

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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DUNKELD WALKERS KEEP ON WALKING

DUNKELD WALKERS CALENDAR

Term 3 Walks

Date	Details
Saturday 28 July	The Fortress (led by Ross Simpson) from Harrop Track Carpark. Return approx. 12 kms. Approx. 4 -5 hrs. Rating: hard plus time to travel there.
Saturday 4 August	Chimney Pots (led by Ross Simpson) Approx: 2.8 km circuit Rating: medium – hard approx. time: 2-3 hours plus time to get there.
Thursday 23 August	Billimina Shelter from Buandik camp ground 1.7 km return. Manja Shelter from Harrop Track carpark 2.6 km return. Rating: easy – medium. Approx. 3 hours. Plus time to get there. Optional: lunch at Cavendish on way back.
Friday 7 September	Chinese Wall. Approx. 2.5 – 3.5 km. Rating: easy – medium approx. time: 2 – 3 hours Optional lunch in Dunkeld
Saturday 25 August	Mafeking to Mount Mitchell Plateau via Stockyard Saddle and return. Approx: 12-13 kms Rating: Hard approx. time: 5 hours
Saturday 15 September	Wild Flower Walk (led by Bill Weatherly). Loop from Piccaninny Victoria Valley Road Carpark over Piccanniny to Rifle Range/Cooks road and back. Approx. 3 – 4 km. Rating: easy – medium approx. time: 2 hours.
Saturday 22 September	Borough Huts to Mount Rosea return. Approx. 16.0 km return Rating: medium Time: 3.0 – 5.0 hours

Notes:

For further information ring: Marcia 0400 621 806

RSVP: 2 days before walk if you can. Marcia: 0400 621 806 or Greg Gardner: 0403 960 900.

Weekday walks: meet at the Information Centre, Dunkeld at 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

Weekend walks: meet at the Information Centre, Dunkeld at 8.00am. Car Pool arrangements will be organised from there.

Bring: water, snacks, lunch for longer walks, basic first-aid kit, sunscreen, hat, wet weather gear.

These are informal walks and you walk at your own risk.

I have included some easy mid-week walks which everyone is welcome to join. They are quite short, just require an average level of fitness (i.e. you like walking) and will conclude with lunch somewhere for those who like the social side. Our first walk was on Friday 20 July. Seven of us did two interesting and fairly easy walks followed by a delicious lunch at the Moyston General Store. We were very lucky with the weather and had a very enjoyable day.



Some of the Saturday walks are rated as hard – these require a good level of fitness and walking experience. Medium ratings need a reasonable level of fitness, including ability to walk up slopes.



If you are not on my mailing list and would like to receive next term's calendar of walks, please email me. Please contact me for further information on any of the listed walks or to let me know you're coming. Newcomers very welcome!

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

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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

4th Week	Sunday	July 22	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week	Sunday	July 29	10.300am	Mass in Hamilton with Bishop Paul Bird
1st Week	Sunday	August 5	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	August 12		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	August 19	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	August 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Anglican Church Dunkeld.

Everyone is very welcome.

July 1	Fr Donald Kirk	5.00pm
July 8	Uniting	5.00pm
July 15	Fr Donald Kirk	5.00pm
July 22	Rev Angie Griffin	5.00pm
July 29	Hamilton	Check Hamilton Spectator for services

***** 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 – July/ August

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
23	24	25 Newsletter Distribution 11	26 Mobile Library DUNKELD	27	28	29
30 Dunkeld Progress Association Meeting	31 Community Bus	1	2 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	3	4 Peaks & Trails Run	5 Peaks & Trails Run
6	7	8 Tourism Association Meeting	9 Mobile Library DUNKELD Pannyabyr Landcare Beer, Bait & BBQ	10	11	12
13	14 Community Bus	15	16 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	17	18	19
20	21 Nature Glenelg Trust presentation in Dunkeld	22	23 Mobile Library DUNKELD RED CROSS - Branch meeting	24	25	26

Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group (DRASS Group)

Member of Rural Australians for Refugees



If you remember, our group conducted a public, anonymous and voluntary survey in November/December 2017 to test community feeling on the Government's asylum and detention policies for people seeking asylum. The question posed 'Would you like the Australian government to evacuate everyone from our indefinite mandatory detention system and resettle them in Australia? YES/NO'

We extend thanks to those who responded, of which there were 188 representing 36% of the population eligible to vote. The results were 61.2% voted YES, 36.7% voted NO and 2.1% were undecided or informal. This means the community respondents answered yes to freedom and resettlement of people seeking asylum held in detention offshore (Manus and Nauru) and in Australia.



Heather Cash and Maree Willey joined Rural Australians for Refugees vice president, Margaret Rasa (left) and Wannon M.P. Dan Tehan

The results have been given to the local member, the Hon. Dan Tehan. He has been asked to give a copy to the Hon. Peter Dutton, Minister for Home Affairs and a request for a response to return to the Dunkeld community.

For further information, contact Maree Willey 0448 387 998.

From 17 – 23 June, Refugee Week was held. The DRASS group held a breakfast BBQ to raise funds for the ASRC, a not for profit organisation who distribute food, clothing, housing, education and other support services to around 700 families per week. Through this fundraising effort, we were able to donate \$500.00 to the ASRC.

Thank you to the Lions Club Dunkeld for generously allowing us the use of their community BBQ and in particular to Herman Jansen who delivered and packed up the burner for us. We are indebted.

The Winter Woollies collection for the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (ASRC) was very successful, thanks to the amazing generosity of the Dunkeld community.

