

What's On March, 2026

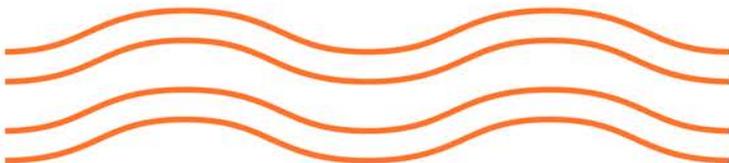


Francis and his little helper!
Sand pits are filled and the outdoor
play equipment is available for
everyone to enjoy!

The Meeting Place



MURRUMBEENA
UNITING CHURCH



From the Minister...



Andreaana attending Community Organising training, held at the United Theological College in Sydney.

Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust. The Jewish and Christian traditions share a story about the origins of human beings. It is a story of God crouching down to gather up the dust of the earth, moulding it into the shape of a person. God takes a breath, and breathes it in to the person. It is then that it comes alive, animated. It is then that it becomes a human.

And so we are a combination of dust and holy breath. That is the essence of our humanity.

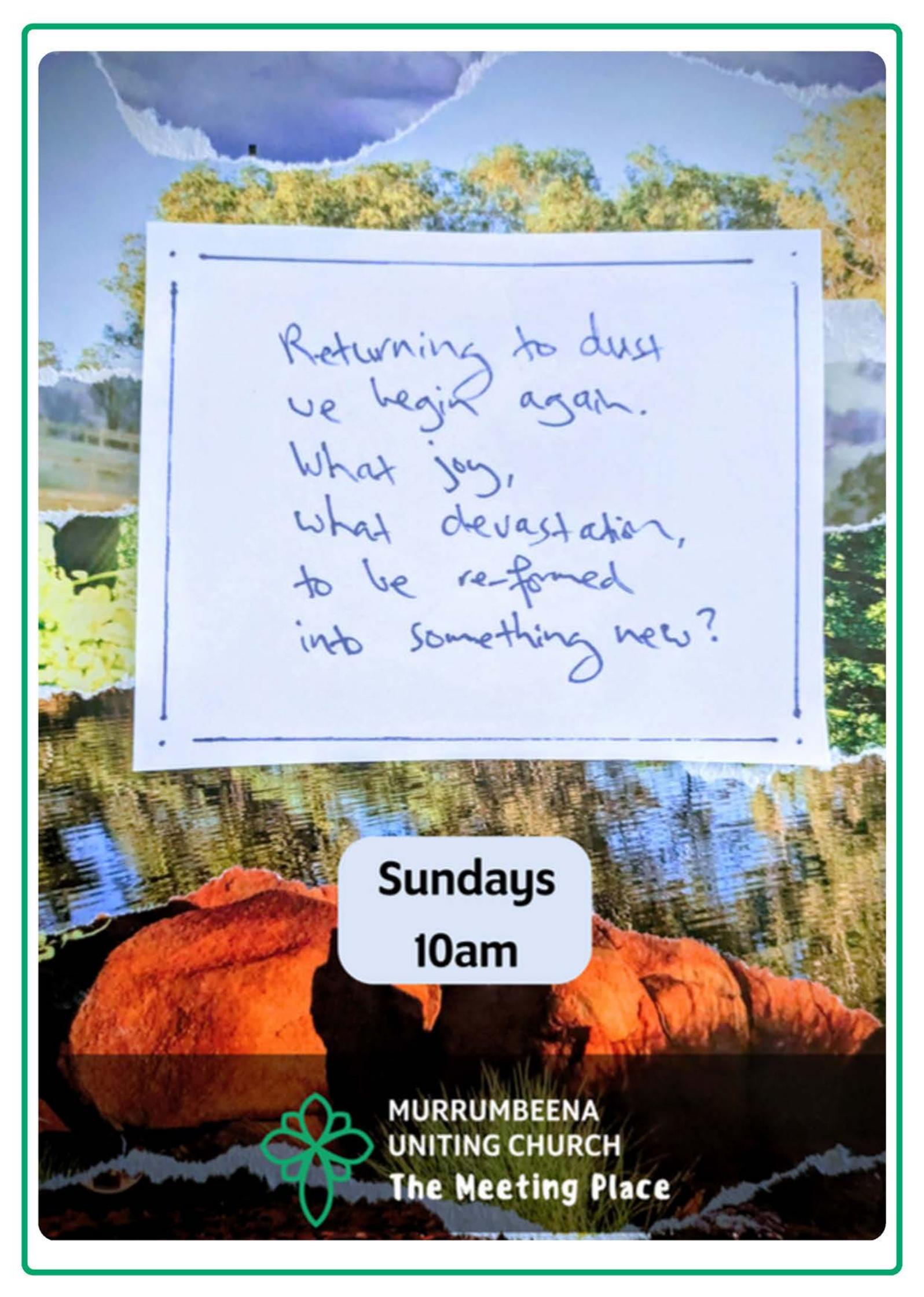
There are times when it feels like we are reduced to dust again. Broken down, a pile of old parts. Injury, illness, unemployment, retirement, divorce...there are so many ways to become dust again. We lose our shape and we don't know who we are any more. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Yet in these times there is a chance to be made new again. A chance to be moulded into a new shape. A chance to receive the breath of life, again. This is the story of humanity. It is also the story of Jesus – who was also reduced to dust, and found a new shape, newly alive.

