

# What's On February, 2026



We welcome the  
Melbourne Caanan  
Gospel Church to The  
Meeting Place. Pictured:  
Pastor Jimmy (far right)  
and Brother James (next  
right) with Glen, Nell and  
Rev Andreana.



The Meeting Place



MURRUMBEENA  
UNITING CHURCH



# From the Minister...

Hatred is hard to get rid of. It's not just sitting on the surface, ready to be scraped off with a scalpel. Rather, it's deep inside of us. Shootings, bombings, hate-filled words and hate-fuelled abuse. It seems there's more of it all the time.

But I reckon I know the antidote to this hatred. And that is **love**.

Maybe this seems silly and sentimental to you, but I believe it's the truth. It's love that extends a hand of peace, instead of war. It's love that offers compassion and solidarity, instead of apathy. It's love that invites a neighbour for a cuppa instead of yelling over the fence, and it's love that stands by a Muslim or a Jew even if you don't share their religion. Love cures hatred. It's as simple as that.

We might think of The Meeting Place as a Love Generator. As we sing together, garden together, dance together and craft together, we are sending out immune cells that knock off hatred! I wonder how you're being invited to love the people around you, and be the antidote for hatred in your neighbourhood?

I'd also like to extend a big welcome to the Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church, a Mandarin-speaking congregation, who will be meeting here on Sundays at 3pm. More about this church over the page.

With love,  
Rev Andreana Reale [minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au](mailto:minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au)



# New to The Meeting Place

## We welcome the Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church

Founded by Rev. Jim Tian, Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church originally started from a home fellowship in Brighton then became a registered church on 07/07/2023 by God's grace. The church is growing continuously since founded and now we have 50+ people worship on Sunday from adults/youth/kids.

The church members are mainly old/new migrant families from mainland China, mainly speak mandarin and some speak English as well.

As you may have already seen the name of our Church, we aim to make Gospel (Jesus) known to the community at our best. We are a group of people who follow Jesus and are willing to love each other not just by words but through action. And we welcome anyone who is interested in knowing Jesus and build up relationship in Christ with us!

Below is one photo we took during our Sunday service at a previous location.



**The Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church gathers for worship and kids church at 3pm on Sunday afternoons.**

Contact Pastor Jimmy - Email: [jimtian7@gmail.com](mailto:jimtian7@gmail.com)  
or Pastor Monica - Email: [monica.ln@gmail.com](mailto:monica.ln@gmail.com)



## Sharing Dance Floor space, we also welcome:

Don't you wish you knew how to dance to your favorite music?

With Dance, Be In It its never too late to learn. Join Kieran in Salsa, Bachata, Swing, Argentine Tango and other dances that you can dance socially anywhere you go!

Kieran runs **Group Classes in Bachata /Salsa/Swing and Rock n Roll from 6-7pm and Argentine Tango from 7-8pm on Tuesdays.**

Cost- \$25 per class or \$20 per class x 4.

Contact Kieran on 0422487091 or email [dancebeinit@gmail.com](mailto:dancebeinit@gmail.com) for more information, Because Life's too short to be a spectator sport! More information about Dance Be In It..



### JMDdance

We teach private and group classes. Social dancing, anything from waltz, cha cha, salsa, bachata and more...

**Private classes run from 2-3pm; 6-7pm; Group classes from 7pm - 8pm - Tuesdays.**

All classes private or group run for 60 minutes, we teach single and couples. Contact: Jarrod 0410227803 or Sadhvi 0412802660.



## New Mini Maestros on Thursdays!

In addition to our Wednesday morning classes, we have added new Thursday morning sessions. Currently Thursday classes run from 10.30am - 12noon with the possibility of extension.

Experience our music program with your child and get to know other local families. Enrol for the term, or start with a 3-week trial for \$75 to see how your little one settles in.

Bookings essential - [hello@minimaestros.com.au](mailto:hello@minimaestros.com.au) or 9850 5566.



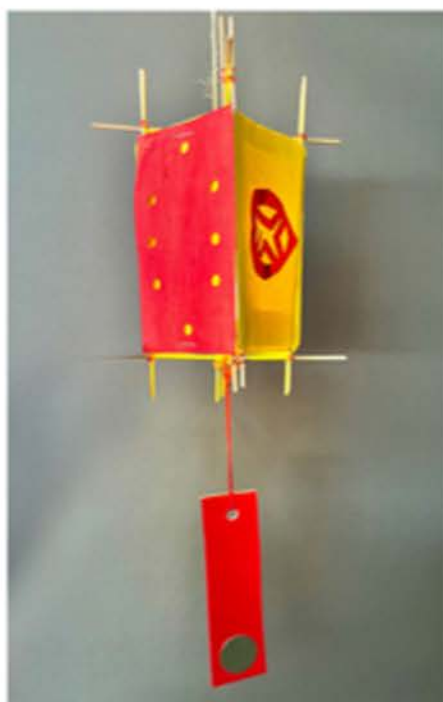
# Special Event in February

## Paper Cutting & Lantern Workshop

**Saturday 21st February  
2.00pm - 4.30pm**

Workshop  
held during  
the Chinese  
Lunar New  
Year period

**Cost \$5**  
includes  
afternoon  
tea



Come along to learn some paper cutting techniques, participate in a community installation & make a lantern.