About seven large bags of jackets, jumpers, blankets, and other warm clothing are on their way to the ASRC, and I am sure will be greatly appreciated in this cold weather.

Many thanks also to the Bendigo Bank staff who again allowed us to use the bank as a collection point.

MINERAL EXPLORATION INFORMATION SESSION

Dunkeld residents were given the opportunity to hear information about proposed mineral exploration at Stavely Arc, at a pop-in session on Tuesday 17 July at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre.

The sessions have been designed to inform communities about mineral exploration and to dispel community concerns about the processes.

Discussions to date have included landholder rights and funding under the government's \$15 million target Mineral's Exploration Initiative.

In late June, the Victorian Government opened a tender process for 11 parcels of land in the southern Stavely Arc, calling for companies to apply for exploration licences to establish if there are commercially viable deposits of gold, copper and other minerals.

Gas and coal exploration is excluded and licences will not be available for any land in National and State Parks, wilderness areas or areas of local significance.

Very few exploration licences will end up in full mining operations.

The government has placed strong emphasis on ensuring locals and landholders that successful tenderers will need to demonstrate a strong willingness to engage with local communities during the exploration process.

For further information about the sessions go to: <http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/e>

FROM THE LION'S DEN

Our last dinner meeting was our annual changeover of office bearers. Our new President is Simon Macgugan, Secretary is John Mirtschin and Treasurer is Herman Jansen. We congratulate these men for taking on these positions and we thank the previous ones for the work they did to make the year a very successful one.



Although many clubs and organisations can get sufficient members, a large percentage of these clubs are struggling to get office bearers, and some clubs are folding up because of this. Well done men.

Jock Danby Award

This year the Jock Danby Award was presented to Herman Jansen our long serving treasurer. Herman has been treasurer for the past nineteen years, and in his time in the club he has also been secretary for four years and president for one and never misses a working bee unless he is away. He also received the award in 2001 and 2010. This award is presented by the President to the Lion who really puts in more than asked for. Well done Herman.

"Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted."

Winston Churchill.

I think Herman would agree with the above and he does his bit to make life better for others.

Peter Hinchey

Walker Swamp

Nature Glenelg Trust



Dunkeld Community Presentation Evening

***Your chance to learn about the
new project at Walker Swamp and
other NGT projects getting
underway in the Dunkeld area***

**Tuesday 21st August:
7 pm @ the
Dunkeld Community Centre
All welcome**

Enquiries: 0421 97 8181



Presenter:

**Mark Bachmann,
Principal Ecologist and
Manager,
Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT)**



**Nature Glenelg Trust
is now part of the
Dunkeld community**

Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT) is a regionally based not-for-profit environmental organisation that is particularly active in western Victoria and southern South Australia. Over the past 6 years, NGT has been especially busy in the Dunkeld area, working with private landholders and Parks Victoria to restore wetlands on public and private land, with great success at places like Brady Swamp, Gooseneck Swamp, Green Swamp and Scale Swamp.

In March this year NGT also became a local landholder, and the organisation is now in the process of establishing a new private environmental reserve – for community benefit – across more than 1000 acres of floodplain country, adjacent to the Grampians National Park at Walker Swamp (a short 15-20 minute drive out of Dunkeld). With the commencement of this new project, NGT has also recruited Dr Greg Kerr to manage the property and the complex process of restoring its environmental values. Greg grew up in the western districts and is now back home, living and working in the Dunkeld community. To get in touch with Greg, you can email or call him on: greg.kerr@ngt.org.au or 0418 846 993.

You can meet Greg, and also hear NGT's Manager Mark Bachmann speak about NGT's past, present and future projects in the Dunkeld area, at a special community

presentation evening being held at the **Dunkeld Community Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21 August**. This is your chance to learn about our local wetlands, ask questions and, if you are interested, find out how to become involved. Enquiries can be directed to Mark on 0421 97 8181 (or Greg – details above), and everyone in the local community is welcome to attend. For more information about Nature Glenelg Trust, you can visit: www.ngt.org.au.

South West International Women's Day Art Prize

Entries are now open for the 2019 South West International Women's Day Art Prize with this year's theme, *To exist or live, to occupy a place or prospective – a female perspective*.

Proudly presented by Women's Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West, entry is open to all women living in Warrnambool, Glenelg, Moyne, Southern Grampians, Colac Otway and Corangamite shires.

All entries must be submitted by 25 January 2019 with \$4000 up for grabs in the open category, \$100 for the emerging artist prize and \$5000 for the people's choice winner.

Exhibition winners will be announced on March 2019.

Entry form and terms and conditions are online at www.womenshealthbsw.org.au

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Change of office bearers:

Due to Lucinda's departure to Nepal and changes to Phil's employment, new office bearers for the DPA were elected at the last meeting on 26 June 2018. The new president is Kay Leyshon; Greg Gardner has the dual role of Vice President and Secretary, and Eda Williamson is the new Treasurer.

Community Teardrop banners:

There are two teardrop banners now available to Dunkeld organisations and groups for advertising/attention arousing at stalls and public events. The main text reads: "DUNKELD COMMUNITY GROUP" with the SGSC logo. The banners are located at the Dunkeld Information Centre. Any group borrowing one or both banners is required to record relevant details in the book housed with the banners. The Information Centre is open every day, 9.00am to 5.00pm. If you require the banners earlier than 9.00am, borrow them the day before. These banners were the result of a successful application by the DPA to the SGSC Greater Grants Program.

