

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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We Will Remember Them

Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble, led the well-attended ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Dunkeld Cenotaph in the Memorial Park, in the pre-dawn darkness. People of all ages, from infants to the elderly, were present to pay their respects.



The Australian flag was flying at half-mast as the service commenced with Terry reflecting on the Fall of Singapore in World War II, which occurred on 15 February 1942. About 130,000 allied troops were taken prisoner, including 15,000 Australians, when Japanese forces streamed into Singapore across the Straits of Johore. The late Mr Henry Leech OAM, WWII veteran and RSL Life Member, was one of the former Prisoners of War (POW).



Henry was a Bren Gunner in the 2/29th Australian Infantry Battalion and was a POW on the notorious Burma Railway. He was located at a camp north at Hintok, cutting wood for the train engines, when the Japanese surrendered in August 1945. He was trucked from Kanburi camp to Bangkok and about two weeks later flown to Singapore to board the ship *Moreton Bay* to return home to Melbourne.



Local identity, Mr Peter Flinn, was this year's guest speaker and in his presentation said, "on the third ANZAC Day in 1918, a century ago today, but before that, let us reflect a little on four of the many thousands of casualties from those bloody and brutal battles on the Western Front in the preceding two years. The names of three of them are engraved on the wonderful memorial behind me."

Soldiers listed on the Dunkeld Soldiers Memorial:

- Private Ernest Ballinger, 29th Battalion, taken prisoner by the Germans at Fromelles and ended up in Friedrichsfeld Camp, Germany where he was held until his death on 15 June 1918, aged 23 years.
- Private Albert William Dark, served firstly in the 13th Light Horse Regiment then in the 53rd Battalion, was seriously wounded in action on 4 December 1916 and died of his wounds the next day, aged 27.
- Private George Henry Dark, Albert's younger brother, also served in the 53rd Battalion and was killed in action on 4 December 1916 in the same battle as Albert, aged 24 years.

Peter also mentioned Lance-Sergeant Ernest Harcourt Ely, his mother's first cousin, who served under Pompey Elliott in the 7th

Battalion. Ernest (Sammy) was among the original Anzacs to land at Gallipoli and was reported missing in action at Pozieres on 18 August 1916. Sammy's mother, Clara, clung to

the hope that he was alive, as a POW. In 1923 there was final official notification that Sammy's identity disc had been found, and his remains had been buried in a marked grave in the Delville Wood Cemetery, not far from Pozieres.

In Peter's closing remarks he mentioned:

"So on this Anzac Day, let us pause to remember the huge role Australia played in turning the tide during the final year of World War I in France, one hundred years ago. The Australians certainly punched far above their weight.

But also, let us never forget the incredibly heavy price this nation paid, in terms of the loss of nearly a whole generation of young men, and the lasting impact on the physical and mental health of not only the survivors, but the wives, mothers and families as well.

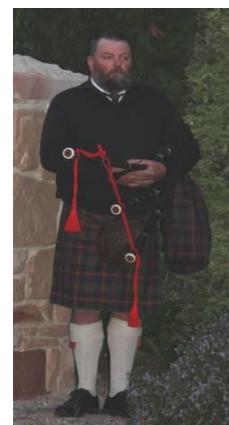
To quote again from the Anzac Requiem – the last paragraph:

May these all rest proudly in the knowledge of their achievement, and may we and our successors in that heritage prove worthy of their sacrifice."

The haunting sound of the bagpipes echoed across the stillness of the crisp morning air, evoking solemn respect, as Shaun McIntyre played during the wreath laying ceremony. Various community organisations, schools and individuals laid commemorative wreaths at the base of the Soldiers Memorial, including the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, Legacy, Dunkeld Consolidated School, Baimbridge College and Monivae College.

Councillor Greg McAdam laid a wreath on behalf of the Southern Grampians Shire Council.

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1 st Week	Sunday	May 6	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	May 13		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	May 20	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	May 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Anglican Church Dunkeld.

Everyone is very welcome.

May 6	Anglican	5.00pm	
May 13	Uniting	5.00pm	
May 20	Anglican	5.00pm	
May 27	Uniting	5.00pm	Rev Bill Clark

***** Please note change of time to 5.00pm Sundays *****

Enquiries June Cashman 5577 2592 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277.

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

Next Service to be advised

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Next service to be advised.

The following members can be contacted at any time:

Secretary Iris Field 5574 0202; Treasurer Margo Dark 5574 0222; Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274.

EVENTS CALENDAR – May 2018

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	1	2 Dunkeld Lions Club THAI DINNER	3 No SAKG Kitchen or Garden classes at school today.	4 My Health Record information session	5 OTR Committee Meeting	6 OTR Artist Residence in
7	8 Red Cross ZONE meeting FLU VACCINATION CLINIC DUNKELD	9 Tourism Association Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous	10 Grampians Piecemakers Group Meeting Mobile Library Mirranatwa	11	12 Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group WORKING BEE	13
14	15	16 Walking Group Walk	17 Mobile Library DUNKELD	18 OTR Archer (Album launch: 'The Divine Church of the Open Sky (vol 1)')	19 Walking Group Signal Peak Walk	20
21 Pannyabyr Landcare - meet Mark Bachmann	22	23	24 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Mobile Library DUNKELD			

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Dunkeld Consolidated School Captains, Lachie Phillips and Rachel Hassett, respectfully raised the Australian flag to the masthead during Reveille. Other School Captains, Lucille Aarons and Chloe Frost, laid a wreath on behalf of the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

The Centenary of Anzac 2014 to 2018 is Australia's most important period of national commemoration. Marking 100 years since our involvement in the First

World War, the Anzac Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.¹

¹<http://www.anzaccentenary.gov.au/>

At the conclusion of the service, Mr Noble thanked the general public for their attendance and for everyone for their wonderful support of the Dawn Service including Peter Flinn, Shaun McIntyre, Dunkeld Consolidated School Captains and the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members.

