There's a strange phenomenon occurring in Dunkeld in the dark hours of every morning. If you've seen them, rest assured they aren't min-min lights. They are in fact the head torches of trail running enthusiasts who run in the dark through the bush, sometimes in the rain, all for the simple joy it brings.

And they've never been happier.

This year, on Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th of August, Dunkeld will host a run weekend like no other, where these passions for trail running are thoroughly indulged. In addition to the 26km and 22km trail courses previewed last year in the M2M, a 50km Ultra Marathon has been introduced, as well as a short course technical ascent of 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 Mt Picaninny (422m); the 26km runners will bag both Picaninny and Mt Sturgeon (548m) while Ultra Marathon runners will take on Mt Abrupt (827m) as well as Picaninny and Sturgeon. Because of the nature of the event, and the popularity of the location, numbers will be capped to 450 over the two days.

Also a new addition to this year's schedule is the relaxed Royal Mail Gourmet Trail. This could be an enjoyable 'warm up' for the serious Sunday courses, or a lovely indulgence for avid supporters. There really is something for everyone, with the 6.4km trail, a family friendly option taking in stunning views of the Grampians National Park along the Wannon River and Salt Creek and an 11km option as well as a free Kids' Dash.

There will be no on day registrations available for the 50km, 26km, 22km, Mt Abrupt Challenge or Royal Mail Gourmet Trail. There will be on the day registrations for the 6.4km and 11km trail distances only.
SAVE THE DATE
TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 27 August at 7:00pm
Dunkeld Community Centre
$15.00 per person

Get a table of eight together or feel free to come along on the night and we’ll make up a table.

All proceeds will go towards subsidising school camps for the Dunkeld Consolidated School.
GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE - DUNKELD - SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016

The bike ride starts in Halls Gap on Saturday 26 November 2016 and finishes in Geelong nine days later.

It’s estimated that there will be 4,500 cyclists and 500 volunteers who will be camping at the Dunkeld racecourse. The first cyclists are likely to arrive in Dunkeld at 9.00am on the Sunday morning.

This is a terrific opportunity to showcase Dunkeld and also to fundraise.

So far the following has been planned:

- **Food Market at the school** - there will be pizzas, healthy salad and fruit bar, healthy drinks, barbecue or lamb rolls. Provision of a coffee machine and ice-cream van is also being investigated.
- **Shuttle Bus Service** - The Football/Netball Club will run a shuttle bus service from the campsite around Dunkeld during the day (Sunday).
- **Breakfast on Monday morning** - the Dunkeld Lions Club are considering providing an egg and bacon breakfast on the Monday morning. The only cooked food provided for breakfast at the campsite is porridge.

Other activities planned include:

- Cricket game at the oval - to be confirmed.
- Bowls Club will be open and club members in attendance to offer advice. The bar at the Bowls Club will be open.
- Movies at the Community Centre – two screenings - a children’s movie at 6.30pm and a later screening at 8 pm.
- Swimming pool will be open in the afternoon, weather permitting.
- Phone charging at the campsite.

The Dunkeld Museum and the Sawmill have been approached to be open all day.

There are still some opportunities for community groups to be involved, for example, the sale of snacks/fruit/drinks midway between Halls Gap and Dunkeld, pancakes for breakfast on Monday morning, musical entertainment at the school on Sunday.

The next meeting to finalise the arrangements will be held on WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2016 at 7.30 pm at Dunkeld Community Centre. All are welcome.

Mary-Ann Brown, Dunkeld Progress Association

POLICE NEWS

I hope you’re all managing to keep warm. A couple of snow falls throughout parts of the Grampians has been great to see.

I’ve had a few people heading north lately destined for warmer climates on holiday and they’ve kindly let me know they’re away so I can keep an eye on their properties. It’s a free service and you’re welcome to ring the Police Station and let me know you’re heading away.

Despite the colder weather there seems to be good numbers of people touring through the area. Try and remain vigilant and patient because they don’t always recognise road hazards as well as the local drivers do.