DPA meetings:

These are held on the last Monday of the month, at 7.30pm to 8.30pm at the Community Centre. Our next meeting is this Monday 30 July and the agenda will include discussion of some of the feedback from the survey that has fed into the Community Plan draft, and the recent community information session on the Dunkeld Visitor Hub and Grampians Peaks Trail.

All members of the Dunkeld community are welcome to attend meetings. If you have an agenda item, please forward details via email: dunkeld.progress@gmail.com or phone Kay: 0439 992 250.

DUNKELD PUBLIC LAND'S COMMITTEE

Prustie is progressing well and is now doing rehab at Grace McKellar in Geelong. He is staying in Geelong until rehab and treatment is finished. He is receiving e-mails johnprust@bigpond.com, so send him a message.

Caravan Park: It is our quiet time during winter and allows planning and improvements. Erin has been busy organising an online booking system. Ashley Price has designed a website. Have a look. The domain name is: dunkeldcaravanpark.com

As part of the website, Erin wants to include some of the history of the Caravan Park. If you have any information or old photos, please contact Erin or myself.

Salt Creek: The boardwalks along Salt Creek are to be replaced as part of the flood repairs. This will happen before the end of the year. The walk will be part of the Peaks Trail. I attended an interesting meeting last week about Dunkeld's role in the Peaks Trail. If estimates are correct, we will all be surprised at the number of visitors to our little town. It was good to see a large attendance at the meeting. Planning is under way to help cope with the visitors and it is vital that it is done properly.

Sawmill: We recently procured a truck load of cypress logs from Paterson Park Hamilton. They will be milled in the future.

John Smith, President

DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP INC

The Dunkeld Arboretum, one of Dunkeld's greatest assets, has need of a new mower to continue maintenance of grass areas within the Arboretum.

A new mower is approximately \$35,000 and public donations are being sought to help in the purchase thereof.

All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Donations can be forwarded to the treasurer, Herman Jansen, P.O. Box 89 DUNKELD 3294 or deposited directly in to our account at the Bendigo Bank: BSB – 633000 ACCOUNT No: 143 934 354 Dunkeld Arboretum Gift Account.

Please put your name on your deposit so that a receipt can be issued.

Thank you for your assistance.

Heather Hampton, Secretary

OFF THE RAILS



DUNKELD

OFF THE RAILS


Victrack was at work repairing the slate tiles on the roof of OTR last week.

Victrack were aware that the aging slate roof on the main part of the Dunkeld station is continuing to

deteriorate, but after recent heavy rain the necessity for urgent repairs became obvious.

The need for replacement of the tiled roof has been referred to the Victrack facilities team and is dependent on budget and priorities.





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General Sir John Monash: Was born in Melbourne on 27 June 1865, to a family of Prussian Jewish origin. After an education at Scotch College and the University of Melbourne, studying law, arts and engineering, he became interested in the Australian military, and began his service career in 1887. He joined Melbourne University's Metropolitan Brigade of the Garrison Artillery, and until the outbreak of war in 1914, he worked at learning the skills of artillery and engineering, as well as teaching and designing. By 1914, he was in command of the AIF's 4th Brigade in Egypt, where, like most Australian troops, he experienced the disastrous effects of bad organisation and planning, and poor command decisions. It was to be in France in 1918 that Monash would truly make his mark.



After moving to the Western Front in 1916, Monash was promoted to Major General and took command of the 3rd Division. In the years leading to 1918, he and his troops were involved in many confrontations, including the Battles of Messines, the third battle of Ypres, and Polygon Wood, with some successes.

In May 1918, Monash was appointed corps commander of the Australian forces, and in that year he led some significant attacks by Australian troops in the final stages of the war. Monash's troops were involved in helping to stem the March German offensive. But it was during the battle at Hamel that Monash really secured his reputation. Monash's skilful planning and attention to detail resulted in a triumphant attack and capture of the town by Australian and American troops. This was the beginning of a series of successful campaigns by Australians that continued until their last battle in October.

Monash wanted to move away from what he considered to be outdated British tactics, believing that the true role of infantry was not to expend itself upon heroic physical effort, not to wither away under merciless machine-gun fire, not to impale itself on hostile bayonets, but on the contrary, to advance under the maximum possible protection of the maximum possible array of mechanical resources, in the form of guns, machine-guns, tanks, mortars and aeroplanes; to advance with as little impediment as possible; to be relieved as far as possible of the obligation to fight their way forward.

He supported the view that the most effective warfare involved many different types of weaponry and defences working together- the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

Monash was also a brilliant tactician. For example, he was renowned for the idea of bombarding German lines with gas and smoke shells together for a few days prior to an attack, so that the Germans were conditioned to associate the gas with the smoke. However, on the day of an attack, only smoke shells would be fired. This not only provided a smokescreen for the advancing troops, but it also caused the Germans to put their gas masks on automatically, which distracted them and caused confusion, impairing their visibility and communication.

The main thing is always to have a plan; if it is not the best plan, it is at least better than no plan at all.

Known as a meticulous planner, Monash held conferences with his officers before operations to generate ideas, to elucidate any problem areas, and to make sure that all involved were fully versed and familiar with the plan.

Monash was knighted for his services in 1918, after the 8 August advance. He continued his commitment to the war in the formidable task of organising demobilisation and the return home of Australian personnel.

After the war, he worked in many prominent civilian positions, the most notable being head of the Victorian State Electricity Commission, a role for which he continues to be respectfully remembered. He was a leading and loved public figure after the war, becoming involved in many public and private organisations, such as the Boy Scouts, and in the commemorations of Anzac Day. Monash was honoured with numerous awards and decorations from universities and foreign governments. Monash University in Melbourne, Victoria, is named after him.

