

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## MAN VS MOUNTAIN

### IN THE 2017 PEAKS & TRAILS CHALLENGE



for trail running are thoroughly indulged.

Peaks and Trails, held on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, offers a 50km, 26km and 22km trail courses, as well as a short course technical challenge on Mount Abrupt. These trails offer challenges alongside breathtaking views at almost every turn.

For those familiar with the Southern Grampians, it means the 22km runners will summit Mount Picaninny (422m), the 26km runners will bag both Picaninny and Mount Sturgeon (548m) while Ultra Marathon runners will take on Mount Abrupt (827m) as well as Picanniny and Sturgeon.

All run abilities are catered for with two shorter distances of 11km and 6.4km. While these two courses do not summit any of the peaks, they are still a great challenge along some stunning private trails. Because of the nature of the event, and the popularity of the location, numbers will be capped to 450 over the two days, so there's extra incentive to register early.

Families have been catered for with a free Kids' Dash and free children's activities planned as well.

With race hub at the Annex Room at the Royal Mail Hotel the weekend promises to be an enjoyable trail running experience for all involved. Also at the race hub will be one of our generous sponsors, The Running Company Ballarat. They will be on deck for all your last minute needs, VFuel,

trail shoes just a sample of the goodies available.

Following the Mount Abrupt Challenge on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, Peaks and Trails will hold a pre-race dinner at Sterling Place. Race bib collection will be available for those competing on the Sunday and The Running Company Ballarat will be present with all things running!

The evening will be \$25 per adult and \$15 for children. The meal will be catered by Café 109 and offer pasta or schnitzel dinner and dessert with BYO drinks. Live music will be played by the talented Phil Holmes. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Café 109 on 5577 2288.

It is great to have community groups getting involved and benefiting financially over the weekend. The Kindergarten are organising the volunteer packs and the refugee group will be providing yummy soup at the race hub on Sunday.

We would like to thank the amazing community support for Peaks & Trails. With over 50 volunteers out on the trails on the day, permission to access private land for the courses and also the financial support from our very generous sponsors, this event would not be possible without the Dunkeld community.....thank you!!

More information and link to register in available on our facebook page.

## DONATIONS

Dunkeld Uniting Church	\$100
Marion Colton	\$ 20
Heather Napier	\$ 20
Joy Clarke	\$ 20

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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](mailto:hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Sunday	July 30	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Sunday	August 6	8.30am	Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Sunday	August 13		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Sunday	August 20	8.30am	Mass
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Sunday	August 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

### Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

#### Services at Saint Mary's, Dunkeld.

Shared worship at **9 am each Sunday** except when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month when there are district services in Hamilton.

July 30	Hamilton		
August 6	Anglican		9.00am
August 13	Uniting	Robyn Maconachie	9.00am
August 20	Anglican		9.00am
August 27	Uniting	Richard Martin	9.00am
Everyone very welcome			

### Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Next service to be advised

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

## Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter 2017

### Cut off and distribution dates

Issue	Cut-off Date	Distribution Date
<b>JUNE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>12</b>	<b>Mon 7 August</b>	<b>Wed 9 August</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Mon 21 August</b>	<b>Wed 23 August</b>
14	Mon 4 September	Wed 6 September
15	Mon 18 September	Wed 20 September
<b>SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		
16	Mon 16 October	Wed 18 October
17	Mon 30 October	Wed 1 November
18	Mon 13 November	Wed 15 November
19	Mon 27 November	Wed 29 November
20	Mon 11 December	Wed 13 December
	<b>Last Issue for 2017</b>	

Please note that for the next two issues:

### Issue 11 and issue 12

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### On or before the cut off for each issue

Written articles may be taken to the Dunkeld Consolidated School office.

For enquires please phone the school on 5577 2384.



## FROM THE LION'S DEN

Early this month we had our annual changeover of office bearers. Although our Secretary and Treasurer are still the same our new president is Simon Macgugan, he takes over from John Manolas. John was President for two years and proved to be a very able leader, we thank him for his dedication to Lions and to the community, and we thank Christina and family for the support that they gave him in office.

Our office bearers are:

President: Simon Macgugan

Secretary: Rob Harris

Treasurer: Herman Jansen

Membership Chairman: Todd Burger. Todd is also taking on the role of Zone Chairman, which means that he is on the Governor's Advisory Committee and represents the Clubs from Cavendish, Dunkeld, Hamilton and Penshurst.

These Lions have a proud tradition to uphold but I think that they are up to it, congratulations on taking office.

### Jock Danby Award



Every year the outgoing President awards the Jock Danby Award to the Lion that he thinks has been outstanding for the year. The award is named after a Lion of many years who died whilst still a member of the Dunkeld Lions. Jock was an inspiration to those who knew him, both as a soldier on the Kokoda Track and as a resident of the Dunkeld district.

This year the recipient is Simon Macgugan. Congratulations Simon; well deserved.

### Out of the mouths of youth

There is a story going around the Monivae College that a teacher was trying to interest the class in art.

"Rembrandt", she enthused, "Could change a smiling face into a frowning one with a single stroke of the brush."

One boy was heard to mutter to his mate, "That's nothing; my sister doesn't even need a brush".

*Peter Hinchey*



## DUNKELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The Annual General Meeting of Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade on 18 April saw some major changes in the biennial election of officers. Those elected were as follows:

President:	Edward Blackwell
Captain:	Charles Blackwell
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Robert Funk
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Edward Blackwell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant	Simon Gordon
4 <sup>th</sup> Lieutenant	Darren Gordon
5 <sup>th</sup> Lieutenant	Jason Linskens
6 <sup>th</sup> Lieutenant	Michael Gordon
Secretary/Treasurer	Ben Kelly

Other specific positions filled were in community safety (Michael Gordon), health and safety (Ben Kelly) and training (Edward Blackwell). Additional roles were taken on by Darren Gordon (recruitment), Robert Funk (fire prevention) and Anthony Graham (catering).

The meeting commenced with a silent tribute to deceased former Brigade Lieutenant and long-serving member Henry Leech OAM (1924-2016), who joined the Brigade in 1952.

The 2016/2017 fire danger period was probably the quietest on record for Dunkeld and district, despite prolific grass growth caused by a wet spring. Fire restrictions commenced on 19 December 2016 and were lifted on 10 April 2017. There were only three days of Total Fire Ban for the whole season, and at least one of these was unnecessary. The Brigade received a total of 10 calls from June 2016 to April 2017. Four of these were motor vehicle accidents and another three did not require the Brigade to attend.

Unfortunately, much less roadside burning was undertaken this season, due partly to seasonal conditions and also to new CFA bureaucratic obstacles. Most of the burning was in conjunction with adjoining Brigades.

The meeting decided to maintain the suggested level of voluntary donations to the Brigade at \$50 per landholder and \$30 per householder in the town for 2017/18. The Brigade is extremely grateful to the Dunkeld and district community for their continuing financial support, which builds the funding base over time to allow the purchase or replacement of a major item of equipment, for example the Brigade-owned Isuzu tanker ("Dunkeld Suzi"), which is now 27 years old.

The meeting also decided to support the concept plan for the proposed new Dunkeld SES Vehicle Shed, which involves the demolition of the old Fire Station and the installation of a storage area for the Brigade in the current Fire Station motor room.

The Brigade again sponsored the annual fire prevention poster competition at Dunkeld Consolidated School, which has been organised by Helena Flinn since 1984. Prizes, in the form of book vouchers, were presented to the winners in each grade by Serra Group Officer Simon Armytage, during a special assembly on 31 March.