One particular hazard that I’m starting to see is water over the road. If you’re driving at night just bear this in mind and pay attention to the road. It can be particularly hard to see at night, often giving the appearance of the road itself. So please be careful and if you come across a dangerous bit of water please ring 000 so that steps can be taken to erect appropriate signage. Water across the road can occur very quickly. If you’re not sure of the depth of the water, consider an alternative route. It’s no good finding out in the middle of the water that it’s too deep and too strong.

If you haven’t already, give some consideration to your lights and tyres on your vehicle. Make sure they’re working and roadworthy. It’s not easy spotting potholes, kangaroos, water, etc., on a wet night with vehicles coming towards you. If in doubt, slow down. Safety is number one and driving for the conditions is very important.

A number of tracks in the Grampians now have seasonal road closures. If you’re considering driving some of the more remote 4WD tracks, then it might pay to check with Parks Victoria on phone number 13 19 63 to confirm if the track is open.

I’ve received quite a few firearms files of late. This means I visit the firearms holder’s property, check on the firearms and ammunition storage to make sure it complies and also check that the firearms registered correspond to the records of the Firearms Registry. It may sound complicated but it doesn’t take long. The average check would take around 10 minutes.

The season this year is more like a Western District winter of old but we’re still very fortunate to live where we do. There are great people living in this area who care and help others without expectation of return. It’s the selfless contribution that these people make to their communities for the benefit of everyone that makes such a difference to the quality of our lives. I’m so grateful that through my role I get to meet so many of them. Stay safe everyone. Best Wishes.

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PANYYABR LANDCARE GROUP

Fox Control Program - The current fox baiting pulse will finish on Sunday 7 August 2016. Please remove and dispose of unused baits appropriately, and send your bait take data to me - thanks. We again thank Parks Vic and the Communities for Nature grant for funding our two control programs.

GHCMA Grants - these are now available for on ground works - if you would like to know more, or have an idea for a project, please call me to discuss it.

Finding Nature - Owl Evening - a very enjoyable evening was held last Friday night at the Victoria Valley Hall. Dave Nichols gave a really interesting presentation, and brought both owl calls and owls (stuffed) to demonstrate his explanations. Thank you Dave; your efforts were very well appreciated by all who were there.

We're planning to hold the next Finding Nature evening on Friday 19 August, stay tuned for more details!
Lisa McIntyre – phone: 5574 9235

RED CROSS

Woodhouse Nareeb sub branch warmly hosted the AGM on Monday 18 July at the Woodhouse Hall. They also provided an amazing afternoon tea. Dunkeld members manned the Trading Table and provided a large variety of goods for sale.

Office Bearers are: Chairperson: Jenny Cook; Vice Chair: Olwyn Hogan; Secretary: Iris Field; Treasurer and Zone Representative: Bek Kay; Card Lady: Dot Blanch.

The speaker was nurse practitioner Sue Watt from Hamilton, who spoke on living longer, the diseases likely to occur; and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle through exercise, good food (especially vegetables) and regular health checks with your GP.

Sue Watt (speaker), Nareeb members Sarah Crawford, Prue McCulloch and Sue Frost.

Members have had a busy year working for Red Cross at home and overseas and have recently knitted a collection of beanies for prem babies at the Hamilton Hospital.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 25 August at 2.00pm, at the Henry Leech RSL Room.

Jenny Cook, Iris Field and Bek Kay

VARIETY CONCERT

A Pleasant Afternoon Variety Concert will be held in the Hamilton Uniting Church on 28 August to raise money for the Banyan Tree Society in India. Rev Peter Cook is organizing the line up of local entertainers. We’ll have a raffle; one of the lovely Bird Paintings and a Basket of Goodies. Admission will be $15 with all funds going to support Tom Sutherland in his work to help the disadvantaged in the Kerala area of India.

We hope you’ll be able to join us for the Concert and a cuppa at the close.

GRAMPIANS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

NEXT MEETING

11 August Jennifer McIntyre "Northwood"
Karabeal – phone: 5574 9266.

The contact person for any queries is Jennifer McIntyre at Karabeal and her phone number is 5574 9266.
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The staff at Kelly & Henson would like to congratulate Peter McDonald on being the Round 18 Weekly Winner of the AFL Mitre 10 Tradies Tipping League.

Peter won a $100.00 Mitre 10 voucher.