General Sir John Monash died in October 1931. Field Marshal Montgomery, the famous British army commander in the Second World War (a junior officer in the First World War), later wrote: *I would name Sir John Monash as the best general on the western front in Europe.*

John Monash will continue to be remembered as one of the greatest figures in Australian history.¹

¹<https://www.awm.gov.au/visit/exhibitions/1918/people/genmonash>

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VicHealth grants boost female participation

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP has congratulated five regional sporting clubs who have received funding under Round 2 of the VicHealth Active Club Grants Program 2017-18.

"One of the key focuses of this latest round of funding is getting more women and girls to take part in sport, something I actively support and encourage", Ms Kealy said.

Research shows that female participation in sport is still lower than male involvement and women and girls can find it hard to reach the recommended 2.5 hours of moderate physical activity each week.

This is for a number of reasons including a lack of suitable opportunities and difficulty prioritising physical activity over other commitments like family, education and work.

The following clubs will use their grants to boost female participation rates by entry into new competitions and conducting new programs and clinics:

- Hamilton Rowing Club is creating *Lets Go Rowing Girls* which is a 'drop in' program suitable for all ages and abilities to participate in rowing (\$2,970)
- Horsham Calisthenics College is introducing a range of non-competitive opportunities for girls and women to join calisthenics (\$1,720)

Grants were also received by the Minyip and Rupanyup Golf Clubs who will both introduce Golf Australia's *My Golf* program (\$3,000 per club); and the Hamilton and District Gymnastics Club which will expand its programs to provide more opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to join the gymnastic club (\$2,570).

"It is important we continue to open up avenues for more people to get involved in sport and I congratulate and offer my full support to all these clubs for their initiatives to achieve this," Ms Kealy said.

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I am still going to markets most weekends but usually back by 3.30pm, please phone first.

Bernie



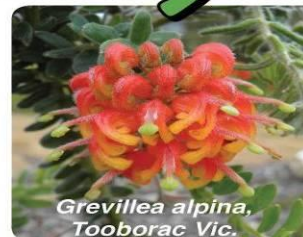
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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

GRANT SUCCESS!

The Museum recently applied to the **Bendigo Bank** for a grant to pay for the publication of our WW1 soldiers' booklet, and for a notebook computer. The bank has very generously approved our grant application. The computer has been purchased and preparation of the booklet is in its final stages. It will be published to coincide with the unveiling of the plaque at the new cemetery on 11 November 2018.

The Museum Executive, on behalf of all its members, thanks the **Bendigo Bank** for supporting the Museum with this grant.

The next Museum general meeting will be on Thursday 20 September 2018 at 7.30pm. We continue to welcome new members - \$15 annual membership; \$150 life membership.

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

SUN 29 JULY: Kerren Collins, Lyn Collins
SUN 5 AUGUST: Bill and Fay Gordon

The Museum is open to the public Sundays and Thursdays 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Admission is \$7.50. Members free.
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RED CROSS NEWS

The combined **AGM** with Nareeb Nareeb Branch, was held in the Woodhouse Hall on Monday. There was a good attendance, despite the miserable weather and the host branch had the Hall

warm and cosy for everyone.

Office Bearers for 2018-2019 are: President: Helena Flinn (from September) as Jenny Cook is moving; Secretary: Iris Field; Treasurer: Bek Kay; Delegates: Bek Kay and Iris Field; Card Lady: Dorothy Blanch.

It was a pleasant surprise to have **Tammy Fraser** as our **guest speaker**, bringing news from her Balnarring Branch, which has recently closed. She then chatted about the Open Garden Scheme (also now closed) and how their left over funds have been redirected to planting plots of trees on the edge of Canberra.

The Asylum Seekers Resource Centre was another topic and then members were invited to ask questions about any subject. After some interesting discussion, Tammy finished with a clever joke and we all enjoyed a lavish afternoon tea and shopped at the well-stocked trading table.

The next **Zone Meeting** will be in early **August** (date to be confirmed) and the **Dunkeld Branch meeting** will be on **Thursday 23 August at 2.00pm** in the Henry Leech RSL Room.
Iris Field, Secretary



GRAMPIANS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

The **NEXT MEETING** for 2018 is as follows:

Thursday 9 August - Margaret Roberts, 30 Gray Street, Hamilton - phone: 5572 2562

Alcoholics Anonymous

Lunchtime Meeting
Wednesday 12noon -1pm
Dunkeld Community Centre Green Room

AA Preamble: Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism... The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Contact: 0428 581 903

LANDCARE NEWS

Grampians Ark & Grampians To Grasslands Fox Control Program

for the information of residents, landholders and visitors,

The current fox baiting pulse runs from 4 June 2018 to 6 August 2018.

Fox Baits will be laid on participating properties.

Participants please collect your baits from Kelly's in Dunkeld. Remember to notify all your neighbours, and hang signage on the relevant gates.

Please keep a record of the number of baits laid, and the number you have to replace.

There has been a significant increase in fox numbers over the last month, and many farmers are reporting lamb losses due to fox predation.

Our program is now being generously funded by the Glenelg Hopkins CMA and the Biodiversity Fund. We thank both sincerely.

Victorian Landcare Grants

We are very fortunate to have four local families funded through this program, adding to the four families successful last year. These projects involve a variety of activities such as fencing to establish native plants, protect waterways from erosion and contamination, and to establish vegetative corridors to provide habitat for native animals and stock protection. Our thanks to the GHMA for this opportunity. Please get in touch if you are interested in learning more about these grants.