At the initiative of the Brigade and Dunkeld SES, a joint bank account has been set up to assist Brigade member Felicity (Flick) Gordon in her recovery from a serious illness. The Brigade is delighted that Flick is now home and continuing to improve, and looks forward to her father Mike's continued Brigade involvement, as appropriate, following the need for him to stand down as Captain late last year. The Brigade is also impressed with the Dunkeld Consolidated School initiative in its current fundraising project "Felicity's Hope".

On a personal note, Helena and I would like to thank the Dunkeld and district community for their trust and confidence in us during our 40-year-plus involvement in the volunteer fire service. I have stepped down as Brigade Secretary/Treasurer and as Serra Group Communications Officer, and Helena has stepped down as Serra Group Secretary. It has been a great privilege for us to serve in these positions, and we wish Dunkeld Brigade and Serra Group all the best for the future.

*Peter and Helena Flinn*

## DUNKELD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MEET ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9.30am

Next meeting : Monday 21 August. All Welcome.





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## DUNKELD PUBLIC LAND'S COMMITTEE

**Caravan Park** Our program of improvements is continuing. More crushed rock has been spread to make more sites available in wet weather. We thank Barry Lowe for constructing a new rubbish bin enclosure. This will tidy up our waste area. Barry spent many hours constructing the enclosure. We also thank Gary, Ian Macgugan and Brian Mathews for helping Barry mix concrete and make the slab.

**Flood Relief** We have been assured that we will receive some flood relief money. It will mean the bridge will finally be fixed and tracks repaired. We wait patiently, but the wet weather is not ideal to start work.

**Sawmill** It is with great sadness that we hear of Ted Rowe's passing. Ted was a great supporter of the Sawmill and a long time contributor to the timber industry in Victoria Valley. Our sympathies are with Margaret and family.

*John Smith, President*



## FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE – July 2017

### Community Meetings

Flood Recovery Community debrief sessions were held in the Coleraine and Dunkeld Communities in late June. The meetings provided the opportunity for all community members to come along, provide their feedback on September's flood events and to receive updates on the damages identified, works completed and future works.

Flood recovery agencies in attendance included Southern Grampians Shire Council; Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority; Department of Health and Human Services; SES; Victoria Ambulance; Victoria Police; Department of Land Water and Planning, Victorian Council of Churches; Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

### Where to find more information

Council has recently included flood recovery information within the Southern Grampians Shire website. The site includes information about Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, Identified Damage and Repairs - Essential Public Infrastructure and Community Assets and Traffic Management. The site will also provide access to Interactive Maps and under the Recovery tab will show a visual perspective of the identified road defects and the roads that are out to tender or under contract. Additional tenders will be advertised to address all remaining flood defects on roads.

Information about the tenders can also be found at Council's e-tendering portal.

Flood Recovery information is also displayed at HILAC, the Library and the front window of the Flood Recovery Office (84 French Street, Hamilton).

### Cavendish Kindergarten

Extensive works have been occurring at Cavendish Kindergarten to replace the septic system which failed during the floods in 2016.

In order to replace the septic system to current construction standards the titles of the Cavendish Kindergarten and Ron Lewis Park were consolidated to enable an appropriate sized irrigation field to be installed and a temporary portable bathroom was installed for the children to use whilst the septic replacement occurred.

The old septic tank which was located in the playground of the Cavendish Kindergarten has now been decommissioned by plumbers. Given that this involved digging into the soil

beneath the playground, old soft fall was removed and fresh soft fall has been reinstalled.

A new waste water irrigation field has been installed at the rear of the Ron Lewis Park and the area has been covered with turf. Cut off drains were also constructed to ensure that stormwater and surface water are diverted from the irrigation field. These works form part of council's insurance claim for flood damage.



*Cavendish Kindergarten - Old septic tank being removed*



*Cavendish Kindergarten - Playground reinstated with clean soft fall*

### Roads

To date nearly 3000 sites of damage have been identified on the local road network in Southern Grampians. Tenders were advertised in June to complete two large packages of road restoration works. In the coming weeks the Flood Recovery Team will be working through the tender responses and a recommendation will be reviewed at the August council meeting.

Seven sites across three roads have been identified as having tunnel erosion where the damage is complex and requires specialist advice. Detailed inspections of these sites are due to begin in the coming weeks.

Gravel re-sheeting works are now complete on eight roads which include:

Malones Road, North of Cavendish  
Forest Lane, Moutajup  
Research Station Road, Hamilton  
Old Ararat Road, Dunkeld  
Wills Street, Dunkeld  
Coleys Road, Yulecart  
W Schultz Road, Hamilton  
Bullocks Road, Hamilton

Council staff repaired these roads in overtime in order to meet the criteria for the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) claim and also deliver the council budget for capital works.



## Community Infrastructure

Completed Works	Works underway	Works awaiting funding confirmation/release	Inspected and no works required
Cavendish Kindergarten Septic	Byaduk Public Toilets - Building	Cavendish Public Toilets and carpark	Coleraine - Skate Park
Coleraine Caravan Shower block		Coleraine Reserve Turnbull St - Cricket Rooms	Wannon Falls Reserve - Toilets (Lower)
Coleraine Caravan Park Toilets		Coleraine Silvester Oval – Tennis and Netball Courts	Wannon Falls Reserve - Toilets (Upper)
Coleraine Silvester Oval playground		Coleraine - Bowling Club & Synthetic Greens	Wannon Falls Reserve - Viewing platforms & Walking Trails
Coleraine Silvester Oval - Netball Pavilion		Coleraine Tennis & Netball Centre - Tennis Courts	Coleraine Silvester Oval - Change Rooms
Coleraine Skate Park BBQs & Shelters		Coleraine - Hamilton Rail trail	Coleraine Silvester Oval - Football Pavilion
Coleraine Turnbull St Playground		Walking track restoration - Cavendish, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Grange Burn and Wetlands, Hamilton Tarrington	Hamilton Showgrounds - Lions Club Shed
Hamilton Apex Park - Apex Building & Toilets		Braxholme Rec Reserve	Hamilton Showgrounds - Umpires Rooms
Hamilton Apex Park - Train Shelter		Hamilton Rifle Club	
Hamilton Apex Park - BBQ & Shelter		Ron Lewis Park	
Hamilton Showgrounds - Lions Club Rooms		Coleraine CFA Running Track	
		Dunkeld Caravan Park	

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**MONDAY TO FRIDAY- 6.30am – 5.30pm**

**SATURDAY- 7.00am – 4.30pm**

**SUNDAY- 7.30am – 3.00pm**

**(Times may vary on Public Holidays)**



## RED CROSS NEWS

Held Thursday of this week on the 27 July at 1.30 pm, will be the combined AGM with Dunkeld and Nareeb, at the Henry Leech RSL Room. Members are asked to bring one plate of sweet and one of savoury for afternoon tea and something for the Multi Raffle. The guest speaker will be local police sergeant Bruce McNaughton. All welcome.

This will be followed by the Zone Meeting in Hamilton at the Daisy Turner Rooms, on Tuesday 8 August from 10.00am, hosted by Dunkeld / Nareeb Nareeb groups.

**Iris Field, Secretary**

We believe in the power and importance of early childhood literacy. We believe people do better when they are connected to their communities – when they belong. So that's kinda why we all do what we do!  
See you on the trail. xx Jacinta and Naomi

## BIG YARN TRAIL 2017 - DUNKELD

BIG Puma

Catch a glimpse of the Grampians most infamous mysterious resident.

