

What's On

August 2026

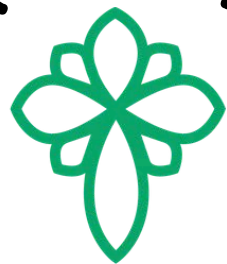


SMILES. CAKE. CUPPA.

All are welcome at
Friday Drop In



The Meeting Place



MURRUMBEENA
UNITING CHURCH



From the Minister...

Rev Andreana with her son and niece getting ready for the winter sleepout at Murnong First People's Gathering Place

My very first crush was the actor who played Joseph in the 1992 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Excited that there was something biblical showing at the theatre, Mum took us kids along for some wholesome entertainment. After that, I spent many listless afternoons dreaming I was part of the children's choir providing vocal backing for the lean-and-hairless David Dixon aka Joseph, in his beautiful rainbow "dreamcoat".

What I missed, in my childhood fantasy, is that Joseph is just a bit "too much". He insists on parading around in that dress in front of his brothers, and then tells them he has a dream where they bow down to worship him. He is young, beautiful, arrogant, and tactless. His brothers hate him – and decide he needs to die.

But this isn't the end of the story. Because God uses Joseph's "too-much-ness" to do something amazing. Joseph has charisma, imagination and an uncanny ability to interpret dreams. He doesn't die but gets sold into slavery in Egypt, where he climbs through the ranks and eventually becomes the architect of a plan to save the population from famine.

Have you ever felt like you are "too much"? Too loud, too girly, too gay, too brash, too quirky, too big, too Asian, too different? Too small, too quiet? If you have, then maybe this is the story for you. Because perhaps your "too-much-ness" might be just the thing that God needs to do something wonderful.

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



*You are never
“too much”
for God*

Sundays 10am

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**MURRUMBEENA
UNITING CHURCH
The Meeting Place**

Coming Up in August

Jesus's Parables

Unpack some mysterious stories

5 sessions

For more info:
Rev Andreana
0439 375 718

Tuesday nights, 6-8pm with dinner

Commencing 18 August

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Then & Now Stories & Cake

Gather after church to share some of the old stories of Murrumbenna Uniting. This is a way we can keep our history alive, at the same time as eating cake!

Rachel will open her studio for people to view the progress of the Then & Now project.



Bring some
cake to share!

**Facilitated by Rev Andreana &
Artist-in-Residence Rachel Mackay**



MURRUMBEENA
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The Meeting Place

Sunday 23 August, 11.30am



Community Meal

Saturday 29 August, 2026

5.30pm Kids corner, 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 for this Pot Luck Meal.

Community Prayer

A time to pause and pray for The Meeting Place community



Fridays 1pm



MURRUMBEENA
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The Meeting Place

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
- 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** (group classes)
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



Wednesday



1.30pm - 2.30pm

English Conversation

A new weekly group for those wishing to practice conversational English. Contact Nell at the church 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

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 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

'Then & Now' Project

Artist in Residence
Rachel Mackay.

1 Jul - 4 Oct, 2026

The "Then & Now" art project aims to celebrate The Meeting Place/Murrumbene Uniting Church stories and history, up to the current day.



Lots of items
collected so far

WHAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

- Photos, videos, stories, ideas
- Objects or items that can be photographed or loaned
- Published articles
- Connections with local community area

Please provide name and contact details in case more information is needed about the images, and to signify you are okay for your photos to be freely used and shared for this project and it's records.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

- Help staff the Then & Now exhibition at the conclusion of Rachel's residency
- Contact Rachel as onsite hours vary each week - Mob: 0438 774 679
Email: rachelmackayart@gmail.com

Key Dates:

Open Studio - 21 Aug, 18 Sep. 10am - 12 noon

Exhibition - Tuesday 22 Sep - Sunday 4 Oct.

Exhibition Launch - Tuesday 22 Sep, 7-8.30pm

Cancelled



'Boot Scoot for BlazeAid' Bush Dance Fundraiser



Saturday 22 August, 7.30pm - 10pm

Unfortunately we have had to cancel this event as we couldn't get the numbers to make it a success. We might revisit the idea at another date.

Community Garden

Plots available

Are you a keen gardener but don't have anywhere to get your hands dirty? Murrumbeena Community Garden currently has at least 1 plot available to a local resident.

Our garden offers the opportunity to grow your own flowers, herbs and vegetables and a chance to build connections and community with other people who share the garden space.

For more information on plot availabilities or to receive the garden newsletter, email murrumbeenagarden@gmail.com.