Beer, Bait & BBQ

We'd like to invite you to a relaxed, informative, no fuss, catch up with your neighbours' kind of evening:

The Beer, Bait and BBQ,

run by the Panyyabyr Landcare Group

Mirranatwa Hall
Thursday 9 August 2018
6.30pm

We'll enjoy a lovely meal, and hear an interesting and very relevant presentation from Mark Bachmann and Greg Kerr, both who work with Nature Glenelg Trust, and have worked on the Glenelg Ark fox control program in the Lower Glenelg National Park.

This will also be an ideal time to inform all residents, landholders, "Grampians Ark" and "Grampians To Grasslands" participants about the new requirements for our

Grampians Ark program, which is now generously funded by the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority.

Mark's topic will be: "Exploring what can unfold when predators are excluded from our ecosystems"

Presenter: Mark Bachmann – Principal Ecologist and Manager, Nature Glenelg Trust.

Overview: A semi-regular small mammal monitoring program has been conducted by Mark Bachmann over the past 17 years in Lower Glenelg River Conservation Park. Of note, this small South Australian reserve has been under the proximal influence of Glenelg Ark for the past 12 years, a comprehensive fox baiting program operating in Lower Glenelg National Park, the adjacent reserve in western Victoria. Not only do the cliffs of the Glenelg River form a significant geographic barrier capable of slowing fox re-invasion to this site, enhancing the effectiveness of the baiting program, but this is also the only location under the direct influence of Glenelg Ark where a long-term baseline dataset exists prior to the baiting program commencing. However, the results have been anything but predictable, with a series of unforeseen impacts on the small mammal community now being observed. These results will be shared and put in the context of a wider discussion about changes that have been or are being observed elsewhere in south-eastern Australia and Tasmania when predators have gone missing.

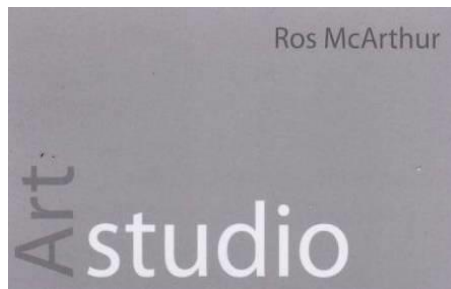
****Please RSVP by Tuesday 7 August, and let me know of any dietary requirements****

****This is a free event, BBQ tea and drinks supplied. If you were able to bring a plate of supper to share, that would be fantastic!****

Lisa McIntyre, 55 749 235 / 0428 749 235
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COUNCIL ADOPTS 2018/19 BUDGET

Southern Grampians Shire Council formally adopted its 2018/19 budget, confirming a healthy financial position while making a significant investment in local infrastructure. The Strategic Resource Plan and Pricing Register were also adopted.

The \$75.38 million budget features a \$32.946 million capital works program which includes investment into local roads, bridges and associated infrastructure; funding for construction of serviced industrial land, improvements of Lake Hamilton and stage two of the Hamilton CBD revitalisation including township entrances.

Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown says the 2018/19 budget aims to deliver a number of key projects in the 2017-2021 Council Plan, building on the initial work completed over the last financial year.

"I am confident that we have put forward a financially responsible, balanced budget that benefits the entire community and invests in the future economic and social wellbeing of our region.

"Councillors and Council officers have been working together to plan strategically so that we are making significant investment into our critical infrastructure; providing quality recreation and leisure services across the Shire; planning for the future of our cultural facilities; capitalising on our

investment into our assets, and advocating for the identified priorities of the region.

"Of particular focus in our advocacy to the State and Federal Governments is a range of local projects like the Hamilton Regional Airport, The CBD revitalisation project, implementation of our digital strategy and improving passenger transport services for our region," Cr Brown said.

The budget includes a number of key initiatives to deliver on the Council Plan:

- Implement a pro-active strategy to promote and grow the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange;
- Detailed designs for stage two of Hamilton CBD revitalisation project – Lonsdale St/Melville Oval/Gray Street;
- Deliver on plans for CBD trees and township entrances across the Shire; and
- Continue advocacy on key Council priorities including State and Federal budgets and elections (State 2018 and Federal 2019).

The total capital works program of almost \$33 million sees substantial investment in roads, bridges, footpaths and associated infrastructure and flood recovery works. This is a significant increase on previous capital works programs due to the floods impact of \$15.682 million.

Highlights of the capital works program include:

- A continued significant investment into local roads, bridges and associated infrastructure;
- Commence construction of the serviced industrial land;
- Deliver year two of the flood impact repairs and reinstatement works;
- Complete capping works at Elijah Street Landfill and implement gas treatment system; and
- Implement Council Buildings Asset Management Strategy and commence works.

"The Budget forecasts the delivery of an operating surplus of \$13.839 million, much of which is related to flood support income and pre-payments from Federal and State Government for Financial Assistance Grants for next financial year. Council anticipates holding \$7.451 million cash at 30 June 2019 and does not propose to borrow any funds in 2018/19," Cr Brown said.

"The Budget reflects a number of minor changes due to Council and community feedback including revised Family Day Care fees, animal registration concessions and changes to the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Agents Fees pending the outcome of the current review. Council has also considered Community budget submissions received and is looking to prioritise the 2018/19 work plan to include support to the Southern Grampians Shire Ice Challenge D-Force project, Cavendish Recreation Reserve Toilet and Amenities facility and the Hamilton Showgrounds Masterplan. We thank all those who made submissions to the budget for their considered feedback," Cr Brown said.