*Off the Rails Gallery, Skene Street, Dunkeld*

WARM

*Off the Rails Gallery, Skene Street, Dunkeld*

24 July – 20 August

Open Thursday - Sunday (or by appointment) 11.00am-3.00pm daily

Entry by gold coin donation.

From March to end of August 2016, knitters created hundreds of knitted pieces including gum leaves, trees, native flowers, wind turbines and knitted squares. During several days of installation, these knitted pieces were assembled over a scarred landscape image, to create an enormous collage of a landscape renewed.

Learn to knit flora from the WARM project with Georgie (aka tikki).

*Off the Rails Gallery, Skene Street, Dunkeld*

Sunday 6 August, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost: \$40 includes afternoon tea, and ball of premium Tarndie wool.

Learn to knit some of the beautiful dual-purpose knitted pieces from the WARM project with Georgie Nicholson - the designer behind the patterns that make up the WARM installation.

Bookings: via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) or 0428 141 599 (phone or SMS)

Streetscape

Shop windows displays and knitting spaces throughout Dunkeld.



The Woolly West Fest was founded by Jacinta Wareham and Naomi Turner in 2014 – the result of a self-imposed challenge to do something fun for the community.

The festival draws on the region's most famous natural resource – wool – and showcases its creative potential with a broad range of community art projects.

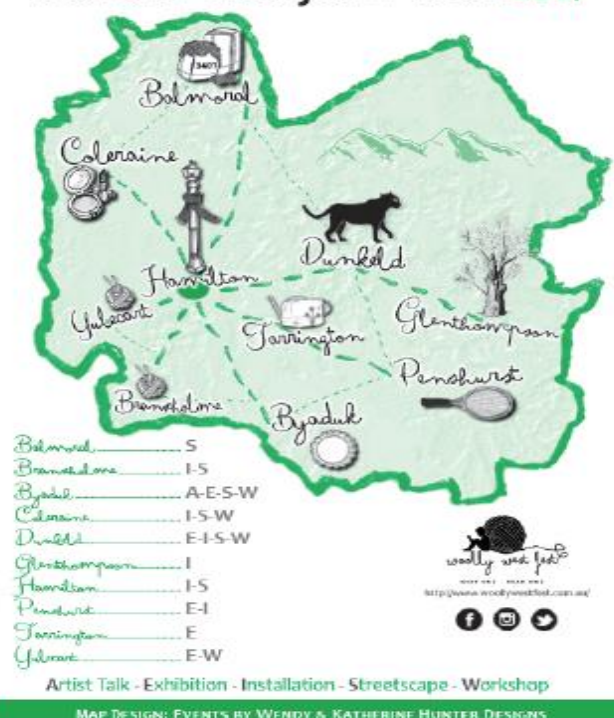
Believed to be the largest (geographically speaking) community arts project in Victoria and possibly even Australia, the Woolly West Fest unites towns from across the Shire of Southern Grampians in a single two-week celebration of wool and early childhood literacy.

Running on a two-year cycle, the Woolly West Fest alternates between a children's book themed year, and a Yarn Trail year. 2017 is Yarn Trail year, and we are thrilled to have ten towns joining us with a range of exhibitions and installations that each tells us something of that town's history, character, or sense of humour.

From top to bottom we are an entirely volunteer-run festival. The Western District produces some of the finest super-fine merino in the country. We're pretty proud of that. From the time that the Henty Brothers first spread themselves out across this region, sheep have been the focus of our economic and cultural life.

We believe in the importance of retaining traditional wool-crafting techniques, as well as extending the skills of our posse with the odd creative new-fangled challenge. We believe in strong communities and how pride can totally change the way a town views itself and is able to help itself.

## Follow the yarn trail 2017







## WANT TO BE A LIFEGUARD?

Dates for upcoming lifeguard courses are:

- ▲ 18-20 August
- ▲ 13-15 October
- ▲ 3-5 November

Fri 5:30pm-8:30pm | Sat and Sun 9:00am-6:00pm

Courses will be held at Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre and run over 2.5 days. Participants must be available for the full duration.

**Requirements:**

-  Current Level 2 First Aid Certificate
-  16 years of age or older
-  Current CPR certification

Refractor channels are also being held

For more information and to register your interest in the full course or the weekend course, contact Doreen Street or H2O Pro on 03 5577 2292 or [www.southgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgrampians.vic.gov.au)



### Mobile Library

Will be visiting **DUNKELD** every Thursday  
fortnight

**12.00 – 1.30pm**

**Sterling Street (Community Hall)**

### PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Dates for Dunkeld - JULY 27, AUGUST 10 & 24

Dates for Mirranatwa - AUGUST 3, 17 & 31

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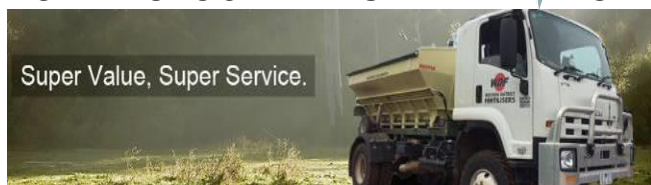
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## DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

### What's happened in the last few weeks:

- More new members onboard - welcome to John, Corrine and Craig Smith, Louise Patterson, Sam Duckmanton, Vicci Lanini, Rod VanDeHoeuf, Jacinta Onderwater, and from Western Australia, Libby Kinna, and Life Members Les and Beryl Clark.
- Shantelle Phillips walked us through how to access and use our new facebook page, all geared for exposure to the tourists visiting the town and hopefully, our museum.
- As from next week we will have a new email address- dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com
- And a new telephone number - **1800 807 056** which is the Southern Grampians Shire Info line, they will then direct the caller to an appropriate person on our committee.
- More donations to the Town Walk Project. We sincerely thank Allan and Maria Myers for a further donation of **\$6,250.00** and the Congregation of the Uniting Church for **\$500.00**. We will be able to supply at least 26 new signs and some new stands for this wonderful response from the people of the town and district. WHAT A GREAT RESPONSE!!
- **Artefacts and Items donated to our collection:**
- Apex Items, photographs and memorabilia. Donor - Keryn Gordon.
- Bert Koopman's Aircraft Flying Overalls. Donor - Bill Funk.
- Knitting wool container (ball shaped). Donor - Faye Gordon.

Thanks folks for these precious items - they all help us to build a solid archive for our community and future generations.

**Social night/Movie night-** Casserole tea set tentatively for 13 September- venue to be advised. We will compile some old movie footage into one movie especially for this function. Members and friends, all will be invited.

**Name Plate for Elsie Myers Showcase:** It was decided the current tiny name-plate does not appropriately acknowledge the significant contribution made by the late Elsie Myers who enabled this showcase to be built a number of years ago. We have therefore arranged for a more appropriate sign to be made.

### Obituaries:

Our sympathy goes out to the family and relatives on the passing of loved ones

Patricia Irene (Pat) TAUBERT on 17 July  
Lesley Herbert (Les) BARKER, on 21 June  
Edward (Ted) ROWE, on 21 July  
Iven FIELD, on 22 July

**From the Archives- Who can you identify in this poem, do you know the author?**

There was weeping in old Dunkeld when they raised the price of beer!

