on **Friday, 30 October** from 12 noon. Bookings essential: 0439 999 150

For more information phone Council's Customer Service 03 5450 9333 or visit Council's website; www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/events



Vale - Bill Steains.

01/12/1937 – 08/08.2026

Bill Steains grew up alongside the Murray River on the NSW side. He went across the river to Gonn Crossing Primary School and then on to Kerang High School. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm. After marrying Joan Cullen from Kerang, the family went into dairy farming. He was very involved in the local community of Murrabit, particularly the football club, where Bill was given a Life Membership. He played in 7 Senior Premierships, 1 Second's Premiership and played until he was 46. Bill also won 3 KDFL/GRL League Best & Fairest during his time playing in the Seconds. Bill still remains the Murrabit Football Club games record holder by a long shot, 600 plus games. He and Joan have 4 children. They sold the farm in 1986, and bought the Caloundra Caravan Park at Ocean Grove. They built it up to be a very successful Park. Bill was very involved with the Ocean Grove Football Club during his time there. He was made a Life Member of that club too. Bill will be sadly missed by his family and friends.



MURRABIT MARKET CLEAN UP ROSTER 2026

October - Murrabit Tennis Club
November - Murrabit Fire Brigade
December - Murrabit Tennis Club

Murrabit Recreation Reserve

The Vince Maher Recreation Reserve at Murrabit is managed by a state government appointed volunteer 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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Hall for Hire

The Murrabit Public 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.

Murrabit & District Heritage Group

Next meeting: **Monday, 9 November 2026 (Annual General Meeting)** at the Murrabit Market Office. All welcome. Supper provided.



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There is also another machine mounted to the right side of the door to the Murrabit Men's Shed. This one has child as well as adult pads.

Both have snake bite kits included in the cabinets.

These life saving machines are available to anyone in an emergency. In an emergency, always call Triple Zero (000)



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Advertise your business on this page for \$10 for a small ad (must be business card size or smaller. \$15 for next size up or \$30 for half page. Ads are to be submitted so that they can be copied and pasted in please.

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