Enjoy these dusty weeks, leading into Good Friday and Easter, as the leaves change colour and there is a whole new beauty to behold. I'm looking forward to connecting over art, a cuppa, in the garden or at Sunday morning gatherings.

With love,

Rev Andreaana Reale minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au



Returning to dust
we begin again.
What joy,
what devastation,
to be re-formed
into something new?

Sundays
10am



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Special Event in March

Call Out to Artists

Artists in Murrumbena, Carnegie, Hughesdale and people associated with The Meeting Place are invited to submit a 2D artwork based on the theme - 'Coming Together'.



Entries close 10 March.

Contact Nell - 9568 8177, connect@murrumbenauniting.org.au

Community Art Exhibition 24 Mar - 29 Mar 2026



Gallery Open

Tuesday: 12-4pm, 7-8.30pm

Wednesday: 10am-12pm

Thursday: 1-8pm

Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday: 1-5pm

Sunday: 12-4pm

Exhibition Launch

Tuesday 24th March, 7-8.30pm

Speaker: Local Artist Rosana Blacket - a sculptor who works on large scale installations. Rosanna's piece "Haven", installed in the church sanctuary, is a work of art that creates a sense of intimacy and reflection. Giving the opportunity for your brain to wander and wonder.

RSVP: connect@murrumbenauniting.org.au by Tuesday 17th March

Artist Talks

Saturday 28th March, 2-3pm

Speaker: Artist Rachel Mackay - will facilitate artist talks and explore the exhibited works in conversation with visitors and attending artists.

Afternoon tea provided following the talks.

Here at The Meeting Place

Exhibition subsidized through a Glen Eira City Council grant



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Coming Up in April

Tezhip - Turkish Art Workshop Saturday 18 April, 2-5pm

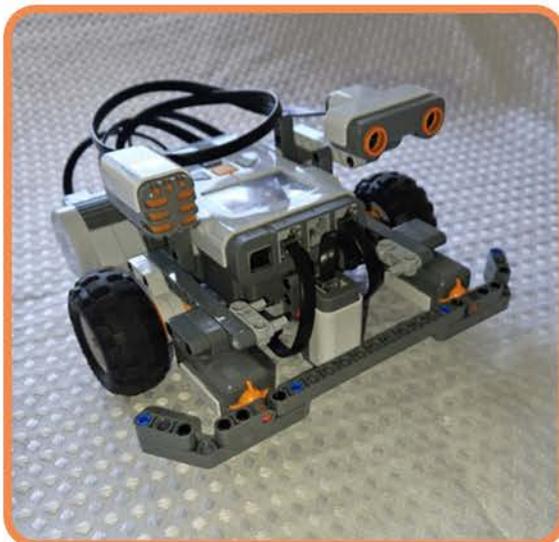
Meryem from Aker Academy Arts will be teaching a workshop on the Turkish art form of Tezhip. Learn classical motifs, gold detailing and fine brush techniques. No experience needed.

Spaces are limited so get in early. Cost \$5.

Register via connect@murrumbeenauniting.org.au.



Robotics Taster Workshop Sunday 19 April, 2-4pm



Learn how to program a robot with experienced robotics teacher Francis Witwicki. This taster session is free (just turn up!), with an option of a 5-week course to follow (\$40). No experience needed.

In the taster session you will see two demonstration robots. One robot will be using touch sensors to navigate a maze and the other will be using a light sensor to follow a line.

You will get the chance to program a robot so that it dances across the floor. Learning how to control motors shows how simple it can be. Adding the sensors, as he'll do in the course, will show how complex it can become.