**Big Bill** turned a somersault, and Tubby shed a tear.

**Snips**, he buried Lucy, he had a sickly grin, **Albert** tried lemonade, but quickly took to gin.

**Kingie** took to lime juice, he did not like the taste, he said he felt all rusted just below the waist.

**Mackie** tried his luck on rum, he said it's as hot as hell, they found him in the pool, he didn't look so well.

**Frosty** favoured spa, he only took one drink, he grabbed his hat and bolted; they found him in the sink.

**Lunger** tried Old Court, he hasn't since been seen, while **Nobby**, after twenty Snapps sang the "Wearing of the Green".

**Bill Skeggs** favoured ginger ale, but it was vert tart, he started drinking brandy and wanted to fight **Mart**.

**Mick**, he tried out peppermint and then got onto whiskey, he ended up telling us the stuff was too damn risky.

Well, that is all I can recall and it shows you all quite clear, that it put Dunkeld on the map when they raised the price of beer.

### Museum Duty:

JULY 30<sup>th</sup>: David Gordon, John Kay  
AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>: Joyce Gordon, Peter Templeton  
AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>: Jenny Crawford, Bill Crawford  
AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>: Heather Funk, Katrina Weatherly

### Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group (DRASS Group) (Vision - 'Opening Hearts and Doors to Refugees')

Thanks to the wonderfully generous community of Dunkeld, two full carloads of warm winter clothing and blankets have been delivered to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray. A big thank you to everyone who so generously donated these items to help keep refugees warm this winter.

### GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK UPDATE

Parks Victoria would like to advise that Grampians Peaks Trail upgrades to Mount Sturgeon Walking track have commenced and will continue until early September. Further to previous correspondence, the walking track will remain open; however, contractors and machinery will be operating in the summit area, so visitors are urged to remain aware. Temporary closures may be necessary so please respect any closure or warning signage in place

**Tammy Schoo**, Team Leader –  
Visitors and Community Grampians Gariwerd National Park

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## FUNDING ROUND OPENS IN WANNON

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan is calling for expressions of interest under Round 3 of the Stronger Communities Programme. The Stronger Communities Programme (SCP) supports the Turnbull Government's commitment to improving local community participation and building vibrant and viable communities.

Funding of \$150,000 will be available to support projects in the Wannon electorate and grants of between \$2,500 and \$18,750 will be available for projects. All projects will need to demonstrate matched funding for the project either in cash or in-kind.

Mr Tehan said "that under the first two rounds of the programme, some excellent community projects have been funded, including:

- Ararat Skatepark redevelopment;
- Replacing the Pomonal Hall storage shed and landscaping;
- Commemorative signage for the Mullagh Wills Foundation 'Journey to the G';
- New screen and scoreboard for Maryborough Football Netball Club; and
- Purchase of sheep pens for the Balmoral P & A Society."

"I have reconvened a community consultation committee to identify priority projects and to ensure the best possible outcomes for the Wannon community. To be successful in Round 3 we're looking for projects that will deliver social benefits and value for money, said Mr Tehan.

"I encourage all potential applicants to contact my office on 1300 131 692 to discuss projects and to ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria," said Mr Tehan.

Expressions of interest will need to be received by 28 July.

Projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a full application for assessment in August and September.

For further details contact my office on 1300 131 692.

## GRANTS AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE DISABILITY ACCESS

Not-for-profit organisations and local councils in the Lowan electorate are being encouraged to apply for grants to build a "Changing Place" in their community.

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP said the Changing Places program aimed to boost access and equality for Victorians with a disability by building more-accessible bathrooms.

The grants help local councils and community groups build bathrooms that are larger than the standard size, with extra features and increased space to meet the needs of people with a disability.

Extra features to be included in the facilities are enough space for two people, a tracking hoist system and a height-adjustable, adult-size changing bench.

"There are only 20 grants available across Victoria and they go towards supporting hundreds of thousands of people across the state and encourage inclusiveness within the community," Ms Kealy said.

Applications are open until October 13, with more information available at [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/changingplaces](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/changingplaces).

## FUNDING AVAILABLE TO CARE FOR AGEING AUSTRALIANS IN SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP has encouraged not-for-profit, incorporated community organisations that have an ABN to apply for funding from the Caring for Ageing Rural Australians (CARA) Program.

Ms Kealy said the program is designed to support projects and activities that benefit and support older people living in small rural and remote communities.

"Projects and activities should offer a clear public benefit for communities and those with a population of 10,000 or less will receive priority," she said.

There are two streams under the program - the Small Grants Stream for grants up to \$10,000 and the Large Grants Scheme for grants over \$10,000 and up to \$125,000.

Grants are available for eligible projects and activities that:

- Help redress disadvantage caused by remoteness;
- Enhance aged care services and facilities;
- Build community capacity for aged-friendly communities;
- Foster community development through opportunities and participation for older people; and/or
- Encourage positive and active ageing, community health and wellbeing and education programs.

Ms Kealy encouraged all eligible community organisations across the Lowan Electorate that are passionate about caring for the aged to apply for the CARA program.

Applications are now open and close on 11 August 2017.

Further information is available at <http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/cara>

Potential projects can be discussed with the State Programs Manager on 1800 170 020.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG FARMERS

Young farmers across the Lowan Electorate are being encouraged to apply for scholarships aimed at helping them succeed in their food and fibre career.

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP said the Young Farmer Scholarships program provides primary producers under the age of 35 with funding for training and development, as well as on-farm assistance.

"Food and fibre production underpins the well-being of rural communities and is crucial in ensuring Victoria's economy grows strongly and is competitive in the future," Ms Kealy said.

Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000, with up to \$5,000 for study and a further \$5,000 to invest on-farm or in professional development activities.

Ms Kealy said the funding would allow young farmers to improve their management skills as well as prepare for future challenges, while also providing capital investment for their enterprise.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Be aged 35 years or under at the time of the application closing date;



- Be working in a farm business in Victoria at least three days per week, and have been doing this work for the past three months or more;
- Have at least two years of total experience on-farm; and
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently residing in Victoria.

"It is a great opportunity for young farmers to get a start in the agriculture sector," Ms Kealy said.

"I encourage all eligible young farmers across the electorate to seriously consider applying for a grant", she said.

More information is available  
at [www.vic.gov.au/youngfarmers](http://www.vic.gov.au/youngfarmers).  
Applications close 30 August 2017.

## PLANNING FOR GOLF IN VICTORIA – have your say!

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is encouraging community groups, golf clubs, local government, businesses and other interested individuals to make a submission on a recently released 'Planning for Golf in Victoria' Discussion Paper.

A 2016 study commissioned by Golf Victoria found that golf is one of Victoria's most popular sports with over 300,000 participants. The sport makes an important economic contribution to the state each year contributing \$883.6 million in economic and health benefits and supporting 6,900 full-time jobs.

Victoria's golf clubs generate \$152 million through golf tourism each year, attracting domestic and international visitors, supporting local businesses and jobs.

The Planning for Golf in Victoria Discussion Paper identifies the key challenges and opportunities for golf in Victoria, both short and long term, including:

- Busier lives and rising living costs are influencing the overall number of people playing golf
- There is a view that there are too many clubs and events, with competition for members through reduced membership prices raising concerns about long term sustainability
- Nearly half of Victorian golf clubs are experiencing some level of financial stress
- Small clubs are relying heavily on volunteers to keep their courses open and playable
- Recruiting new volunteers is a challenge and succession planning is a major concern
- Clubs are struggling to balance the entitlements of members with an increasing number of social players
- Golf doesn't generally appeal to youth and traditional membership offers
- The administrative burden for clubs is increasing, with a greater need for club support and more knowledge sharing.