Following the service, the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members generously provided a free barbecue breakfast and refreshments for the large crowd, in front of the Visitor Information Centre.



***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***

Lest We Forget.



FROM THE LION'S DEN

Recently the Lions hosted the incoming District Cabinet for their first meeting. The new District Governor and her district leaders will be taking over in July. Those that attended were very impressed with what Dunkeld had to offer, the magnificent Community Centre, the food from Café 109, the Caravan Park and the Museum as well as the shops. It has been suggested that this becomes an annual event, so thank you Dunkeld.

With all the great things that have been happening in our area it is possible that we could all get swelled heads so I will pass on some advice my father once gave me:

*It doesn't matter how big your house is,
how much money you have
or that you wear expensive clothes.
Our graves will be the same size.
Stay humble.*

Hard to do Dad, when you live in the best part of the world.

Kids

Last week I took my grandson Max to the doctor to have his sore throat checked. We were close to one of the examination cubicles and I heard very clearly from that cubicle, "Now Henry, be a good boy and say 'ah' so the doctor can get his finger out of your mouth."

Peter Hinchey

LOCAL MENTORS URGENTLY NEEDED

Volunteers are urgently needed for the Council led L2P program which helps young people attain their 120 hours of supervised learner driver experience.

The Southern Grampians L2P Learner Driver program, delivered by council in partnership with VicRoads and funded by the TAC, helps young people under the age of 21 gain their 120 hours of compulsory driving experience. The program supports learner drivers who may lack access to a vehicle or supervising driver with up to seven, professional driving lessons, a program vehicle and a volunteer mentor.

Program Coordinator Eda Williamson encouraged qualified drivers to help support the local community and the future generation of drivers.

"Many young people in our community do not have the means to gain their licence without the support offered by the L2P program," she said.

"The role of the learner driver mentor is flexible to suit your availability and mentors are provided with all the required training and legal checks prior to inclusion into the program.

"While the L2P program is all about helping young learners build up their driving experience, mentors also benefit from building positive relationships with young people and feel a sense of connection with the local community.

"I call on anyone with an excellent record on the road to consider volunteering a couple of hours a week to help a local learner driver," Mrs Williamson said.

Eligible learner drivers are also encouraged to apply for the program to receive free one-on-one driver mentoring. Research shows learner drivers who have 120 hours of supervised driving experience are a third less likely to crash in their first two years of solo driving.

To learn more, or to register your interest as either a driver or mentor, please visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or contact program coordinator Eda Williamson on 5573 0475 or email L2P@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au.

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under the tree, remain large and open, enabling water, air & nutrient movement beneath the soil surface. This in turn increases the number and diversity of organisms (plant & animal) living below the ground.

All this biological diversity really helps to keep everything living in that local environment healthy, and populations balanced (pest populations are less likely to have a devastating impact, as their predators are already present).

And from an agricultural viewpoint, the insects & birds living there help to keep insect pests at bay in surrounding grazing and cropping paddocks. The timber can be great wind breaks too, good for lambing paddocks. Some people argue that they become a harbour for foxes, and of course they can live there, but they also live around pine trees and under wool sheds, so a good landscape scale fox control program can be considered (such as "Grampians Ark").

From a fire risk point of view, if you keep the timber & branches away from the trunk, but still under the canopy of the tree, you're less likely to cause the tree to catch fire (if you pile it against the trunk, it will act like a bonfire).

If we want our trees to be healthy and survive, we need to think about their requirements to do so.

After all, in the natural environment, branches drop all the time, and the continual cycle of organisms breeding, eating, reproducing, dying, decomposing etc is continually happening.

So while we collect the wood, please consider leaving some for the tree and its environment.

If we keep removing everything, then the tree has little biological support to help keep it healthy and growing. Many people have predicted the end of the red gums in the not too distant future, as they die out.

We don't want to stop people collecting wood but we just hope to raise awareness, and start considering that our actions now, will have long term impacts later on.



FIREWOOD

We all know what fantastic wood red gum is for fires - hot heat, and little ash - beautiful!

But just wonder if you would consider this as we collect the wood:



By leaving a bit of wood behind, on the ground, underneath the tree canopy, but not close to the trunk, you will be helping the tree to live and survive into the future.

This wood, branches and leaves provides habitat for a myriad of insects and small mammals, birds & reptiles. An amazing amount of biological activity is happening there, from the eating of the wood fibres by minute invertebrates, to the pest (insect) control by other insects, birds & mammals & reptiles. Nutrients are recycled back into the soil. The soil temperature is cooler than bare ground. Branches on the ground minimise soil compaction by larger animals, so the air pockets beneath the soil,



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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: April has been a good month, with plenty of visitors. It has been a quick learning curve for Geoff, Erin and Daniel. They have coped very well.

We thank Brian Mathews and Gary Wall for going to Ararat to collect rolls of second hand green carpet. It was from a bowling green. It is used beside vans on the gravel sites.

Hopefully as you read this, the new section of the office will have arrived. We are all over waiting for it to happen. We have had a major clean up over the creek. It is an under used part of our Park.

Memorial Park: The finishing touches are to be done to the plaques this week. They had some damage to the surfaces that were caused by tape. This was a misunderstanding because we were unaware of the problems tape could cause.