CEO Michael Tudball said there would be a nominal rise in the municipal charge.

"The municipal charge will increase from \$192 to \$195 (a 1.6 percent increase bringing the total collected to 10 percent of rate revenue). Rates will increase by the mandatory 2.25 percent set by the State Government, after Council again resolved not to seek a variation to the legislated rate cap for 2018/19. Some ratepayers may experience a change in their rates above or below 2.25 percent, depending on the type of property they own and where it is located, due to changes in property values," Mr Tudball said.

"With the State Government now mandating annual valuations of property, property owners may notice increased valuations. The overall increase in property valuations from 2016 – 2018 was 5.7 percent or \$193 million. This is distributed across all property types (Rural, Residential/Lifestyle and Commercial) with a total combined value of total \$3,584,334,000. This is a positive sign for landowners and home owners across the Shire, as these recent valuations predict strong future growth for our region.

"The main valuation movement across sectors is in rural properties, increasing by around 10 percent, with residential and commercial increasing by only 1.5 percent. There are good signs for some townships however with Dunkeld property values increasing by over 12 percent, Cavendish by just on 12 percent and Glenelg by 10 percent. In the commercial/industrial sector again Dunkeld is leading the way with around 6 percent growth in values and almost 4 percent in Hamilton. Property valuations are used as the basis for levying rates and therefore each property's contribution to Council's overall rate revenue is determined by its valuation," Mr Tudball concluded.

Cr Brown said she was confident Council had been balanced in its approach with this budget.

"We are always focused on the continued delivery of quality services for the community but the reality is we are operating in a constrained financial environment. It is essential that we continue to review all our activities against identified community priorities and the ongoing service review and planning process assists with this," Cr Brown said.

"Council is confident the budget delivers fairness, responsibility and opportunity in equal measure," Cr Brown concluded.

The Budget 2018/19, Strategic Resource Plan and Pricing Register form part of Council's overall planning, reporting and accountability framework and are available to view at www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

CARPETS OF GREEN by Marion Colton

In my recent wanderings along the roadsides, by Salt Creek and in the area around the Piccaninny, I have been delighted by the beauty of the various mosses. To me, there is something very appealing about mosses; maybe a childhood remnant of an English village background when I used to roam the woods looking at the mosses and sometimes gathering small portions to take home to create a moss garden in a disused, old baking tray as a gift for my mother. Perhaps there is a lingering association of mosses and tiny fungi with the world of fairies and gnomes, so much a part of European culture. And maybe it is an even older link as mosses have an ancient origin and may have been the first plants to colonise the Earth.

Evidently mosses, a member of the *Bryophyte* family, are called 'resurrection plants' because of their capacity to grow and store water in wet weather and to still remain alive, though appearing shrivelled, dry and dead, throughout dry periods and droughts.

In spite of my affection for mosses, I used to pull them out of my garden beds, for I didn't, and still don't, know much about them and the part they play in "our" world. Evidently they play several important roles in the eco-systems of the forests of south-eastern Australia. They colonise bare ground and bind the soil



surface, protecting it from the erosion of wind and water. They also create safe spaces for plants, shrubs and trees to germinate and establish. You have probably seen how the Greenhood Orchids are after surrounded by mosses, as are the bases of many trees. Certain types of moss are known as fire mosses and colonise the burnt and ravaged earth after bushfires, as Cassia Read and Bernard Slattery tell me in "Mosses of Dry Forests". It is a fascinating little book, but I have yet to master its information. So I'll just focus on the beauty of their different forms.



From a standing or walking position, we gain the impression of green carpets, sometimes deep green, sometimes yellowish-green, pastel-green or reddish-brown, with tiny capsules on the finest stalks. We become aware of the overall picture; a vivid green border stretching up the side of the road transforming the grey gravel; a warm green skirt hugging the base of a tree; a green filigree shawl slung over a fallen limb or over boulders and rocks; miniature green forests and gardens in crevices, gullies, hollows or adorning the cavities of old grass trees. Sunlight filtering through the leaf canopy onto the mosses below completes the picture.

However, to see and appreciate more, we need to stop, to stoop down, and then we discover some of the intricacies of this mossy world; and those who are fortunate enough to have a botanical magnifying glass can appreciate even finer subtleties.

Some of the mosses created dense, dark green mounds and their velvety texture invited fingers to caress them. Some stretched out delicate fronds, like miniature ferns, layer upon layer.

Some were like huge soft, pale green, deep-piled carpets underneath the tree canopy, catching the filtered light. They were thicker and hairier.

Some were more matted, closely infiltrating the grooves and cracks of the surface of fallen limbs, with very fine filaments exploring in many directions.

Occasionally an animal had uprooted a section and it was possible to see the dense interweaving of the long, meandering roots issuing from the hairy stems and pale green tips.

Some had hairy tips of dirty green at the top and at the base had dark brown fine skirts around their stems.

Such a fascinating world! So enjoy the mosses as you walk. You may find many more treasures in the natural world.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

Welcome back!

Thank you for returning the forms to become a Friend of The Kitchen Garden Program and be rostered on to help provide good food education to your children.

The Term 3 has been sent out. **Please try and get to the Kitchen by 11.15am at the latest** so I have time to go through the recipes with you and any other information you may need.

This term we invite the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students into the kitchen to experience harvesting, preparing and sharing lunch together. A reminder will go home closer to the date for these classes. We look forward to sharing the space together.