A special Planning for Golf in Victoria Task Force will consider all submissions received and make final recommendations on ways to support the long-term growth and sustainability of golf in Victoria in November 2017.

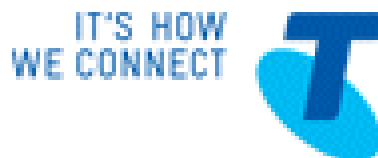
"Golf is an important sport and recreational activity for improving the liveability of our region and generates multiple social, economic and environmental benefits," Ms Kealy said.

"I actively encourage all interested people and groups to make a submission to the Task Force on this important Discussion Paper", she said.

The Discussion Paper is available at [engage.vic.gov.au/planning-golf-victoria](http://engage.vic.gov.au/planning-golf-victoria). Submissions must be made in writing and can be submitted via the website or posted to:

Planning for Golf in Victoria  
Level 14, 8 Nicholson Street  
East Melbourne Vic 3002

Submissions close on 14 August 2017.



## COMMUNITY LAUNCH TO CELEBRATE THE VICTORIA VALLEY MOBILE BLACK SPOT SITE BUILT BY TELSTRA

The Federal Member for Wannon, Honourable Dan Tehan MP, along with Telstra Area General Manager Steve Tinker, would like you to join them for morning tea to celebrate the turning on of the new Victoria Valley phone tower.

The Victoria Valley mobile base station is being built by Telstra under the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program, delivering state of the art mobile technology in the region for the first time.

**WHEN:** 1 AUGUST, 10.30am – 11.30am

**WHERE:** VICTORIA VALLEY HALL

**RSVP:** Via email by COB Friday 25 July

to [marcus.g.swinburne@team.telstra.com](mailto:marcus.g.swinburne@team.telstra.com)

**Further Information:** contact Marcus Swinburne on 0429 869 861.

## Mobile Black Spot Program

Telstra customers in Victoria Valley are among the first to be connected in the electorate of Wannon to the Telstra Mobile network under Round One of Mobile Black Spot Program.

The area is one of 577 new mobile base stations being rolled out across regional and rural Australia, delivering expanded 3G/4G mobile coverage provided by Telstra under the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

The benefits of the new Victoria Valley mobile tower has been possible due to a partnership between Telstra, the Federal Government, and the Victorian State Government.

## LANDCARE NEWS

### Grampians Ark & Grampians To Grasslands Fox Control Program

The current baiting pulse runs from 5 June 2017 to 7 August 2017. There are still some areas that are not too wet to drive to, and there have been quite a few foxes sighted lately, so please consider laying baits (if you're registered to). Thank you also to those that are driving around on these cold nights spotlighting, or using other control methods. With many people doing something, we are all making a difference.

**Landcare Grants** - The Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority have announced a new round of Victorian Landcare Grants - please get in touch if you've got a Landcare related project in mind - now - as they close soon!

**Upcoming "Finding Nature" events** - *all events listed are open for any interested people:*

- **Sunday 30 July** - "Hunters of the Sky" - Presentation and demonstration on birds of prey, by Martin Scuffins of Leigh Valley Hawk and Owl Sanctuary. 1.00pm. HIRL Hamilton. Cost - gold coin donation.
- **Friday 4 August** - "App & Blog night" - With the help and guidance of Marty Gent and Adam Merrick, bring along your electronic devices (e.g. smart phones, iPads, tablets etc) and learn how to download and use different apps. We'll also investigate starting up a Finding Nature Blog - Dunkeld Hall 6.00pm. Light dinner provided. *Please RSVP by Wednesday 2 August.* Cost - free.
- **Saturday 5 August** - "Do you have Listeria?" Come join the three Green Triangle's local BirdLife Groups for a workshop on how to become better citizen scientists by contributing your bird lists to BirdLife Australia's Birddata Atlas. This year BirdLife Australia staff are delivering presentations and workshops on Birddata: how to use it and more importantly, why to use it. 10.00am – 3.00pm, HIRL Hamilton. Please bring your Smartphone, iPad or laptop for the prac' **CONTACT** : Samantha Greiner 0428 395 773 or [sgreiner@eftel.net.au](mailto:sgreiner@eftel.net.au)
- **Saturday 19 August** - Cavendish Red Gum Festival, Fundraiser Film night "Dunkirk" Hamilton Cinema. 6.45pm. Drinks and nibbles. Film starts 7.30pm. Cost: \$25 per adult, \$20 concession. Tickets available from Bunyip Hotel – 5574 2205 or Susan Bell – 5574 2294, 0438 229 444 or at the door. *All proceeds raised go towards the running of the Cavendish Red Gum Festival, April 2018.*
- **Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 August** - Integrated Pest Management with entomologist Dr Paul Horne - Dunkeld Hall. Limited spaces available. Please RSVP. Cost free.
- **Sunday 3 September** - Bird morning at "Crombie" Mirranatwa. Cost free.
- **Thursday 21 September** - "Spiders - all you need to know!!" with Entomologist Dr Anna Cutler (specialising in spiders of the western district). Cost free.
- **Friday 13 and Saturday 14 April 2018** - Cavendish Red Gum Festival

*Did you know...? When shelterbelts and wildlife corridors are planted with diverse understorey plants, predators within those belts and corridors have been shown to provide control of red-legged earth mites and lucerne flea in adjacent pastures and crops.*

For queries on any of the above, please get in touch

**Lisa McIntyre** 5574 9235 [advancelbigpond.com](mailto:advancelbigpond.com)

## Dunkeld & Peaks

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**(Friday 1 September – Monday 4 September 2017)**

*The practice of taking time out to be unencumbered and mindful through walking is well attested through many traditions. Walking offers the gift of clarity by a thoughtful relaxed slowing down. Taking time to attend to transitional moments in our life is a soulful and freeing undertaking. In our hectic and busy life overwhelmed by choices, touching the earth, being open to 'not fully knowing', finding simplicity, meeting other sojourners and feeling enlivened in natural beauty opens us to see new possibilities. Just the experience of walking is rejuvenating and connecting.*

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**Leaders:** **Phil Perret:** Safety, logistics and environmental co-planner **Pauline Yule:** General administrator and co-planner. **Eleni Rivers:** Artist and Educator. **Paul Sanders** Zen teacher and co-planner. **Marty:** botanist and environmental educator.

**The costs will include:** **Non-residential:** Single \$250, Conc \$200.

Led walk, transport to and from walk when required, meals, processes and Information booklet

### Register Interest and Booking:

**[cloudmountain97@bigpond.com/0407833515](mailto:cloudmountain97@bigpond.com/0407833515)**.

While one does not have to be an experienced walker- please recognise a reasonable fitness is required or a capacity to walk around 15-20 Ks per day.