Sawmill: I type this item a few hours after the Open Day. It was another very successful day. Money is yet to be finalised. I thank all who helped; demonstrators who brought and operated machines, members who gave up so much time to set up, gather logs, run the day and clean up and all who donated timber. The Arboretum Group catered very well. We are very fortunate to have people travel so far to help us for no cost. An example is Graeme Brown from Portarlington. He drove his truck and brought the steam engine, saw and equipment at his own cost. The Belfrages, Kingwells, Inksters, Duyvestons and men from Casterton also travelled a long way. This all makes our day so special.

I thank Jim Dark for taking me to Cavendish a fortnight ago, to The Red Gum Festival. The weather was terrible, but the Festival was great. Jim and I demonstrated auto-logging

John Smith, President

DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC

There will be a WORKING BEE on Saturday 12 May from 9.00am at the ARBORETUM for a clean- up. Please bring earmuffs and gloves. Hope to see you all there.

Thank you to all who assisted with the Sawmill Open Day catering, a wonderful job done by you all.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle at the Sawmill:

1 st	Lyn Collins	Firewood
2 nd	Heather McIntyre	Red Gum table

Final details from the Sawmill Open Day will be brought to the next meeting which will be held on **Monday 28 May at the Community Centre from 8.00pm**. All welcome.

Heather Hampton, Secretary

DUNKELD TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 May at 5.00pm** in the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre.

This will be the last meeting before our winter break with the next meeting being in September.

Don't forget to browse our Souvenir and Gift shop for a special gift and card for Mother's Day. You will be pleasantly surprised!



DUNKELD WALKERS

Enquiries: Marcia Macgugan,
mmacgugan@gmail.com or
0400 621 806.

May walks reminder

Hope you have your Term 2 calendar of walks. Just a reminder, we have two walks coming up in May:

Wednesday 16 May: This one is an easy walk of around 6 – 8 k's. It takes us from the information centre and around the country lanes via Bellcourt Road, Tip Lane, Wiggins Road and Sturgeon Lane, ending back at the information centre. Should take 1.5 – 2 hours. A bit longer if we decide to have a coffee to finish! Starts 9.30am at the Information Centre.

Saturday 19 May: Signal Peak. This walk will be led by local identity and very experienced Grampians walker – Ross Simpson, who has done this walk many times. We will meet at the information centre and car pool for the walk – leaving a car at the Mount Abrupt car park, we'll head to Cassidy's Gap to start the walk. Ross will take us up Signal Peak, then across to Mount Abrupt to the car park. This is a hard walk so you need to be fit, it's around 9 kilometres and will take approximately five hours, includes stopping for lunch (BYO). Meet at the Information Centre at 8.00am.

Both walks are informal get-togethers and you walk at your own risk.

Please contact me for further information or to let me know you're coming. Newcomers very welcome!



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DUNKELD RED CROSS NEWS

Eight members met early on Thursday in the Henry Leech RSL Room and then travelled to Peshurst with afternoon tea for the **Nursing Home residents**. We chatted with several who were formerly from the Dunkeld district ... Joyce, Marj, Mary, Ian, Phil and Don. All seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

It has been decided to suspend the **Longest Morning Tea** for this year and instead have a raffle as our cancer project. Goods for the hamper can be left with our President, Jenny Cook.

As Red Cross no longer caters at local disasters, their catering items are to be removed from the CFA shed and are to be donated to the *Off The Rails Gallery*.

A large bundle of used stamps is ready to hand in at the Zone meeting next week in Hamilton. Thank you everyone for donating and to Terrie at the school who holds them for us and gives generously of her own stamps.

The **Zone Meeting** is on Tuesday 8 May at the Daisy Turner Room in Gray Street from 10.00am. There will be discussion on important changes coming to Red Cross, especially concerning local participation. Also there are plans to create *Pamper Packs* of toiletries for victims of the recent fires. **Remember to wear something red.**

The date of the **Golf Day** in June is yet to be decided.
Iris Field, Secretary



FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

The Hamilton Medical Group will be running a flu vaccination clinic at **Dunkeld on Tuesday 8 May**. Bookings are required.

If you would like to book into this clinic please contact the Hamilton Medical Group on 5572 2422 to book an appointment.

This clinic is for patients who are aged 65 years or over only. The vaccine is free for these patients. If you do not fall into this category then additional clinics will be run at a date to be advised.

Bookings will close for this clinic at close of business on Friday 4 May 2018.

THE WESTERN RAIL STEERING COMMITTEE WELCOMES FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PASSENGER SERVICES IN WESTERN VICTORIA

The Western Rail Steering Committee welcomes the announcement by Emma Kealy today that the Liberal Nationals Coalition will fund the business case recommended in the Grampians and Barwon South-West Region Passenger Services Cost and Feasibility Study and implement coach service upgrades also recommended in the study.

This is a great step forward for Western Victoria and will support the necessary decentralisation of Victoria's population said Horsham Rural City Councillor Cr Mark Radford.

"All levels of Government have invested heavily in this extensive, evidence-based feasibility study and it is great to see the hard work of local governments across the Wimmera and south west Victoria being rewarded. It is now time for the State Government to follow suit and commit the necessary funds to advance the recommendations to the next stage" he said.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown also welcomed the announcement.

"Our study has shown that Western Victoria has the worst passenger services in the State and that the return of passenger rail to Hamilton and Horsham will bring significant benefits to the region, to Ballarat and to the State", said Cr Brown.

"We are seeking bipartisan support for this and are planning a trip to Canberra to meet with key Federal politicians and their advisers from all major parties.

"We have met on many occasions and will continue to meet with the State Government and are optimistic that the Federal and State Governments will work together to achieve the vision outlined in the feasibility study," she concluded.

The Liberal National funding announcement recommends the much wanted business case and importantly upgrades to coach services throughout the Grampians and western Victoria including the return of coach service from Hamilton to Horsham and return.