Traditional Chinese snacks and a brief introduction to Lunar New Year by our friends from the Chinese speaking church.



**Spaces are limited!**

**Phone 9568 8177 or Email  
[connect@murrumbeenauniting.org.au](mailto:connect@murrumbeenauniting.org.au)**

**Facilitated by local artist Rachel Mackay**



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**117 MURRUMBEENA ROAD  
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# 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](mailto:info@murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au)
- 4.15pm - 8.15pm** **Grace Gymnastics**  
Rhythmic gymnastics for primary and secondary age.  
Contact: [grace@gracegymnastics.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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 - waltz, cha cha, salsa, bachata & more...  
Contact: Jarrod 0410227803 or Sadhvi 0412802660
- 6pm - 8pm** **Dance Be In It** (group classes)  
Bachata /Salsa/Swing, Rock n Roll & Argentine Tango  
Contact: Kieren - [dancebeinit@gmail.com](mailto:dancebeinit@gmail.com)

## Wednesday

- 10am - 1pm** **Knitting & Craft Circle**  
Knit and natter, crochet and chatter!  
Contact: [murrumbeenaknitting@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto:richard@richardlawton.com.au)
- 2pm - 3pm** **Line Dancing**  
Easy-to-follow steps with great music and friends. No experience necessary.  
Contact: [modernlinedancinginc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.amdance.com.au)

4.15pm - 8.15pm

### Grace Gymnastics

5pm - 6pm

### Twilight Gardening

Connect with others over gardening in our community gardening. Contact: [murrumbeenagarden@gmail.com](mailto:murrumbeenagarden@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](mailto:connect@murrumbeenauniting.org.au)

## Saturday

9am - 12.15pm

### Stonnington School of Dance

They teach expert tuition in all dance genres. Contact: [office@stonningtonschooldance.com.au](mailto:office@stonningtonschooldance.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](mailto:minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au)

3pm

### Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church

Mandarin-speaking congregation. Contact: Pastor Jimmy [jimtian7@gmail.com](mailto:jimtian7@gmail.com)



# Call Out to Artists

The Meeting Place  
Community Exhibition!  
**24 Mar - 29 Mar 2026**

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

*Artwork already produced or created specifically for the exhibition accepted.*

**Entries close 10 March.**

Contact Nell for Entry Form:

E: [connect@murrumbreenauniting.org.au](mailto:connect@murrumbreenauniting.org.au)



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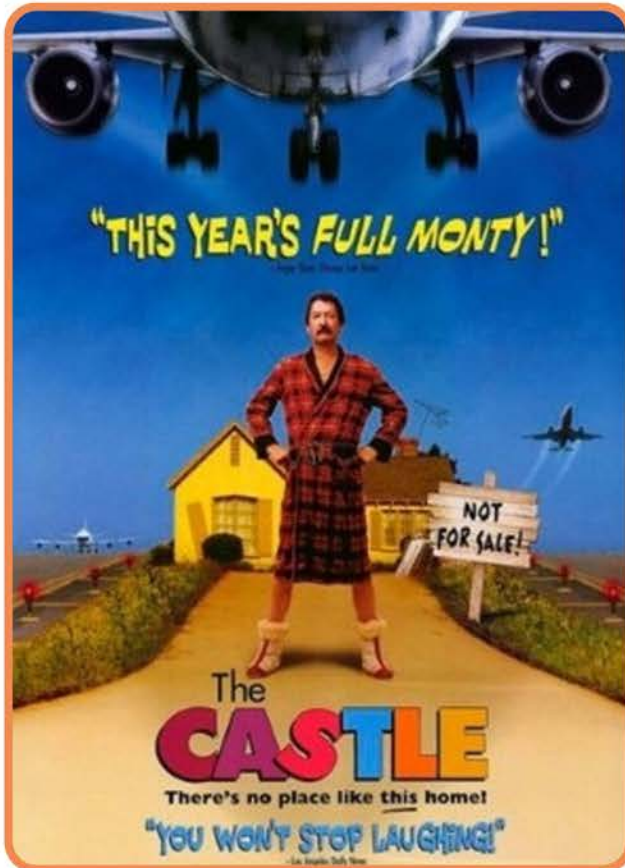
Do you belong to a **Book Club** and are currently looking for the perfect venue to meet in?

Or have you been thinking of starting a Book Club?

Our Foyer is a relaxing, inviting space that is ideal for small discussion groups and is available for hire. Contact us.



# Group & Activity News



## The Big Screen - Movie Thursday 26 February

### The Castle

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

Free event

Comedy-drama. Rated M; 85 minutes.