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE NOW - Spaces limited**



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## FOOTBALL/NETBALL SEASON SHAPING UP TO BE A CLOSE ONE

As the season nears the end of yet another excellent year, is it obvious that both Glen-Dunkeld and Penshurst will be strong contenders in the MDFL and MDNA finals. Both clubs are



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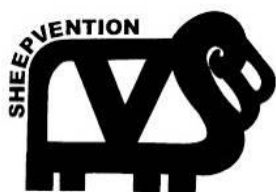
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## WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
24 Newsletter Cut Off	25	26 Newsletter Distribution Issue 11	27 Mobile Library Dunkeld  OTR WARM Exhibition begins	28	29	30
31 Kindergarten enrolment cut off	1	2	3 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	4	5 Peaks & Trails	6 Peaks & Trails  OTR WARM Workshop
7 Newsletter Cut Off Issue 12	8	9 Newsletter Distribution Issue 12	10 Mobile Library Dunkeld	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	18	19 OTR WARM Exhibition ends	20





## DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

**RSL Membership:** We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL, you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms for new members are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

**Centenary Commemoration of the Battle of Broodseinde Ridge, Belgium:** Please find listed below a letter of invitation from Ms Kaye Annett, Secretary of the Bahgallah Memorial Hall Committee Inc:

The Bahgallah Memorial Hall Committee is providing notice of a significant event in the history of its community. That is, a Centenary Commemoration of the Battle of Broodseinde Ridge, Belgium WWI, 4 October 1917 to 4 October 2017.

It was on 4 October 1917, one hundred years ago, when three former Bahgallah State School scholars who had answered 'the call' to fight for its country were killed in action in the same battle on the same day. Their names are indelibly listed on the Menin Gates in Ypres, Belgium, where a 20-minute ceremony is conducted at 8.00pm every night to salute the 54,000 listed; all who are presently rested in unmarked and/or mass graves.

During the Centenary Commemoration Service, within the precinct of the Bahgallah Memorial Hall, a replica monument of that which only a few years ago was erected on the walking track from the Broodseinde Ridge will be dedicated with an additional badge recognising Messrs Baugh, Bedell and Kelly.

Following an 11.00am service, attendees will partake of a reflective luncheon in the hall. During luncheon the community's fully restored/refurbished Honour Board, listing all early War volunteers, will be unveiled. It is the desire of our committee that descendants/relatives of all those named on the Honour Roll will be in attendance and that families will arrange a representative to lay a wreath in honour of each serviceman listed.

Significantly, the Honour Board was originally unveiled 100 years ago, in December 1917, in the then Bahgallah State School. All past students of the school since that date will remember well the Old Scholars Honour Board, which held a place of significance above the fireplace in their schoolroom, and are especially invited to attend this commemoration day by way of pseudo school reunion to complement the event.

Further details will be published via social media and local press; but in summary the day will commence with a service at 11.00am; include luncheon and light afternoon tea; with memorabilia on display – and importantly be a forum for community reunion and remembrance. We look forward to attendance by all interested persons on Wednesday 4 October at the Bahgallah Hall.

**Honour Board:** The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will be funding an Honour Board in recognition of RSL office bearers (the original Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch was disbanded after World War One. A new branch was formed and a charter issued on 28 September 1945). Donations from RSL Sub-Branch members and community members are most welcome to help support this worthy project.

**AE2 Plaques in memory of Stoker Michael Williams:** An invitation from Dr John V. Basarin OAM, Chairman, Friends of Gallipoli Inc is extended to RSL Sub-Branch members and the general community regarding the unveiling ceremony of the AE2 plaque in Dunkeld in September this year (date to be announced).

A bronze plaque was farewelled with a ceremony at Lone Pine Tree, Magyar Barracks in Broadmeadows (where the troops recruited and trained before they went to Gallipoli) before it started its journey to Turkey on 26 April 2017. The plaques were designed by Dr Ross Bastiaan AM, who has produced similar plaques in the past, were cast at the Arrow Foundry in Dandenong and will be unveiled in September, in Dunkeld, Victoria and in Belemelik, Turkey. These two AE2 plaques are associated with one of the most important stories of the Gallipoli campaign will have public exposure in perpetuity both in Australia and in Turkey, keeping with the exemplary peace and friendship between the two countries.



For further information, please visit the following website: [www.friendsofgallipoli.org/](http://www.friendsofgallipoli.org/)

## GARDEN NOTES – JULY

Fruit tree pruning is an important job in the garden during July. The reasons for pruning are to keep the tree to a manageable size and shape, to ensure that there is a sturdy framework of branches so that a heavy crop of fruit can be carried without breakage and to provide plenty of fruiting wood for future crops. Some trees have a tendency to have heavy crops of fruit one year, then little or no crop in the next year; pruning will help to even out this trend which means that you should have a reasonable crop every year.

Incorrect pruning will not kill a tree, the worst you can do is to heavily reduce the crop.

Most deciduous fruit trees are pruned to a "vase" shape, this gives maximum use of sunlight, ease of picking and spraying and maximum strength to the branch structure. It is possible to prune some types of trees to a "fan" shape i.e. trained to grow flat against a wall or fence. The main concern of pruning is to remove dead, diseased or weak wood, any broken or ingrowing branches and to thin out any overcrowded growth, also to select and train a leader growth at the end of each branch.

Fruit may set on current spring growth, or wood formed the previous year or on fruiting spurs which may bear for several years. Observation will tell you which is the fruit wood on your trees. As a general rule; peaches, nectarines and apricots produce on one-year-old wood, while plums, cherries, apples and pears produce on fruiting spurs although some variation may occur. You should use clean secateurs, a pruning saw for larger cuts, making all cuts with the least possible damage to surrounding shoots and bark and to cut as close as possible (but not too close) to a plump, healthy bud. Any cuts larger than about two to three centimetres in diameter should be sealed and all prunings gathered up and burnt or carted to the rubbish tip as should any dried or fallen fruit under your trees as they can harbour diseases and insect pests.

Vegetable plantings include onions, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, peas, broad beans and early potatoes. Lilliums and other summer flowering bulbs and perennials can also be planted now.

**Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan**

## COUNCIL HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ACCORDING TO 2017 SURVEY RESULTS

Council's customer service and community consultation has improved significantly according to the results of this year's Community Satisfaction Survey. The survey, conducted annually by an independent research company, interviews 400 residents aged 18 years and over.

The results, officially received by Council at Wednesday's June ordinary meeting, indicate Council's performance improved significantly in the areas of consultation and engagement scoring 56, seven points higher than 2016. The result sees Southern Grampians Shire Council placed higher than other large rural shires, and higher than the State average in this category. Customer service also increased significantly, scoring six points higher than last year with 69.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown says the result comes on the back of extensive community engagement campaigns for the Council plan development, the annual budget and outdoor pools.

"We have made a concerted effort to undertake meaningful engagement and consultation with our community over the last 6-8 months. The results indicate our residents are appreciative of the opportunity to have their say on matters important to them and the big improvement from last year gives us confidence we are on the right track," Cr Brown said.

Council's score for overall council direction is at its highest level, having increased by 10 points since 2016 and 18 index points since 2012. Almost every demographic group surveyed increased significantly in their impression of council direction in the past year.

"We have placed a strong emphasis in the last eight months on transparency, engagement and communication with our community and have increased our efforts to build strong partnerships with other stakeholder and community groups. A high rating for overall Council direction supports this effort and gives assurance as we embark on delivering a new Council Plan for the next four years," Cr Brown continued. The area that stands out as being most in need of Council attention is sealed local roads.

With a performance index score of 35, this is the service area where Council has rated most poorly, scoring significantly lower than the state-wide and large rural group averages.

"The survey results tell us that the area we really need to concentrate our efforts on is sealed local roads. This has always been an area where we have scored poorly and in an effort to improve in the future, we asked residents to tell us which roads in particular were of most concern.

"The majority of the roads listed were managed by VicRoads. The top roads named were Coleraine Road, Ballarat Road, Hamilton and Glenelg Highways, Portland Road, Casterton Road, Henty Highway, Dunkeld-Cavendish Road and Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, all of which are VicRoads roads," Cr Brown said.