This will open up the linkages between south-west Victoria, north-west Victoria and South Australia.



GARDEN NOTES – MAY

Main vegetable plantings for May are cabbage, cauliflower, peas, broccoli, onions, broad beans and turnips. May is a good time to prepare sites for

roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals as June to August is the best planting time for these garden favourites. A sunny, well-drained position is required. The soil should be loosened up, weeds removed and a small quantity of compost or well decayed animal manure added. Citrus trees can be planted now such as lemon, orange, grapefruit, lime, tangelo and cumquat, also mandarin. Soil and site requirements are the same as other fruit trees.

As an important part of your fruit tree spray program, your peach, apricot and nectarine trees should be sprayed with a copper fungicide when about half of the leaves have fallen (approximately mid-May). This will help to prevent disease problems later in the year.

Spring flowering bulbs, perennials and annuals can still be planted but do not delay as the season is drawing to a close.

Hydrangeas should be pruned during May or June. This is a simple job. Remove any dead or weak growth as well as cutting back to a strong double bud any shoots which produced flowers last season. If you wish to change the colour of your blooms, you should begin treatment not later than May and continue regularly until flowering. Acid soils produce blue flowers, alkaline soils produce pink. White flowers do not change, regardless of your soil. Epsom salts or garden lime will produce pink flowers whereas iron sulphate or Hydrangea blueing fertiliser will produce blue flowers.

Early winter is the best time to apply garden lime or dolomite to lawns and empty vegetable beds. As well as raising soil pH this will help to break up any surface soil 'crusts' which may have formed during the hot, dry summer. Many lawn fertilisers will drop the pH into the range below that preferred by lawn grasses. Lime will restore the balance; it also increases earthworm activity and helps to prevent moss growth. Moss in lawns usually only flourishes in badly drained or shady areas and will remain a problem until these conditions can be overcome.

Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery.



Community Groups Benefit From Stampede Success

Several Dunkeld Community organisations will benefit from the success of the second annual Sturgeon Stampede with financial contributions being confirmed by the volunteer committee this week.

Sturgeon Stampede Committee Chair, Charles Blackwell, said it was extremely pleasing to begin the process of giving back to important community projects.

"With the Stampede now in its second year, we have been fortunate enough to reward a number of groups - in line with our mission of creating a sustainable, family orientated event that offers fundraising opportunities for the wider community," Mr Blackwell said.

"We thank these groups, particularly the Glenthompson-Dunkeld Football Netball Club and Dunkeld Lions Club, who have provided huge amounts of volunteer labour over the past two events and allowed the Stampede to develop into what we hope will be ongoing drawcard for our community."

Funds distributed from the Sturgeon Stampede event are as follows:

- Dunkeld Netball Courts Fund - \$5,000
- Dunkeld Lions Club - \$1,000
- Grampians Cricket Club - \$500
- Dunkeld Public Lands Trust - \$500

Mr Blackwell said the opportunity for other community groups to benefit from being involved on event day was a key objective of the Stampede.

"While we have been able to distribute \$7,000 from the event itself, we were also very happy to see the Dunkeld Kindergarten, The Old Bakery and the school's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program all make decent profits from being involved in the day.

"All these groups were instrumental in helping the Rodeo Committee make this year's event a success, and we hope to continue working with them, and many others, in the future."

"As the Stampede grows, there will be plenty of fundraising opportunities for community groups. We will be looking for assistance with provision of staff for the gate and ticket boxes, bar duties and many other tasks that are required to run a successful event."

"Something we are keen to focus on in 2019 will be more locally-driven food options our ever popular family area. Due to a number of factors, we were very reliant on outside food vendors for the 2018 event and feel there is a great opportunity for more profit from the event to stay local."

"We will be making a few announcements over the next few months but be assured we are aiming for our 2019 event to be bigger and better!"

"We've listened to the community feedback and will make some significant event changes - the most important being a change of date from the long weekend to later in March. Now that this date is available, we feel this will allow us to capitalise on community involvement and participation and give the event the free space throughout the region that it deserves," Mr Blackwell concluded.

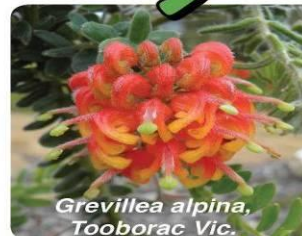
If you're community group or club is interested in being involved please get in touch with one of the volunteer committee members to discuss the options or jump on the Sturgeon Stampede Facebook page for further information.

Charles Blackwell

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The Museum Committee is applying for a grant from Veteran Affairs to erect a plaque to recognise WW1 soldiers buried in the Dunkeld Cemetery. Our research has identified 21 such men, but there may be more. If you can add a name to our list or provide photos or information about any of those listed, we would be very appreciative. Contact the Museum via email dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com or phone Heather Funk 0438594449.



Our list is as follows: Charles Morell ARMYTAGE, Cornelius James CULLINANE, Thomas William DICKIE, Adolphus GORDON, Patrick Henry GRIFFIN, Emanuel HILDEBRAND, Richard Henry JEWELL, James Alexander KELLY, Albert (Alexander) McDONALD, Charles Murray McLAUGHLIN, William MEREWETHER, Walter MIDDLETON, John Norman MYERS, Guy Evelyn NEATE, John Arthur George PATTERSON, Richard Thomas Hewitt PRIEST, Edward John RADLEY, Charles SMART, Leslie Milton WADE, Vincent WOMERSLEY, Thomas Stanley WOODBURN (CBE).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Thursday 24 May at 7.30pm. The agenda will include changes to our Constitution; Museum members will be sent more detailed information about this shortly. Attendance at the AGM is open to all; however, only members can vote. We would love to welcome prospective members to this meeting, and it will be a good opportunity for annual members to renew their memberships.