*Come along to this Aussie Classic!  
A working-class family fights city hall  
after being told they must vacate  
their beloved family home to allow for  
transport expansion.*

*Stars Michael Caton, Anne Tenney.*

***When you attend, we will ask you: What were you doing 29 years ago when the Kerrigans became a household Aussie name?***

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## Friendship Fellas/Mens Group

### Saturday 14 February

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

### Wednesday 25 February

Friendship Fellas will meet for dinner in the foyer of The Meeting Place, 117 Murrumbena Rd, at 5.45pm.

The breakfasts are on the second Saturday of every month at The Servedy, Glenhuntly at 8am. The dinners are on every second month. Feel free to contact the office for more information or just come along.

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## LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

### Saturday 21 February

Breakfast 9am at Cafe Omnia, 486 Neerim Rd, Murrumbena.

This months topic: 'Inspirations and aspirations for the coming year'.

Frequency: Every month on fourth Saturday of the month.

Contact: Nirsa ph: 0431 572 473



# Community Dinner

**Saturday 28 February**

**5.30pm Kids corner, meal from 6pm**

Games, Open Mic, Fun, Food & Laughter galore.

Bring some food to share for this Pot Luck Dinner!

Our popular evenings are starting back for the year. This year they will be held on the last Saturday of the month, so pop the dates in your diary! Each night is different, depending on who comes along.



# Community Garden

**Twilight Gardening is back!**

**Wednesdays 5 - 6pm in our Community Garden**



Want to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty! Or have an itch to contribute your gardening skills or passion with the community! Or perhaps you would just like to meet some friendly locals.

The Murrumbeena Community Garden can offer you all the above when you attend our weekly Twilight Gardening! We'd love to see you there! Located behind Murrumbeena Uniting Church.



# Murrumbeena Playgroup

## Term I 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 \$10 per family. No bookings required.

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



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117 Murrumbeena Road

**Monday 2 February**   **Open Play Session**

**Friday 6 February**

**Face Painting**

Come down for free face painting!

**Monday 9 February**

**Sportbuzz**

Fun, active sports for kids

**Friday 13 February**

**Valentines Day Crafts**

Craft activities for your loved ones

**Monday 16 February**

**Open Play Session**

**Friday 20 February**

**Zumbini**

45min of can't-stop, wont-stop bonding and fun.

**Monday 23 February**

**SportzBuzz**

Fun, active, sports for kids

**Friday 27 February**

**Open Play Session**

**Monday 2 March**

**Open Play Session**

**Friday 6 March**

**Zumbini**

45min of can't-stop, wont-stop bonding and fun.

**Monday 9 March**

**Closed for Public Holiday**

Labor Day long weekend

**Friday 13 March**

**Free Face Painting**

Come down for free face painting!

**Monday 16 March**

**Teddy Bears Picnic**

Bring your teddy and picnic rug for a group picnic

**Friday 20 March**

**Open Play Session**

**Monday 23 March**

**Easter Crafts & Story Time**

**Friday 27 March**

**Zumbini**

45min of can't-stop, wont-stop bonding and fun.

**Monday 30 March**

**Open Play Session**

### More Info

[info@murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au](mailto:info@murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au)

[www.murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au](http://www.murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au)

# Join us at The Meeting Place



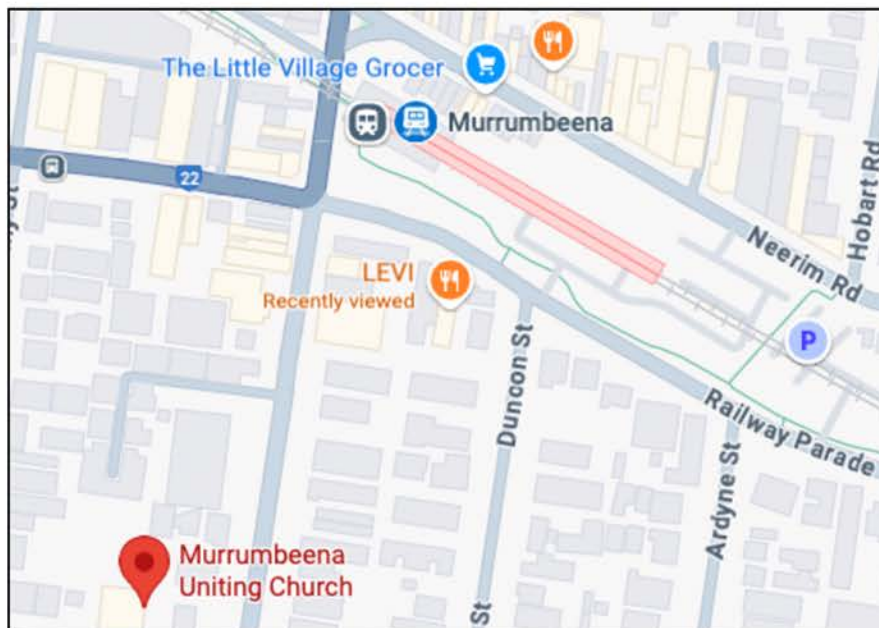
## THANK YOU

to all our volunteers who contribute in big or small ways to make the Meeting Place the vibrant, energised community it is becoming.

We couldn't do it without you.

We look forward to what we create together in 2026! Stay tuned for the next edition!

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