

What's On October, 2026



English Conversation Group

Wednesdays 1.30pm-2.30pm

Spread the word!

A fun environment to practice
speaking English.



The Meeting Place



MURRUMBEENA
UNITING CHURCH



From the Minister...

I have a friend who has the word 'grace' tattooed to her wrist. I asked her what the word meant to her, and she said it was to remind her that whatever happened, she would remain graceful. Dignified. Composed. Full of grace.

I am not always dignified or composed, and I'm not sure a tattoo would help. To me, the word 'grace' means something different. Grace is what is offered to me when I'm not dignified or composed. When I am being decidedly ungraceful.

Grace, to me, is the gift of being allowed to start again. Whatever I have done, or not done, there is a chance to start afresh. I am not, forever, bound to a story from the past, ugly as that story might have been. Before me is a clean sheet of paper, and I am invited to write something new.

Grace pulsates, gently, at the centre of all that is. I am seeing it now, in the springtime – known as poorneet if, like us, you're on Wurundjeri land. Spring, or poorneet, is the time of tadpoles being born, of daffodils popping up overnight, of bare branches miraculously veiled in green. It's a new story, beginning now, as it does every year. We get to begin again.

With love,
Rev Andreana Reale minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au



In the spring

we start anew

Sundays 10am



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Save the Dates

Meet the Candidates Forum



**Thursday 19 November
7.15pm - 8.45pm**

In the lead up to the Victorian State Election we plan to invite all the candidates for the seat of Oakleigh to a community forum. This will offer an opportunity for people to hear firsthand what each candidate stands for and to raise any particular issues or concerns you may have. Democracy in action...make your vote count, be informed when you head to the ballot box.

A Starry Night

**Friday 27 November, 2026
5.00pm - 8.00pm**

is back in 2026 featuring all the elements you've come to know and enjoy:

- Kids craft
- Food Vans
- Music
- Face Painting
- Dress Ups
- Petting Zoo
- Reflective space
- Christmas cheer



Both events held here at 117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena

Community Garden

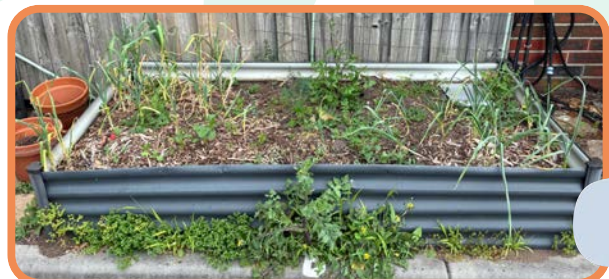
Two plots available!

The Murrumbeena Community Garden currently has these two plots available to rent. The annual fees are very minimal. Not only to you get a plot to grow produce in, there is a whole community associated with the garden that you can engage with. If you would like to know more about these plots then please email - murrumbeenagarden@gmail.com

**Plot
32**



**Plot
34b**



Coming Up in October

'Then & Now' Exhibition

Curator Talks

With curator / artist Rachel Mackay

Saturday 3 Oct, 3pm-4pm

Sunday 4 Oct, 2pm-3pm



We had a fabulous launch of the 'Then & Now' exhibition, with Rachel explaining the exhibits, piquing everyone's interest. If you haven't already seen the exhibition your last chance is Sunday 4 October.

Table Talks **A listening exercise for Murrumbeena**

Saturday 17 October, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Gather with your neighbours from Murrumbeena and surrounds to discuss your neighbourhood. Our discussion will be the basis for future community action and projects. We will ask:



RSVP by 16 Oct

To Nell: Ph 9568 8177

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Murrumbeena**

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



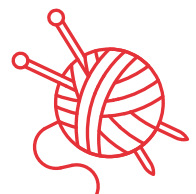
Tuesday

- 1 - 2pm; 6 - 8pm** **JMDdance** (group & private classes)
Social dancing - Ballroom group classes
Contact: Jarrod 0410227803 or Sadhvi 0412802660
- 4.30pm - 7.30pm** **Move Dance Melbourne**
Offer free trials for new students that can be booked through their website. Contact: www.amdance.com.au
- 7pm - 8pm** **Dance Be In It** - Street Latin group classes
Contact: Kieren - dancebeinit@gmail.com
- 7.30pm - 9pm** **Sing Club** - First Tuesday of the month with the Tuck Shop Ladies. Contact: tuckshopemail@gmail.com



Wednesday

- 10am - 1pm** **Knitting & Craft Circle**
Knit and natter, crochet and chatter!
Contact: murrumbeenaknitting@bigpond.com
- 9.10am - 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
- 1.30pm - 2.30pm** **English Conversation** - A new weekly group for those wishing to practice conversational English. Contact office.