Parents/guardians will be required to stay with their school age children.

Every Week at The Meeting Place

Monday

9.30am - 11.30am **Murrumbeena Playgroup**
Activities and play for parents, carers and children.
Contact: info@murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au



4.15pm - 8.15pm **Grace Gymnastics**
Rhythmic gymnastics for primary and secondary age.
Contact: grace@gracegymnastics.com.au; 0466 902 857

7.30pm - 9pm **Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA)**
Support group for healthy relationships.
Contact: Christine 0414 370 658



6.30pm - 7.30pm **Soo Bahk Do (Martial Arts)**
A defensive Martial Arts Class.
Contact: sesoobahkdo@gmail.com

7.30pm - 9pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**
Support group for alcoholism recovery.
Contact: Barry - 0407 867 515



Tuesday

2 - 3pm; 6 - 8pm **JMDdance** (group & private classes)
Social dancing - Ballroom group classes
Contact: Jarrod 0410227803 or Sadhvi 0412802660

7pm - 8pm **Dance Be In It** (group classes)
Street Latin group classes
Contact: Kieren - dancebeinit@gmail.com

Wednesday

10am - 1pm **Knitting & Craft Circle**
Knit and natter, crochet and chatter!
Contact: murrumbeenaknitting@bigpond.com



10am - 12.15pm **Mini Maestros**
Music and movement for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Contact: 9850 5566

12.15pm - 1.15pm **Wednesday Singing Group**
Fun and soulful community singing. No experience necessary. Contact: richard@richardlawton.com.au

2pm - 3pm **Line Dancing**
Easy-to-follow steps with great music and friends. No experience necessary.
Contact: modernlinedancinginc@gmail.com; 0433 076 225

Wednesday

2pm - 3pm

Creative Writing

Write and share - no experience needed! BYO pen/paper or computer. Contact: minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au

4pm - 5.30pm

AM Dance Company

Ready Set Dance program for pre-schoolers - jazz, tap, hip hop, singing, music. Contact: visit www.amdance.com.au

4.15pm - 8.15pm

Grace Gymnastics

5pm - 6pm

Twilight Gardening

Connect with others over gardening in our community gardening. Contact: murrumbeengarden@gmail.com

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Soo Bahk Do (Martial Arts)



Thursday

10.30am - 12pm

Mini Maestros

4.30pm - 7.30pm

Grace Gymnastics

Friday

9.30am - 11.30am

Murrumbeena Playgroup



10am - 11.30am

Friday Drop-in

A weekly gathering sharing conversation, great food & activities. Contact: connect@murrumbeenauniting.org.au

Saturday

9am - 12.15pm

Stonnington School of Dance

They teach expert tuition in all dance genres. Contact: office@stonnington schooldance.com.au; 0499 003 722

11.30am - 3.30pm

Grace Gymnastics

2pm - 5pm

Knitting & Craft Circle *(1st Sat. of month)*

5.30pm - 9pm

Community Meal *(last Sat. of month)*

Potluck dinner, kids corner and fun games. All welcome. Contact: 0411 169 723

Sunday

10am

Church Gathering

Gather, sing, pray, reflect. Children, LGBTIQ+ . All welcome! Contact: minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au



3pm

Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church

Mandarin-speaking congregation. Contact: Pastor Jimmy jimtian7@gmail.com

Holy Week

Good Friday

@ St Peter's Anglican Church

3 April 10am

Open-air, combined service
with our friends at St Peter's.

Gathering at
371A Neerim Rd, Carnegie

Easter Sunday

5 April 10am

Gathering Here



Sanctuary Open
Wednesday - Fridays 10am-3pm

The Sanctuary is open at the above times for you to enter, sit, pray, reflect, light a taper...There is often someone around on those days if you need a listening ear or would just like a cuppa and chat.

Group & Activity News

STEVE COOGAN

The Penguin Lessons

Based on a true story



The Big Screen - Movie Thursday 26 March

The Penguin Lessons

Doors open **1.30pm** for coffee and chat; movie starts **2pm**

Based on fact, it is a strong story with flashes of humour about an English teacher who rescues a penguin as he works at an upper-class college in troubled Argentina.

His new chum regains health and the teacher's efforts to offload it fail.

It becomes a much-loved pet, charming unruly students and focusing them on studies.

- Free event
- Comedy-drama. Rated M
- 112 minutes.