We will be hosting the Hamilton North Rotary Club Dinner here at the school on Wednesday evening on 1 August from 6.00pm. This will be the third visit from this club who have shown great interest in our program from the beginning and who have donated funds to the watering system in the garden in previous years. We look forward to their visit and ask that you please fill in and return your form if you can help in any way.

We welcome Year 5 students into the kitchen this Thursday. We will celebrate, through food, the World Cup. French cuisine it is!

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

Thank you to Jo Aarons and her family for helping to care for the chooks over the break, and to Karyn Hassett and her family for giving us some straw bales - dry ones for the chooks and others for mulch, both efforts and generosity was much appreciated!

This term the weather will probably be cold and wet, so please send a hat, coat and footwear with your children on Thursdays - it is hard for them to concentrate and enjoy being outside if they are cold.

We are very excited to be able to offer the Grade 5 and 6 classes the opportunity to visit the Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre this term. They will learn about the origins of our soils and their local landscape. This excursion will be funded by the SAKG Program.

The SAKG Garden Roster for Term 3 has now been compiled and sent out. I know I am constantly asking for something ... but if you have even a small amount of time that you could offer to help us in the garden on Thursdays, we would love to hear from you. You don't have to be a gardener, and if it is really bad weather, we work inside - so please get in touch with me as we really need more people to fill our roster. It really is a great way to spend a few hours on Thursdays!! Please do not hesitate to contact me on 5574 9235 or email: advancel@bigpond.com

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

SAKG Kitchen Roster:

THURSDAY 26 JULY – KITCHEN - YEAR 6	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Kylie Huzony, Casey Trotter, Annette Huf
THURSDAY 2 AUGUST – KITCHEN - YEAR 5	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Heather Hampton, Mel Peace, Christy Lazzari, Rob Smith

SAKG Garden Roster:

THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grades 4 and 5	Priscilla Jury, Carol Burger, Julie Butterworth, Stacey Balkin
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Priscilla Jury, Julie Butterworth, Stacey Balkin, Dave Fanning
2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 6	Priscilla Jury, Brian Mathews, Jo Aarons
THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grades 4 and 5	Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth, Casey Trotter
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth, Kaye Wraith
2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 6	Paul Callander, Brian Mathews, Kaye Wraith, Kylie Huzony

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM MR PAUL JEFFREYS, PRINCIPAL

Is it Term 3 already? Only two terms remaining this year? One semester. That's just twenty-one weeks of school; one hundred and five days. In that time, children will have completed about two hundred hours of literacy classes and about one hundred hours of mathematics. Our Prep students will be ready to become Year 1 students and our Year 6 students will be contemplating their first year of secondary school. After many years of being a teacher, I have always believed that this third term of the year is the most important and productive: relationships are in place, routines all sorted, the least amount of academic disruption ... time for great effort. And so welcome back boys and girls and don't forget the three reasons we come to school: to learn about ourselves, to learn about others and to learn about the world. Be brave. Enjoy the hard things and challenge yourself at every opportunity.

We look forward to seven new class captains' contributions this term: Emily McNaughton from Year 6, Abby Lazzari from Year 5, Alisha Cross from Year 4, Maxi Graham from Year 3, Ava Balkin from Year 2, Jack Oldfield from Year 1 and Elodie Cochran from Prep.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Bonnie Jackson and her sister, Ella our very best wishes as they prepare for their journey to Nepal. One cannot imagine the thoughts going through the minds of the family, but certainly excitement may be in there somewhere. To Lucinda, Paddy, Ella and Bonnie; may your experiences be rich and rewarding. Return to us safely.

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION – GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE

Last term on Friday 22 June the whole school attended the performance of George's Marvellous Medicine at the Performing Arts Centre in Hamilton. The performance was enjoyed by teachers and students alike. Please enjoy the following reports from some of our Grade 2 and Grade 4 students. You will see the Grade 2's are practicing writing uses senses.



GRADE 2

"It was silly, weird, powerful and creative. I saw colourful lights at the start. The smoke tasted like cotton candy."
Charlotte Comer

"The colourful spotlight made it scary and entertaining. I had a lovely time. I smelt smoke

and heard music and voices. I felt amazed and happy to watch it. It also felt inspiring. I felt as warm as a sheep's wool." Charlotte Alderman

"I think the play was marvellous, funny, clever, weird and groovy. I saw colourful lights and felt happy. I could smell the yucky medicine. It was as colourful as a rainbow." Ella Peters

"I really like the funny, cool and creative ideas. I felt magical and I saw the beautiful lights. At first I was terrified but then I felt as calm as a cookie." Bonnie Peters

"It was entertaining because it was funny and silly. I felt happy, marvellous and surprised. I felt the light and it felt like a blanket." Phoebe Lazzari

GRADE 4

"On Friday 22 June we had a whole school excursion to the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (PAC) to watch the George's Marvellous Medicine performance. Everyone in the school enjoyed watching it because it was very funny especially when grandma grew. There were lots of special effects such as fancy lights and bubbles. When the performance was finished everyone wished it was still going."
Lillian Glazebrook

"On Friday 22 June we went to George's Marvellous Medicine at the PAC. It was marvellous. At the start we could see a setting of a house, it looked a little bit scary. Then all of a sudden a poof of white smoke came up in front of us and the show began. I felt myself shifting in my seat the performance was so funny. My favourite character was the Mum but I liked the animals too because they were really cute." Georgia Adams



"Lights, camera, action! On Friday 22 June Dunkeld Consolidated School went to an astonishing performance at the PAC called George's Marvellous Medicine, a book by Roald Dahl. It was very funny, everyone had a laugh. There were a lot of schools and we all enjoyed the amazing play."
Leah Morelli

"On 22 June 2018, the whole school went to the Hamilton PAC to watch "George's Marvellous Medicine" based on the book by Roald Dahl. It was really funny and I think that it was the best performance we have been to at school! My favourite part was when one of the animals drank the medicine and nearly punched the father. I think that everyone really enjoyed the performance." Bonnie Jackson

WANTED: For SAKG Garden Art Projects

Plastic lids of various colours and sizes, large coloured plastic bottles and unused car wheel trims

We are looking to brighten up our school garden with some revamped and new garden art projects.