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 6: Heather Funk, Terrie Nicholson

MAY 13: Wally and Carole Allan

MAY 20: David Gordon and John Smith

The Museum is open on Sundays and Thursdays, 1pm-5pm. Admission is \$7.50. No admission is charged to current members.

Contact the Museum: email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com

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KEALEY CONGRATULATES LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Nationals Member for Lowan Emma Kealy MP has congratulated five local schools for their strong advocacy to secure \$3.57 million to upgrade and modernise their facilities.

"Congratulations to the following schools and the wider school communities for their amazing efforts in lobbying to secure this funding which will support the needs of our local students," Ms Kealy said.

- Casterton Primary School - \$300,000
- Dimboola Memorial Secondary - \$600,000
- George Street Primary School Hamilton - \$200,000
- Kaniva College - \$2.3 million
- Merino Consolidated School - \$170,000

Ms Kealy has been a strong advocate for funding to improve local school facilities across the Lowan electorate.

"We know we need to invest in local country schools and I am sure students and staff are looking forward to enjoying improved facilities after they have sadly been left to rot over the last few years by the Andrews Labor Government," Ms Kealy said.

"While this funding is wonderful news for these five schools; unfortunately there appears to be no funding for the other 37 Government schools in our electorate who also desperately need refurbishment works.

"The Liberal Nationals believe education is the key to hope and opportunity and if we are going to give our children the best opportunities in life, it starts with a good education.

"This means getting back to the basics in a safe environment and preparing our kids for a journey of lifelong learning and the job opportunities that brings.

"All young people deserve quality learning environments, whether they live in the city or the country, and it is important our students and teachers are supported with first-class facilities," she said.

You are invited – My Health Record

You are invited to attend an information and planning session on engaging community members with My Health Records for your area: **Friday 4 May commencing at 2.00pm** in the Green Room at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre.

This meeting will run for approximately 60 – 90 minutes, and will include, information on My Health Record with questions and suggestions around how best to approach your community. Your input is important in providing the community with information on My Health Record.

For enquiries and RSVP, please contact Samantha McIntosh, My Health Record Community Communications and Engagement Officer, Western Victoria Primary Health Network on samantha.mcintosh@westvicphn.com.au or 5304 5637.

If you are unable to attend you may send someone from your community organisation/group in your place.

My Health Record is the name of the national digital health record system. Having a My Health Record means your important health information like allergies, medical conditions and treatments, medicine details, and test or scan reports can be digitally available in one place. It is a secure and private online record.

Healthcare providers like doctors, specialists and hospital staff may be able to see it online from anywhere at any time when they need to, like in an accident or emergency.

As more people use the My Health Record system, Australia's national health system will become better connected. This will result in faster and more efficient care for you and your family:

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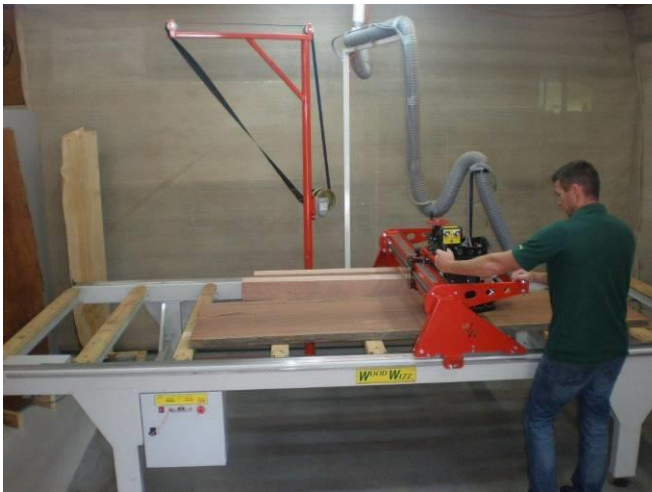
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It's been a massive week at Off the Rails (OTR) with the second, very successful Dunkeld Art Group (DAG) Art Market which took place over the weekend. A steady stream of visitors called in to OTR and purchased a variety of works made by the talented DAG collective. It sounds like the event will become part of our annual calendar, which is wonderful because it gives locals and visitors alike the opportunity to meet local artisans and purchase locally produced paintings, photographs, textiles, jewellery, sculpture, garden ornaments and giftware.

The other significant cultural event which occurred at OTR over the weekend was 'Songs (Stories) From the Heart', an evening of contemporary folk songs, ballads and their stories performed by Bruce Campbell Collective.

A small but enthusiastic audience turned up at OTR on Saturday evening to support visiting singer/songwriter Bruce Campbell, multi instrumentalist Damian O'Keefe and master vocalist, Des Bunyon.

Their Dunkeld debut was part of their Small Towns Tour and came about following a very successful 'Songs from the Land and Sea' concert at Port Fairy's Winter Weekends series and an appearance at Blarney Books and Art.

Next Week

Next week we will be welcoming Castlemaine based artist, Eliza Jane Gilchrist, back to Dunkeld. Eliza (our inaugural Artist in residence in 2017) will be once again transforming OTR into her working studio space from Sunday 6 May to Saturday 12 May, so if you see her wandering around town why not stop and say hello, and make her feel at home.

Upcoming Events and Visitors

- **Saturday 5 May** – OTR Committee meeting (All welcome)
- **Sunday 6 May to Saturday 12 May** – Artist Retreat (Eliza-Jane Gilchrist)
- **Friday 18 May** – Archer (Album launch: 'The Divine Church of the Open Sky (volume 1)')
- (performing with Ben Starkie (age 14) Tickets at the door (\$10.00).