Friendship Fellas/Mens Group

Saturday 14 March

Breakfast 8am at The Servedy, 5 Royal Avenue, Glenhuntly.

Feel free to contact the office for more information or just come along.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

Saturday 28 March at 9am

The LCM LIFT Ladies' Breakfast is held every fourth Saturday of the month. The venue is Cafe Omnia in Murrumbeena (486 Neerim Rd). The topic for this month will be your favourite movie. We had a great turnout last time so let's keep the momentum going. Please speak to Nirsa if you have any questions. The church office can pass on her phone number.

Men's Group linked to the Centre for Men & Families

Friday 27 March at 7.30pm

This monthly group meets around a fire in the Murrumbeena Community Garden (behind the church). Starting with a 'check in', followed by a themed conversation. The general vibe is vulnerability, authenticity, inner work. The emphasis is on high emotional intensity, rather than just hanging out. So if this resonates, please come along.

Group & Activity News

Community Meal Saturday 28 March
5.30pm Kids corner, meal from 6pm

Held on the last Saturday of the month. Each night is different, depending on who comes along. We could have Games, Open Mic, but we always have good food and company!.

Bring some food to share for this Pot Luck Dinner!



Marriott Community Services

At Marriott Community Services, we are experienced in creating opportunities for people of all abilities to live connected and independent lives.



Our Wednesday Gardening Group (who are part of the Community Garden) will be at Southland on **18th March**, promoting our program and offering one of our handmade succulent pots for every generous donation of \$5 or more.

If you're in the area, we'd love for you to stop by and say hello! You can find us at the community spot located in front of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mini Maestros

Special, free 'Come & Try' classes for 'Teach Music Week'!

Thursday 19th March - 10:30am for 2-3 year olds.

11:20am - 12pm for 3-4 year olds.



Experience our program and see how learning music is one of the best ways to help your child prepare for kinder and school.

Bookings essential - hello@minimaestros.com.au or 9850 5566.

Lantern Workshop Pics!

What a fabulous workshop we held during Chinese Lunar New Year. Artist facilitator extraordinaire Rachel Mackay led our time together learning paper cutting and making some awesome lanterns. The community installation will be up in the foyer for a few weeks, so check it out. We were also blessed to have members of the Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church to assist and provide Chinese afternoon tea. Pastor Monica enlightened us about Chinese New Year. A wonderful afternoon!



Join us at The Meeting Place



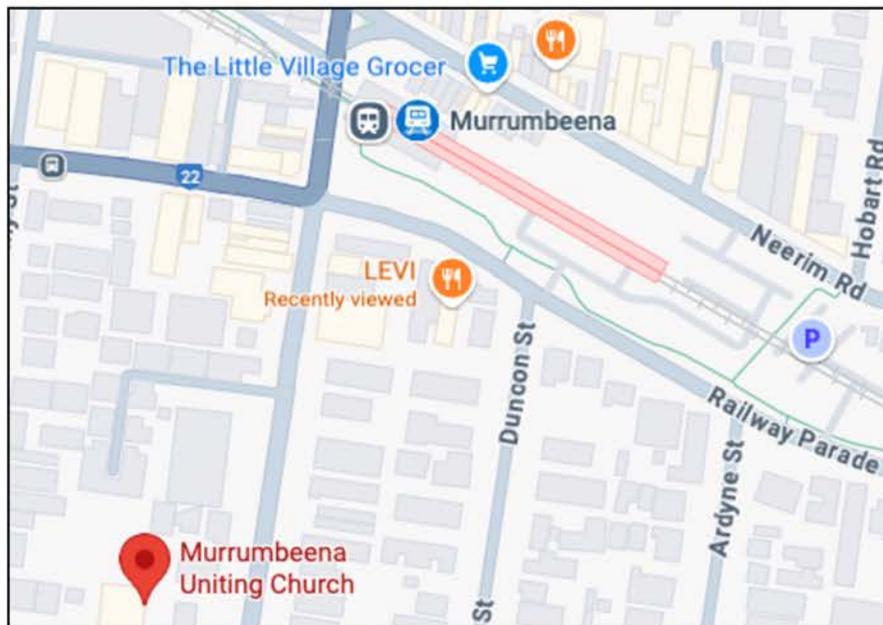
On Wurundjeri land. During March, we shift into Luk (eel) season - according to Wurundjeri seasons.

The Changing Seasons

Whatever season of life you are in we hope you can find a space to just 'Be' at the Meeting Place.



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