"We know roads are important to our residents. Council advocates for road improvements at local, state and federal levels and we have allocated significant funding in our 2017/18 proposed budget towards infrastructure. We have been working closely with VicRoads on key projects for the Hamilton CBD, including a heavy vehicle bypass for Hamilton along with key arterial road upgrades across the

region. We will continue to advocate increased funding for road and traffic improvement projects throughout our Shire and work with neighbouring municipalities to ensure roads across south west Victoria are sufficiently maintained," Cr Brown said.

While council are pleased with the overall results, Cr Brown said they would not be resting on their laurels.

"We know we still have work to do and can always make improvements. "We will continue to listen and to refine our processes to ensure we are working with our community to provide what they need," Cr Brown concluded.

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## Southern Grampians Shire Community Bus Service

The community bus is available to all seniors (male/female) travelling to Hamilton on a fortnightly basis from Glenthompson and Dunkeld.

If you would like to use this service, contact the HACC Office on - 5551 8480 for assessment.

Pick-up is from your home - seats available if any of our regular clientele are unable to use bus that day, please phone the number above, if not answered leave a message by 8.15am - the driver will be notified.

- 1 AUGUST
- 15 AUGUST
- 29 AUGUST





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## SCHOOL NEWS

**From Mr Jeffreys**

Welcome back to all.

It was terrific to welcome children to school last Monday morning. It is one of the many 'small joys' we educators have in that first day back when we rekindle our relationships with the world's best age group of human beings.

As I write this note (Monday), exactly four years to the day since I began at this school, I proudly declare that our school is better. Of many things, I simply want to tell you that this morning as children walked/ran towards me or past me out in the school yard, I was warmly greeted; "Hello Mr Jeffreys," "Morning Mr Jeffreys." Did you have a nice holiday?" "Mr Jeffreys, on the holidays we ..." Mr Jeffreys, we have new carpet."

No big deal? Actually, big, big deal. Exactly four years ago, nearly every child did not say such things. It was the very first thing I noticed about the children at Dunkeld Consolidated School. And I have not forgotten. I think about it just about every day because as seemingly unimportant as it may appear to many, it is the very foundation of relationships. Without a relationship, there would be no learning (and that's research based if common sense is not enough). So with every gorgeous greeting every day I am reminded of this simple beginning.

### CLASS CAPTAINS – TERM 3

The announcement of the Class Captains is very exciting for all the students, even more so for the lucky six students selected (the smiles on their faces says it all).

Congratulations to:

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Freddie Jury

Year 1  
Indi Mibus

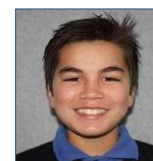
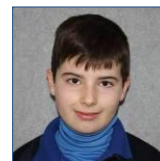
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Year 3  
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Year 4  
Ben Peace

Year 5/6  
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### STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year 4 student, Alexander Prentice will compete in the State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne on Thursday 20 July, running in the 2000m event.

**Road to success – how Xander made it to State level:**

School House Cross Country Place: 1<sup>st</sup> Time: 8:52min  
SGSSA Cross Country-Tarrington Place: 1<sup>st</sup> Time: 8:22min  
Zone Cross Country-Warrnambool Place: 5<sup>th</sup>  
Regional Cross Country Place: 5<sup>th</sup> Time: 8:37min  
We wish Alexander all the best for Thursday.



### SPECIAL FUNDRAISING TERM 3 – 'FELICITY'S HOPE'

Every Friday during Term 3, the students of Dunkeld Consolidated School will raise money to help Felicity Gordon and her family. This will be called Felicity's Hope. Every



Friday the students will be invited to wear casual clothes with a donation \$1.00, they will also play some games in teams. Every fortnight there will be a BBQ with sausages in bread for \$2.00 each and a piece of fruit for 50c. An order form for each fortnight will be sent home. Please complete and return the attached order form for Friday 28 July, along with payment, by Monday 24 July. We hope that as many students and staff are able to support this important project. Thank you – Management Department: Lucille Aarons, Edward Williamson, Tom Kent and Emily McNaughton



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

*From the Garden...*

My sincere thanks again goes to Bev Hampton, Ally Gordon and Jo Aarons, and their families, for watching over our hens these holidays. We are very lucky to have you! And thanks also to Sarah Crawford, who has given us three young chooks, they will be ready to assimilate with the older chooks in the next few weeks.

Late last term, our Memory Garden had an enforced makeover, as, after an audit by the Department of Education, (due to our school being on the Bushfire At Risk Register) it was deemed a fire risk, which I admit initially caused me some stress..! However, on working with the team from Power Partners, we relocated all plants that had to be



moved, and they supplied us with some new plants as replacements (all expenses were covered by the Department of Education). Even the bark mulch that we had to remove, was placed around our fire pit, so

nothing was lost or wasted. I would like to sincerely thank Geoff, Rhys and Chris for their patience and understanding, it was greatly appreciated. Indeed, as the project moved through, they became quite engaged in the whole concept, even taking note of plant names to purchase for their own home gardens.

**Tomato seedlings** – once again, with the expert help of Heather Cash, approx 1880 tomato seeds were sown at the *ERA Nursery* in Hamilton. They are there for another week, when we'll collect and transplant them – so please keep this in mind when planning your tomato purchases later in the year! Touch wood, we'll have quite a few to sell.

*Thanks to Heather, and staff at ERA Nurseries.*

I'm looking forward to Term 3 in the Garden. We would love (and need!) to have some more volunteer Friends to be there with us - if you're at all interested, please get in touch with me on 5574 9235.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

### SAKG Kitchen Roster

THURSDAY 27 JULY 2017 - YEAR 3	
11.15am - 2.00pm	Emma Gordon Kerren Collins Stacey Balkin Casey Trotter
THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2017 - YEAR 4	
11.15am - 2.00pm	Heather Hampton Sarah Crawford Melanie Peace Carol Burger

### SAKG Garden Roster

THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 5/6	Priscilla Jury, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Casey Trotter, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert, Kelly McNaughton, Ruth Kyle
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 3	Priscilla Jury, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Casey Trotter, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert, Stacey Balkin
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Priscilla Jury, Trish Symes, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert, Kate Brian
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Priscilla Jury, Trish Symes, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert

THURSDAY 27 JULY 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 5/6	Bev Hampton, Trish Symes Vivien Brodsky, Jo Aarons, Bruce McNaughton, Annette Huf, Kylie Huzony
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 4	Bev Hampton, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Kylie Huzony, Carol Burger
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Bev Hampton, Trish Symes, Jo Aarons, Amanda Cochran, Carol Burger, Kate Brian, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Bev Hampton, Trish Symes, Betty Balkin, Carol Burger, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen

## RECOGNISING OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP, is urging local people to consider nominating hard-working volunteers from their community for this year's Victorian Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards.

"The Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards are an opportunity for us all to say thank you", Ms Kealy said.

"The contributions made by volunteers to our rural and regional communities are invaluable", she said.

The prestigious awards will recognise up to 60 volunteers of different ages and cultural backgrounds in the categories of Leadership, Impact, Service and Teamwork.

One of the category winners will then be announced as the overall Premier's Volunteer of the Year and will receive the Dame Elizabeth Murdoch Award and a \$10,000 Government donation to a charity of their choice.

Victoria's volunteer sector is worth more than \$23 billion to the state economy, a figure that is expected to increase to \$42 billion by 2021.