Archer sweetly sings up our consciousness with his new album, second in his seminal Australian field recording series, aptly entitled The Divine Church of the Open Sky (Volume 1).

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Archer (direct quote, April 2018)

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OUT AND ABOUT by Marion Colton

It seems a long while since I have walked in our local mountainous bush. Hot, dry, summer days have not been conducive, plus I often become so absorbed in what I am doing that I put off the long walk up the road to access them. But, much of it is in the mind, and yesterday I managed to disregard it and make my way along the base of Wurgarri to Baingug.

The bush is preparing for its flowering season. Already white *Epacris impressa* and the tiny white blooms of a heath-like shrub are flowering. Flame Heath is preparing its red buds to burst open. Most of the shrubs are massed with new, vibrant foliage; Calytrix, dwarf Casuarinas, dwarf Banksias and the leafless Bitter Peas. A few *Ixodia*'s, with their dainty, white, daisy-like flowers dot the understorey, whilst platinum Wallaby and Spear grasses mingle throughout. Isopogons too are vibrant with their pale green skeletal foliage. I stopped, entranced by the light catching a slender, erect leaf of a small Casuarina. I look more closely. All the little circles of light dividing each segment are actually like tiny eight-pointed stars, their tips curving back towards the centre, each one illumined by the sun.

A few yellowish-green banksias are still in bloom amongst the many shrubs bordering the track, but most of the cones were ageing, grey and hairy. On one shrub the slenderest cinnamon bud stands like a sentinel on an outstretched branch.

I am amazed to see the lower slopes of Piccaninny covered in green vegetation, for memory recalled the dried, burnt-out, summer slopes of the last two years. Vivid gum leaves weep over a mass of dark green Austral Bracken with their gently curving fronds and the slender, deep green quills of *Xanthorrhoea australis*. Their crests and tips are silvered all the way up the slopes, quite magical.

I diverge from the track a little way and deposit myself on a fallen branch in the shade of a Brown Stringy Bark and tuck into a late lunch. It is a special time, just sitting, just watching, absorbing all around me. A large and beautiful butterfly lands on the toe of my bushwalking boot. It stays awhile, opening and closing its wings, the front ones of which are a deeper brown with brilliant yellowish-orange splotches ... Before me, the slope slides down to the valley, then climbs to the top of Wurgarri. A shaft of light paints its rocky summit amidst diagonals of deep shadow.

A tiny bird settles on a high branch before me. In fleeting moments I make out the colours of the Flame Robin, soft scarlet. It takes off again, making an inquisitive circuit of the trees around me, then returns to a higher branch of the Brown Stringy Bark. It is restless and suddenly plummets down to a lower branch and loses itself amongst the foliage and shadows. No wonder so many birds love eucalypts! Their leaves are similar in shape to that of the birds and how easily the latter can become one with them.

My gaze returns to the ancient mountain before me and follows the clear line of its crest against the pure blue sky. All is so still. Hardly a quiver in the leaves. Time stand still...

LANDCARE NEWS

Upcoming event- Monday 21 May 2018. Nature Glenelg Trust invites you to an evening get-together, to meet Mark Bachmann.

Mark Bachmann is the Manager of Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT), a cross-border not-for-profit organisation that has been working with farmers across western Victoria for the

past six years. Among a range of things the organisation has achieved, they have so far restored over 35 previously drained wetlands on both public and private land.

As well as introducing the Panyyabyr, Mirranatwa and Glenthompson Landcare groups to Greg Kerr, NGT's new Senior Ecologist based in Dunkeld, Mark will be speaking about a major new NGT wetland restoration initiative in the Southern Grampians that will soon be made public. The project will be one of the largest restoration projects completed in western Victoria and will benefit a wide range of threatened species.

To find out more about this exciting project, come along on the 21 May.

(More specific details (where and what time) to come soon!)

Victorian Landcare Grants 2018-2019

This year the State Government has decided to call for grant submissions in May. So if you have any ideas, plans or thoughts on projects you'd like to discuss, please get in touch with me now!

Grampians Ark & Grampians To Grasslands - the last Fox Baiting round finished on 9 April 2018. Please remove any untaken baits and dispose of correctly. And then please pass on your bait take data to me. Quite a few foxes have been noticed lately, and correspondingly the bait take has risen. Let's keep on top of the issue!!

We held two great surveys last week - firstly the last round of Woodland Bird Monitoring saw a large group of experts and learners visit three sites, to record every bird they could detect within a 20 minute time frame. We have produced an expansive list, which we'll distribute shortly.

Secondly, we were very lucky to have Paul Horne and Jessica Page (from IPM Technologies) visit us again. Paul and Jessica are entomologists (they study insects) and they travel from Melbourne to help us identify and learn about the insects we have living in our paddocks, plantations and backyards. We collected as many insects as we could find, and they took them back to their lab for identification.

A booklet will be published shortly, describing all the insects we have found locally, and which will be a fantastic addition to any one's bookshelf! We have Dion Borg, Regional Landcare Facilitator from GHCA and the National Landcare Program to thank for covering the costs of this project!

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Above: Branch Manager Anna chats to Club President Leon Wheeler

Swapping cash for tongs

Great night supplying and serving a BBQ tea for the Braxholme Wallacedale Football Netball Club. It's always nice to meet the players and members of the clubs we support. We wish them well for the coming season!