Wednesday

2pm - 3.30pm

Creative Writing - 3rd Wednesday of the month. Share a piece of writing in a supportive group. Contact office.

2pm - 3pm

Line Dancing - Easy-to-follow steps. No experience necessary. Contact: modernlinedancinginc@gmail.com; 0433 076 225

4pm - 5.30pm

Move Dance Melbourne

4.15pm - 8.15pm

Grace Gymnastics

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Soo Bahk Do (Martial Arts)



Thursday

9.45am - 12.05pm

Mini Maestros

4.15pm - 8.15pm

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

2.30pm - 4pm

Shut Up & Write! - *(New Group)* Friday fortnightly. A space to work alongside others in silence.

Saturday

9am - 12.15pm

Stonnington School of Dance

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

11.30am - 3.30pm

Grace Gymnastics

2pm - 5pm

Knitting & Craft Circle *(1st Saturday of month)*

5.30pm - 9pm

Community Meal *(last Saturday 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

Group & Activity News

Zumbini "Carer & Me" OCT 9



Experience **MISS TRACEY'S Zumbini** Studio first hand with a six week musical program featuring instruments, dance, sing and play! 0-4yrs with Caregiver. From the makers of Zumba!

Fridays Oct 9 to Nov 13 @10am - 10.45am.

Cost: \$90 per family for 6 weeks. Special price only for Murrumbeena Playgroup families at \$60 per family.

Registrations - <https://www.zumbini.com/en/classes/20783>

Wednesday Singing Group

Every Wednesday 12.15pm- 1.15pm

Come and learn some harmonies singing an eclectic range of songs in a fun environment led by singing coach Richard Lawton. No experience necessary just a love of singing.

Enquires: richard@richardlawton.com.au



Community Meal

Saturday 24 October, 2026

Meal from 6pm

Food, fun, games. What more could you want! It's always great welcoming new people to our dinners, so come along and meet some new friends.

Bring some food to share.



The Big Screen - Movie Thursday 22 Oct., 2026

'Ride Like a Girl' (2020)

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

- Free event
- Drama
- Rated PG
- 98 minutes.

Stars Teresa Palmer as Michelle Payne, first female winner of the Melbourne Cup, riding 100-1 bay gelding Prince of Penzance. Also starring Sam Neill as Payne's father Paddy, and her brother Stevie as himself.

- Yes, a timely choice of movie with the 2026 Melbourne Cup close.
- Yes, you can invite a friend. Join our contact list at:
gredwards49@gmail.com
- The September movie attracted 23 film-goers, our best turn-out yet.

Friendship Fellas/Mens Group

Saturday 10 October Breakfast 8am at
The Servery, 5 Royal Ave, Glenhuntly.

Wednesday 21 October at 6.00pm
dinner in the foyer of The Meeting Place.

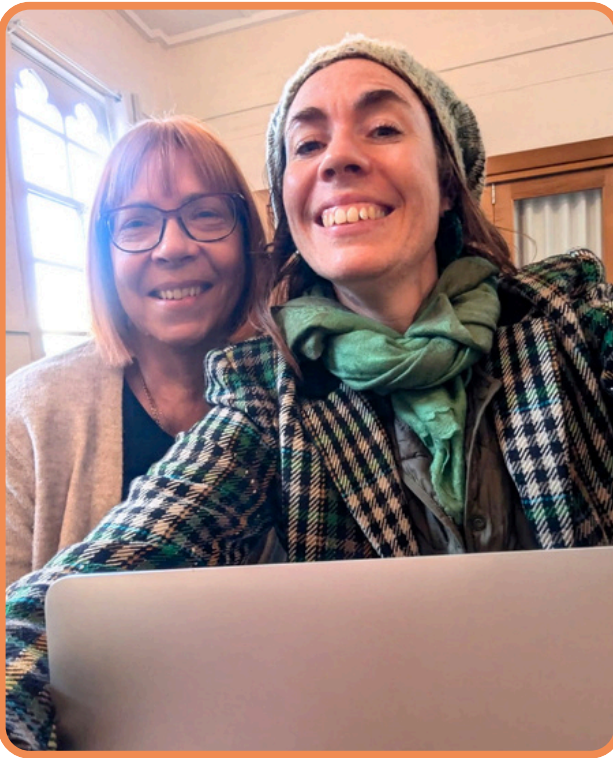
A welcoming group. Feel free to contact
the office for more information or just
come along.



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

Their Wednesday Gardening Group (at
our Community Garden) will be at
Southland on **Wednesday the 21 October**,
promoting their program and offering one
of their handmade succulent pots for
every generous donation of \$5 or more.

If you're in the area, stop by and say hello! You can find them at the
community spot located in front of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.