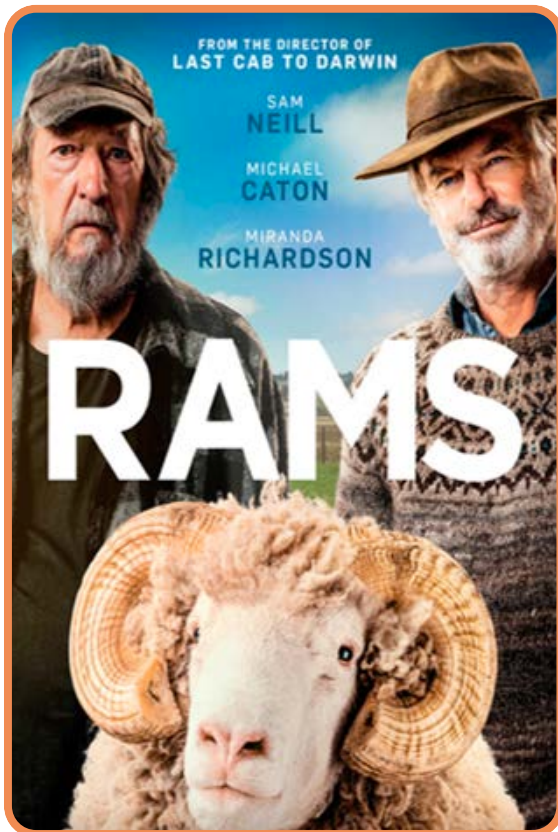
Herb Garden

As mentioned previously, we have a communal herb garden (the plot with the bird bath). Anyone is welcome to pick the herbs.

As all the other plots are rented to people, this is the only garden bed that is available to the public. Please do not take produce from other plots.



Group & Activity News



The Big Screen - Movie Thursday 20 August, 2026

'RAMS'

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

- Free event
- Comedy-drama.
- Rated PG
- 118 minutes.

Our tribute to the recently departed NZ actor Sam Neill. In 'Rams', Neill shares the limelight with Aussie counterpart actor Michael Caton.

The story: A decades-long feud between two sheep farming brothers in Western Australia comes to a head when disaster strikes their flocks.

Will they make up? Where there's a wool there's a way.

Contact: gredwards49@gmail.com

Marriott Gardening Group



At Marriott Community Services, we are experienced in creating opportunities for people of all abilities to live connected and independent lives. Our Gardening Group will be at Southland on **Wednesday, 12th of August**, 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 Commonwealth Bank of Australia. We look forward to seeing you there!"



'Men's Circle' **Friday 28 August, 7.30pm**

The Men's Circle is a safe, confidential gathering that happens on the last Friday evening of the month, where a group of men meet to talk honestly, listen deeply and support each other without judgement. The circle provides a space for emotional expression, personal growth and authentic connection. If interested, contact George on 0422 649 597.

Murrumbeena Playgroup

Term 3 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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Murrumbeena Playgroup



117 Murrumbeena Road

Monday 13 July	Open Play Session	Friday 17 July	Zumbini 45min of can't-stop, wont-stop bonding and fun.
Monday 20 July	Open Play Session	Friday 24 July	Open Play Session
Monday 27 July	Gumnut Music Let's sing and learn together	Friday 31 July	Cookie Decorating Simple, fun and delicious for little hands
Monday 3 August	Open Play Session	Friday 7 August	Open Play Session
Monday 10 August	Free Face Painting For kids who love colour, sparkle and imagination	Friday 14 August	Zumbini 45min of can't-stop, wont-stop bonding and fun.
Monday 17 August	Open Play Session	Friday 21 August	Open Play Session
Monday 24 August	Gumnut Music Let's sing and learn together	Friday 28 August	Myuna Farm Petting Zoo Come meet some special visitors at playgroup!
Monday 31 August	Father's Day Crafts Simple, creative fun made with love	Friday 4 September	Father's Day Crafts & Cofee Cart Simple, creative fun made with love
Monday 7 September	Open Play Session	Friday 11 September	Zumbini 45min of can't-stop, wont-stop bonding and fun.
Monday 14 September	Open Play Session	Friday 18 September	Free Face Painting For kids who love colour, sparkle and imagination
Monday 21 September	Teddy Bears Picnic Bring your teddy and picnic rug for a group picnic	Friday 25 September	Closed - Public Holiday Grand Final Public Holiday
Monday 28 Sept	Gumnut Music Let's sing and learn together	Friday 2 October	Open Play Session

More Info

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

Join us at The Meeting Place

Gathering on Wurundjeri Land



MURNONG
FIRST PEOPLES
GATHERING PLACE

Find out more about Murnong First People's Gathering Place

Located at St. Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High Street in Glen Iris.

It provides a safe and secure place for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and a space to engage with the broader non-Aboriginal community.

<https://www.stoswaldsgleniris.net.au/gallery-and-garden-mfpgp>



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