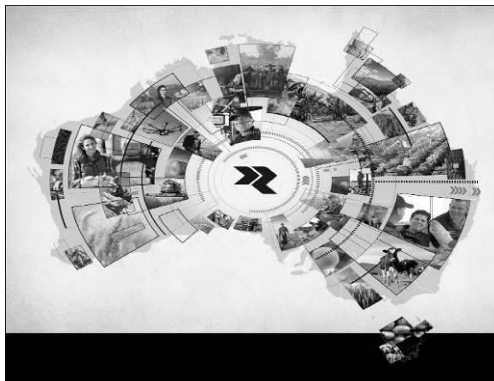
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Auskick Kicked off Thursday! What a turn out. Take 60 footies, 15 round balls, 10 hoops, 18 goal posts, 100 cones, 7 whistles and 24 bibs and divvy them up into four groups then add in 60 kids, 7 coaches and a dozen Support Crew (aka parent helpers) that's the scene of Thursday night Auskick! Welcome to our newbies who are participating in their first year of Auskick and glad to see so many returning kids on the track. A special welcome to Paul McDonald, Trent Adams, Kynan Caruana and Simon Gordon who have put their hand up to be Coaches this season, and to returning coaches Frosty and Mick Alderman, glad to have you back again. The new look Auskick program was put into action. Kids enjoyed the varied activities, especially the opportunity to get more of the footy with the introduction of the focus of 'smaller groups'. Support Crew Members will be in high demand this season so please don't hesitate to come out and be part of the fun. Don't forget the free footy boots box if your child wants boots or would like to donate boots. Thanks also to those off field helpers in the kitchen. Kids Kicking Goals!! Go AUSKICK.

Ally G



The members of The Dunkeld Art Group sincerely thank the local community for their support and encouragement on the successful outcome of our recent Art Market.

It was lovely to see visitors to Dunkeld moving from our market on to the Sawmill Open Day and vice versa.

The Dunkeld Art Group would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge the support and sponsorship of the Dunkeld Tourism Association in the development of this project.

Vicki Kearney

Alcoholics Anonymous

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COALITION BACKS YOUNG SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan is encouraging young athletes to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant to support their involvement in sport.

"The Coalition Government is committed to getting Australian kids more active, more often," Mr Tehan said today.

"That's why I'm encouraging young athletes, coaches and officials in Wannon to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant before the deadline closes on June 30."

"These \$500 grants provide financial assistance to athletes, coaches and officials, to go towards travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when attending endorsed state, national or international championships."

"Local Sporting Champions grants provide an ideal opportunity for young sports people to gain financial assistance to help them turn their sporting dreams into a reality."

The grants are aimed at alleviating the financial strain some families, and young athletes feel when selected for a significant sporting event.

"The Local Sporting Champions grants are important for encouraging more Australians to participate in sport and help support emerging athletes achieve all they can in sport," Mr Tehan said.

"The number of Local Sporting Champions grants is limited, and it is important that athletes, coaches and officials apply for the financial support before their event."

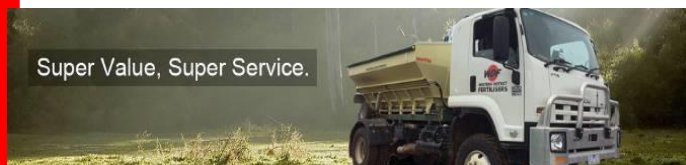
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SCHOOL NEWS

From Mr Jeffreys, Principal: Last Monday the Principal and Year 6 students, along with Year 6 student from other GRaSS schools, went to Geelong, more accurately the Geelong Football

Club. The excursion surrounded the Science and Maths employed by football clubs to put their best teams on the football field. In every aspect, the BioCATS excursion to the Geelong Football Club stadium was an outstanding success. Our students, and in fact all 43 students' behaviour and engagement was outstanding. Leaving Dunkeld at 6:30am and arriving home at 5:20pm made for thirteen tired students. The activities the children took part in were:

- Satellite tracking activity which allowed students to work out the running speed and running distance, ending in averaging and recording data in graphic form.
- Kilojoule Counting to work out the best diet for footballers.
- Handballing and working out average scores and graphing.
- Football boot technology.
- Working with statistics, counting handballs, kicks and goals to find the frequencies.
- Comparison of player heights and that of students.
- Football materials technology.

Children were shown the ground from inside the stadium and got to sit down in the players' boxes. I think, of all student excursions I have been involved in, this was perhaps the best, over thirty years of teaching. I was truly proud of our children's behaviour.

ANZAC Day



On Tuesday 24 April, the school conducted an ANZAC service in the school hall. Mr Terry Noble, President, Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch was the guest

speaker and he spoke about the importance of ANZAC Day and explained the relevance of different parts of the official ceremony e.g. the Last Post, one minute's silence and Reveille.

The student leaders led the ceremony, which also included information being read out by each of the leaders regarding the number of lives sacrificed at each conflict Australians have been involved in from the Boer War to the Afghanistan War, including peace-keeping missions. At the beginning of the ceremony, Prep students laid their wreaths that they had made during Art. The whole assembly sung the inspiring song, *Spirit of the ANZACs* by Lee Kernaghan. At the conclusion of the service, Mr Jeffreys recited The Ode.

A large number of our students also attended and supported the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Wednesday morning with our School Captains, Chloe Frost and Lucille Aarons laying a wreath on the school's behalf and Lachie Phillips and Rachel Hassett respectfully raising the flag to the masthead during Reveille. Lest we forget.