Creative Writing

Wednesday 21 October 2pm - 3.30pm

(3rd Wednesday of the month)

A small supportive group for sharing a piece of writing, listening and offering constructive feedback. Bring 500 words of something you're working on or just attend as a listener.

Shut Up and Write! *(New Group)*

Friday 16 & 30 October 2.30pm - 4pm

(3rd Wednesday of the month)

Bring whatever you are working on and hang out together while we all get on with writing.

Evergreen Fellowship *(New group)*

3rd Tuesday of the month

Photo of an outing to the Dandenong Rangers in September



This was the first fellowship activity for the newly established group of the Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church.

They welcome individuals from all backgrounds who are aged 60 and over to join them. This fellowship group meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Activities take place either indoors (at The Meeting Place) or outdoors and include Bible study, crafts, food preparation, and outdoor excursions.

For more information contact Pastor Jimmy - Mob 0448 006 282,
Email: jimtian7@gmail.com

Murrumbeena Playgroup

Term 4 Calendar

Join us for some fun activities at upcoming playgroup sessions!
Activities run as part of the regular playgroup session and are free for all playgroup members.
Casual sessions for non-members are \$15 per family. No bookings required.

Murrumbeena Playgroup is open 9:30-11:30 on Mondays and Fridays including school holidays (closed public holidays)



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117 Murrumbeena Road

Monday 5 October	Open Play Session	Friday 9 October	Free Face Painting For kids who love colour, sparkle and imagination
Monday 12 October	Gumnut Music Sing and Learn together!	Friday 16 October	Open Play Session
Monday 19 October	Cookie Decorating Simple, fun and delicious for little hands	Friday 23 October	Cookie Decorating Simple, fun and delicious for little hands
Monday 26 October	Open Play Session	Friday 30 October	Myuna Farm Petting Zoo Come meet some special visitors at playgroup!
Monday 2 November	Open Play Session	Friday 6 November	Spring Crafts! Little sprouts making colourful things
Monday 9 November	Free Face Painting For kids who love colour, sparkle and imagination	Friday 13 November	Coffee Cart Because everyone always needs a coffee
Monday 16 November	Spring Crafts! Little sprouts making colourful things	Friday 20 November	Open Play Session
Monday 23 November	Gumnut Music Sing and Learn together!	Friday 27 November	Zumbini 45min of can't-stop, wont-stop bonding and fun.
Monday 30 November	Open Play Session	Friday 4 December	Open Play Session
Monday 7 December	Gumnut Music Sing and Learn together!	Friday 11 December	Zumbini Christmas Party Holiday music and cheer!
Monday 14 December	Teddy Bears Picnic Bring your teddy and picnic rug for a group picnic	Friday 18 December	Open Play Session

More Info

info@murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au
www.murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au

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Gathering on Wurundjeri Land



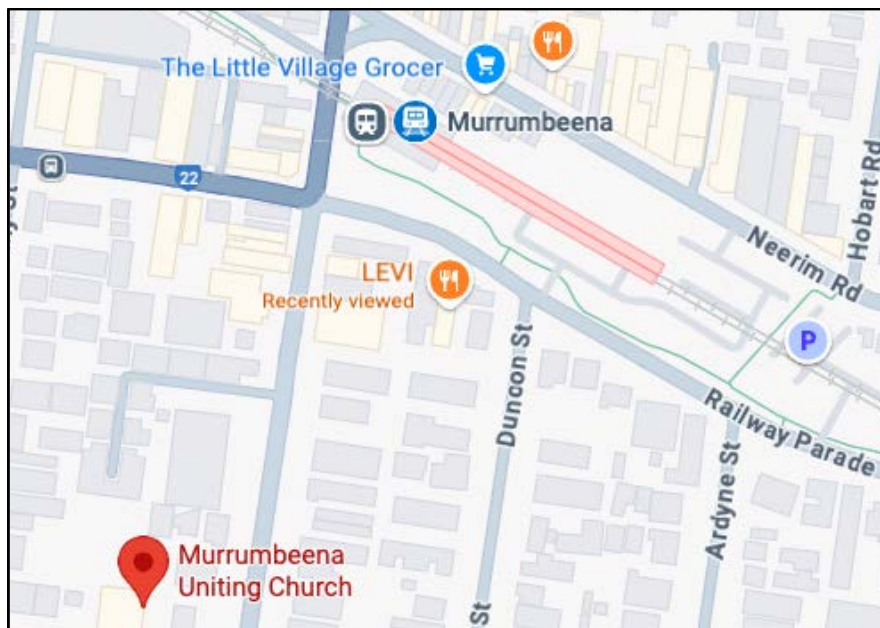
Farewelll to Connect Local, you will be greatly missed!

A special afternoon tea for Connect Local staff and some participants from The Meeting Place who came here via Connect Local.

www.connectlocal.org.au



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