The Victorian Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards ceremony will be held in December, to coincide with the International Day of the Volunteer.

Award nominations close on 14 August at 5.00pm.

For more information or to nominate a volunteer visit [premiersvolunteerawards.awardsplatform.com/](http://premiersvolunteerawards.awardsplatform.com/)



## OFF THE RAILS

### CALLING ALL LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Off the Rails Dunkeld is planning to hold an exhibition of local area photographers' work to coincide with Dunkeld's Three Peaks Festival in October. For this exhibition to be a success, WE NEED YOU!

Amateur or professional, this is an opportunity to show the community what you can do with a camera. If you are interested in being a part of this event, or would just like more information, please contact Dot Callander on 0434 348 757 as soon as possible.

#### COMING UP AT OTR:

- WARM exhibition- 27 July-19 August, Open Thursday – Sunday 11am-3pm (or to make an appointment outside of these hours call Marty on 0428141599)
- WARM workshop - Sunday 6 August, 1pm-4pm

## IT'S TIME TO GET ONBOARD FOR WESTERN RAIL

An advocacy campaign to bring passenger rail services back to Western Victoria has been launched in Stawell today.

The campaign supports the findings of the Grampians Barwon South West Passenger Services Cost and Feasibility study, developed by eight Victorian Councils earlier this year, aiming to reinstate reliable and frequent passenger rail services to the west of the state.

Horsham Rural City Council Mayor Cr Pam Clarke said the project group had been buoyed by the recent announcement of funding for regional rail.

"We've had some productive and promising conversations with key politicians who have been receptive to the findings of the study," Cr Clarke said.

"We've been very forthright in reminding them that passenger services in Western Victoria are the worst in the state and that we need that to change."

"The study launched earlier this year found that passenger rail services can and should be reinstated to both Horsham and Hamilton, and that the railway between Ballarat and Ararat should be converted from broad to standard gauge to facilitate this.

"Councils involved in this campaign are all passionate about seeing better passenger rail services for their communities to improve social, education, and health outcomes," Cr Clarke said.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown called on the public to get on board.

"It's time now for our residents to help us advocate for the funding to undertake this important work," Cr Brown said.

"We need everyone's help to show both levels of government that we need passenger rail services reinstated and the many positive outcomes it will provide to our communities.

"We heard from a number of people at our launch today that will benefit greatly from the return of passenger rail. We know that their stories are not unique and that many others have faced the same challenges and frustrations when accessing public transport options in our part of the state.

"It's going to take a whole-of-community approach to get this done and we hope people will get on board with this campaign and help us make this happen by liking and sharing the Western Rail Facebook page, and the updates as they come.

"A list of government contacts is available on the Western Rail website and we encourage everyone to write to the appropriate contacts and express their support for the project," Cr Brown said.

In addition to the return of passenger rail, the report found significant opportunity to improve the timetabling and quality of coach services to enhance community access, reduce travel times, provide opportunities for the tourism market (particularly to the Grampians), connect people from the Wimmera and Central Highlands to the coast and better

connect cities like Horsham, Hamilton, Ararat and Ballarat to south-east South Australia.

More information on Western Rail and how to support the campaign can be found at the website – [www.westernrail.com.au](http://www.westernrail.com.au)

## FUNDING TO UPGRADE KINDERS AND CHILDCARE CENTRES

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP has encouraged local councils and kindergarten operators across the Lowan electorate to apply for major grant funding under the 2017-18 Children's Facilities Capital Program.

Ms Kealy said the program is offering funding to build and refurbish centres across three categories:

- Integrated Children's Centre Grants
- New Early Learning Facilities Grants
- Early Learning Facilities Upgrade Grants

"The quality of a child's earliest environments and the availability of appropriate facilities at the right stages of development are crucial in determining the way each child develops," Ms Kealy said.

"We also know that we need great early learning facilities to help attract and retain young families to our region and better manage population growth in Victoria.

"This program is a great opportunity to fund projects that will improve facilities and opportunities for children and families in our rural settings.

"Our young people are our investment in the future and I hope to see operators in the Lowan electorate make the most of these grants", she said.

For further information regarding the Children's Facilities Capital Program visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding) or telephone 03 9651 3399.

Applications close on 15 September 2017.



**Dan Tehan MP**  
Member for Wannon

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## RALLYING SUPPORT FOR FLICK

Following discussions between the Dunkeld CFA and the Dunkeld SES Unit, a decision was made to set up a special bank account at Bendigo Bank, providing an opportunity for the community to support Felicity ("Flick") Gordon, who suffered a serious cerebral haemorrhage whilst visiting Adelaide last October.

For over four years, Flick, the younger daughter of Mike and Lee-Anne Gordon, was an active and capable member of both the Brigade and the SES. In April, Flick was transferred from Royal Adelaide Hospital's intensive care unit to its rehabilitation section, amazing specialists with her progress. This is due not only to her professional care, but also to the dedication of her parents in assisting with her recuperation and Flick's own determination and indomitable spirit. Flick's recovery will be a long and slow process. It will of necessity also be expensive.

Mike and Lee-Anne have virtually been living in Adelaide for eight months, with Mike returning periodically to attend to farm duties. Flick has now only just returned home the week after turning 21 on June 21st. Flick's rehabilitation will continue with WDHS in Hamilton with modifications being done to the family home to make it wheelchair accessible.

Mike has been Captain of the Dunkeld Brigade since 2013, but had to stand aside before summer due to Flick's illness. Lee-Anne has also been a very active member of the Dunkeld SES. For this reason, the two local emergency services felt it was highly appropriate to join forces in arranging for a bank account to be set up in Flick's name, and to also put into place a fundraising campaign.

Several community groups have now also come on board to assist in fundraising efforts. A very successful street stall has been held and plans are now being finalised for an 80's party to be held in September. Flick's 80's Party will be held at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Saturday 2 September at 7.00pm. There will be two bands, live and silent auctions, full bar provided, food, best dressed and double denim very welcome. Tickets are \$25 pre-paid or \$30 on the night. Tickets will be available from several venues in Hamilton and Dunkeld (to confirm).

Talks are also in place for multiple open garden days to be held throughout October in the region. The Grade 5/6 students at Dunkeld Consolidated School have elected to be involved in a fundraising campaign called "Felicity's Hope" which involves casual clothes days, selected fundraising BBQ days, and other initiatives by the students. They are looking forward to having full ownership of this project which is very encouraging.

The Dunkeld CFA and SES encourage the Dunkeld and district community to get behind this very worthy campaign. Whilst money cannot buy health, it can certainly assist in "smoothing the path" to recovery for a most active and dedicated member of the local community.

**Bendigo Bank**  
**BSB: 633 000**  
**Account Number: 160 003 836**  
**Account Name: Felicity Gordon Fundraising Appeal**

Regards,  
The Fundraising Team



**Flick's 80's Party**  
**Theme - Anything 80s**  
**Best dressed - Double Denim Welcome**  
**Silent & Live Charity Auction**  
**Full Bar & Food Available**  
**80's Music by:**  
**'Bluegum' & 'The McIntyre Brothers'**

**Tickets \$25 pre-paid or \$30 at the door.**  
**Sept 2, Dunkeld Community Centre, 14 Sterling St - 7PM.**  
**TICKETS: Dunkeld Post Office, Café 109, Hamilton Best Western Lakeside Motel, Hamilton Farm Foods.**  
All proceeds going towards the on-going recovery and rehabilitation of Felicity Gordon.