Term 2 Class Captains

Congratulations to the following Term 2 Class Captains who were presented with the badges and certificates at last week's School Assembly (their roles may include delivering notes and diaries etc to the Office, Class Captain reports at Assemblies, welcoming visitors to their classrooms etc):



Prep
Jim Herrmann



Year 1
Max Russell



Year 2
Heidi Burger



Year 3
Edie Jackson



Year 4
Angus Heazlewood



Year 5
Thomas Gordon



Year 6
Nicholas Huzony

SSV Combined Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Athletics



Seventeen Dunkeld Consolidated School students, accompanied by our PE teacher, Mrs Jackie McShane, participated in the Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Athletics Championships in Warrnambool on Friday 20 April: Charlie Field, Chloe Frost, India Ross, Pippa Williamson, Amity Haley, Matilda Potter, Abby Lazzari, Myles Haley, Wil Balkin, Lucy Fraser, Bonnie Jackson, Myles Alderman, Hayden Phillips, Angus Frost, George Field, Ryan Murcott, Taylor Haley.

On Friday 20 April, it was the Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Athletics. When I arrived there were so many cars; I was a bit nervous when I saw all the schools and their marquees. At 10.00am the sports day started with the hurdles being the first event. Taylor Haley came third in the hurdles event. The 100, 800 and 200 metres were held next, and then there were the field events. I participated in Shot Put and came about 7th. My friends and I had a great time! By Wil Balkin, Year 4

On Friday 20 April, the Division Athletics were held in Warrnambool at the Brauerander Park Athletics Track. Seventeen students from our school attended and I ran in the 800 metres and came 10th out of fifteen competitors. Taylor Haley achieved third in the hurdles and India Ross got second in the discus. The race track was like the Commonwealth Games; it was springy, rough and hard. By Lucy Fraser, Year 4

Seventeen students represented the Dunkeld Consolidated School at the Division Athletics in Warrnambool on Friday 20 April. We had lots of fun and really enjoyed it. I would describe the sports as amazing, spectacular, splendid, challenging and swift! By Bonnie Jackson, Year 4

Thank you to Mrs McShane and to the parents who assisted with transport and supported the students on the day. Year 6 student, India Ross and Year 4 student, Taylor Haley, have qualified to compete in the Regional Athletics Championships in Ballarat in October in the following events, respectively -12/13 years Girls' Discus event and 10 years Boys' Hurdles.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

Thank you to Mrs Karyn Hassett and Mrs Heather Napier, we now have some beautiful hens and one rooster living in the chook palace. The gates are now padlocked and the Year 3 students have been entrusted with the chooks' care and attention.



We hosted the SAKG Foundation training day last week. It was a fantastic way to meet people from other schools and show them our SAKG program. Thank you to our school staff and students for fitting this into the school day.

The visitors were especially interested in our macropod visitors – taking many photos and sympathizing with our plight! We will be working with the students, trying to design a better system to keep the grazers away (including rabbits and hares)!

If anyone has any spare sheep, cattle, horse or chook manure that they would be able to send to the school, we would be very appreciative!

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

We had a fabulous day hosting the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation's "Delivering kitchen garden classes" training day last Wednesday. We welcomed Betty and Suzie who facilitated the professional development day from the Foundation and welcomed visitors from Balmoral, Coleraine, Horsham, Nhill, Ararat and Warracknabeal. Thank

you to Mr Jeffreys, Mrs Howard and all of the staff for your support on this day and being flexible as we needed to utilise the kitchen, staffroom, the hall and the garden. The day was magic weather wise and allowed us to showcase our great facilities. Many thanks to Michelle Shanahan, the head kitchen gardener at the Royal Mail Hotel who provided a grand tour of their kitchen garden to our visitors from the Foundation.

Year 6 students Nicholas Huzony, Lachie Phillips, Xanthe Huf and Chloe Frost welcomed our visitors and took them on a tour of the school kitchen and garden before our day began. I felt so very proud as I listened to them answer questions and talk about their school. Our visitors were very impressed with our students and I thank them for giving up their time to do this and happily accepting the request when asked without hesitation.

Genevieve Trotter and Lucille Aarons began the session with what they love about our Kitchen Garden program. Our guests were so impressed with our students, they wish to pass these thoughts onto Stephanie Alexander, together with a few initiatives that Lisa McIntyre and I have introduced at our school since beginning the program in 2007, to support others who all work towards providing pleasurable food education to children and young adults in schools, kindergartens and Early Learning Childhood Centres.

On Wednesday 2 May, we have one of our major fundraising ventures, catering for the Dunkeld and District Lions Club International Dinner. This year is Thai cuisine. A sincere thank you to parents, staff and community members who responded to the 'Request for Helpers' to help with food preparation, setting tables and assisting on the night.

SAKG Kitchen Roster:

THURSDAY 3 MAY 2018	
There will be no SAKG Kitchen or Garden classes held today due to the Caulfield Grammar School visit.	
THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018 – YEAR 3	
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SAKG Garden Roster:

THURSDAY 3 MAY 2018	
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THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018 - GARDEN	
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12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Stacey Balkin, Julie Butterworth, Ruth Kyle, Kaye Wraith, Vivien Brodsky
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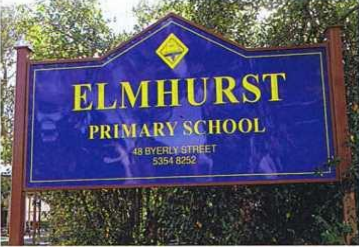
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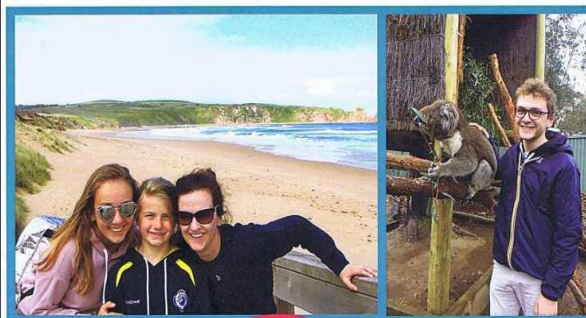
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