Well done Macca & keep the tips coming!
UPDATE ON ‘FOOLS VESSEL’ PROJECT APPEAL

The lost in sculpture committee together with local art enthusiast Roz Greenwood are thrilled to announce that funds have been raised to purchase Dr Michael Shiell’s sculpture ‘Fools Vessel.’

Whilst not the 2015 lost in sculpture acquisition winner, the rustic wire boat installation suspended over Salt Creek has proven overwhelmingly popular with visitors and the local community. This moving and inspiring installation adds to Dunkeld’s unique public art collection.

A BIG thank you to those of you who have supported this project with pledges and donations and to the Southern Grampians Shire Council for their greater grants program.

Could you please make your donations by visiting the Dunkeld Bendigo Bank or via direct debit. (Please state ‘Fools Vessel Project’ and your name)

BSB: 633-000
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Your promptness in this area would be appreciated so that we can finalise the purchase ASAP.

New donations are most welcome.

In relation to the article in the previous newsletter on the installation of The Town Tree, the donated amount for the acquisition award should have read $5000 not $3000.

If you would like to be a part of the planning of the 2017 lost in sculpture program we would love to hear from you!

Many thanks for supporting Dunkeld Community Art
Regards,
Annette Huf and Roz Greenwood 0427 229 198

MISSING A PLATE OR TWO?

We have recently had a clean out at the Community Centre and there is a collection of plates and other crockery which has been left behind after functions.

This crockery is at the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre and can be claimed any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Sunday.

Any crockery, which is unclaimed at the end of August, will be donated to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program at the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Mary-Ann Brown

DUNGEKLD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The August meeting of the Dunkeld Progress Association has been cancelled - was to be held on Monday 22 August.

The next meeting of the Progress Association will be held on Monday 26 September 2016 at 8.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre.

DUNGEKLD COMMUNITY CENTRE

New phone number for bookings is 0412 855 359.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE – YARN: THE MOVIE

On Saturday 30 July, the Hamilton Cinema, together with the Woolly West Fest, hosted the Australian Premiere of Yarn: The Movie!

This documentary, by Film Maker Una Lorenzen, explores the fun, crazy, crafty world of yarn and yarn bombing, and those wonderful people who make it their lifestyle.

This event was a celebration of the wonderful wool heritage of South Western Victoria.

GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB

Grampians Cricket Club held its annual meeting on the 19 July. President Justin Coote was returned along with Treasurer Greg Millard. Angela Field departed the Secretary role and was replaced by Jack Calvert in this role. Mac Cuming returns to the fold as league delegate. Stephen Field Junior Coordinator and Mark Lazzari Grounds were re-elected.

The cricket club has nominated the following teams for season 2016/17.

A, B, C Men’s
2 x Women’s
U12, 14, 16 juniors
U15 All Girls
Milo in2 Cricket

The really exciting news to come from the meeting is the launch of our first ever all girls Under 15 team.

The Cricket Club is very keen for any male or female players interested in a game to be involved and training for all players will commence at a date to be determined in September.

Stephen Field
Regional Cricket Manager - Western Country
Dear Community Groups,

The Three Peaks Festival committee invite all community groups to take part in this year’s 3PF. The aim of the festival is to increase tourism to our town and promote what Dunkeld has to offer.

We believe the festival is a great opportunity for community groups to benefit financially. There will be no charge for community groups to hold a stall at this year’s festival, resulting in 100% profit to your group. If you would like to take part, please email the committee your intentions to threepeaksfestival@gmail.com Please wait for the 3PF committee to approve your request before organising your fundraiser, to ensure there are a variety of stalls being organised by community groups.

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DUNSKELD 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. 2016 subscriptions are now due. 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 are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

Chungking Legation: Untold Stories of WWII: The Chinese Museum extends an invitation to a private Exhibition Opening Chungking Legation: Untold Stories of WWII on Thursday 18 August 2016 commencing at 6.00pm at the Chinese Museum, Level 1 Temporary Exhibition Space 22 Cohen Place, Chinatown, Melbourne.