Please start collecting and leave your donations in the box in the corridor leading to the hall.



Can you believe there is less than one week till we shut off stall holder applications?

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TERM 3 CLASS CAPTAINS

It is with excitement that we announce the Class Captains for Term 3, 2018. The Class Captains were presented with their badges and certificates at an assembly on Friday 20 July. (Their roles may include delivering notes and diaries etc to the office, Class Captain report at Assemblies, welcoming visitors to their classrooms etc).



Elodie Cochran
Prep



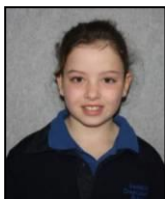
Jack Oldfield
Year 1



Ava Balkin
Year 2



Maxi Graham
Year 3



Alisha Cross
Year 4



Abby Lazzari
Year 5



Emily McNaughton
Year 6

HOCKEY 7'S – WARRNAMBOOL/PORTLAND/HAMILTON COMBINED DIVISION HOCKEY COMPETITION

On Friday 20 July 2018 the following students participated in the Hockey 7's competition at Pedrina Park competing against players from Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton. In arctic conditions both parents and students had a cold but successful day.



Congratulations:
Emily McNaughton
India Ross
Lucille Aarons
Myles Hayley
Pippa Williamson
Matilda Potter
Bonnie Jackson

Abby Lazzari
Amelia Jackson
Olive Jackson
Taylor Hayley
Georgia Adams
Jemima Ross
Lucy Fraser

CONGRATULATIONS



Our school community would like to congratulate Jo, Matthew, Zachary (Prep) and Liv Lance on the arrival of their son and brother Kai Anthony on 21 June 2018.



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We're at Sheepvention

Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch will again this year be supplying a CASH OUT facility at the Hamilton Showgrounds office.

This year Sheepvention marks 40 years of support for the Australian sheep industry, and your local Rural Bank Specialists will be there to join in the celebrations. Come visit the team at Site 55 who will happily answer any questions you might have on your farm, personal or business banking. You can also choose to have a free 20 minute Health & Lifestyle Assessment from the National Centre for Farmer Health.





The Peaks & Trails committee are looking for some community volunteers to assist on race day for this year's Peaks & Trails on Sunday 5 August. If you would like to get involved and help out on a checkpoint, could you please contact Alison 0429 170 381.

CBD TREE WORKS COMMENCE

Work commenced this week on stage one of the Hamilton CBD street trees action plan. The works signal the start of a twelve month action plan to undertake remedial works on the Hamilton CBD trees. The plan, funded in the 2018/19 budget, demonstrates Council's commitment to the ongoing maintenance of street trees in the CBD.

In March this year, following consideration of a report from Arborists Homewood Consulting, Council resolved to:

- Maintain the existing trees in the CBD
- Remove trees that are in poor health and develop a remedial action plan for the problematic trees
- Reduce the canopy through trimming of trees in Gray St

Stage one of the action plan covered urgent remedial works to three trees - two claret ash in French Street and one plane tree in Hamilton Place. Works included clearing the canopies from power lines, removing overhanging branches and managing the growth of the trees.

Quotes are now being sought for stage two works, which includes the removal of twelve trees, located in Hamilton Place, Kennedy Street, Lonsdale Street and Cox Street. These trees were recommended for removal in the arborist report because they are in poor to very poor condition and have a useful life expectancy of less than five years. A map outlining the locations of the trees to be removed is available at <http://gis.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/intramaps80>

Once a contractor is appointed to complete the works, Council will advise the scheduled date for works to commence. All of the trees will be replaced with similar species, however those in Cox Street will be replaced at a later date as part of the Cox Street redevelopment.

Council's Director Infrastructure David Moloney said that as discussed at Council's community information session on CBD trees held in April, the large blue gum tree on Lonsdale Street, out the front of the Hamilton Visitor Information Centre is also nearing the end of its useful life and will be removed as part of the action plan.

"The Arborist report identified two treatment options for the blue gum, cabling and pruning or removal. While remedial cabling and pruning works are an option for this tree, advice has indicated that these works would significantly change the look of the tree, requiring the removal of the majority of the canopy and the works still would not address the large hollow in the tree. This option would also only add a maximum of five more years to the life of the tree, so Council has decided to remove it," Mr Moloney said.

"There are some added complexities involved with the removal of the Blue Gum. It will require a number of safety measures to be implemented for the safety of pedestrians and motorists, including traffic management around the Lonsdale and Thompson street intersection and footpath diversions.

"Council will have discussions with impacted businesses in the coming months and will advise the community well in advance of the works taking place," Mr Moloney said.

Stage three of action plan, due to commence later in the year, will see the pruning of trees in Hamilton's CBD. This will most likely be conducted over weekends and/or early mornings, to reduce the inconvenience to businesses, foot traffic and motorists.

"While we are aiming to keep disruptions to a minimum, we do appreciate the patience of the community while we undertake these works," Mr Moloney concluded.

The full arborist report and action plan is available on Council's website.

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