Chungking Legation (12 August - 10 November 2016) tells the story of Australia’s diplomatic mission to wartime China’s capital of Chungking (now Chongqing) between 1941 and 1946. Highlights include the little known stories such as those of Charles Lee, Australia’s first Chinese-Australian diplomat and ‘Operation Pig Bristle’. Developed in partnership with the Australian Consulate-General Chengdu, the Chinese Museum is proud to present this exhibition in Melbourne.

Furniture for the Henry Leech RSL Room: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch recently received funding from RSL (Victorian Branch) Inc to purchase some tables and chairs for the Henry Leech RSL Room. We expect to take delivery of the furniture in the near future. Thank you to Mrs Orsola Parente for kindly donating a display cabinet to our sub-branch.

Air Force Band Concert: Join the Royal Australian Air Force Band for ‘A Symphony of Fun’ on Sunday 14 August 2016 at 2.00pm. The Air Force Band will perform a one-hour free concert at the historical Melbourne Town Hall. This concert will feature Don Gillis’ light hearted Symphony No. 5 ½, A Symphony for Fun, as well as other well-known and lively works such as Philip Sparke’s Jubilee Overture and Morton Gould’s American Salute.

The conductor for the concert is Flight Lieutenant Stephen Bate, who will take the reins of the band for his first-ever concert. To mark the occasion, two original works composed by the conductor will open and conclude the concert.

Bundoora Repatriation Mental Hospital - Heritage Interpretation Project: The Bundoora Homestead Art Centre is keen to hear from anyone who may have memories, stories, records or a connection with the Bundoora Repatriation Mental Hospital site or its patients. Ms Lucy De Kretser, Arts and Heritage Project Officer mentioned, “We know that the RSL was crucial in the provision of social services for veterans, and families of patients have told me they remember that the RSL used to organise day trips, picnics, and other entertainment, important in maintaining patients’ morale and connectedness.” Please contact Lucy on 8470 8039 or mobile 0423 298 866 for further information.

Helping Veterans honour the Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan: The Andrews Labor Government will provide free public transport to help veterans mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Minister for Veterans John Eren announced that veterans and war widows will travel for free on regional public transport between August 17-19, and on metropolitan services on August 18.

The free travel arrangements will help members of the veteran community, particularly those from regional areas, attend the Vietnam Veterans Day March and Service at the Shrine of Remembrance. On Vietnam Veterans Day, free travel will be extended to members of the Australian Defence Force, as well as school students between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

The Labor Government is also helping Victorian schools send students to the special commemorations activities by offering subsidies to help with the costs of travel. Minister for Veterans Mr John Eren mentioned, “Vietnam Veterans Day is a special occasion for so many Victorians. Free public transport is a small gesture of our thanks to those that gave us a great gift.”

To be eligible for free travel, veterans and war widows must carry their Department of Veteran’s Affairs Gold or White Card, or Category V Victorian Public Transport Concession Card. Veterans and war widows can also wear their uniform – including any service medals or ex-service association or returned from active service or war widows badge – to demonstrate their eligibility for free travel.

For more information about Vietnam Veterans Day please visit www.vic.gov.au/victoriaremembers/vietnam or for information about free public transport visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au

FROM THE LIONS DEN

Jock Danby Award: At our Change over dinner meeting (the meeting where we induct the new office bearers for the club) our President, John Manolas awarded the Jock Danby Award to Rob Harris for his outstanding contribution to our club, and Lions in general. Although only a relatively new member Rob took on the position of secretary, and was very effective. He has taken on the job for a further 12 months. Well done, Rob.

At the District changeover our club was given the portfolio of Crime Watch and also to assist Cavendish in the Farm Safe portfolio for the next 12 months.

Cars

As most of you know Liz and I drive an old Falcon but because we are retired we can’t afford to get another car, and being worried about the petrol prices we decided to get some work done on the old car. Before starting we filled the petrol tank and then fitted a new carburettor which was guaranteed to save 30% on petrol. We then got a new timing gear which was guaranteed to save 50%, and a new set of spark plugs which were guaranteed to save 40%. Trouble is as I drove down the road the petrol tank overflowed. The old saying that you don’t make money with cars, they only cost you is correct. But I’m such an optimist in regards to cars I believe that I can break up a traffic jam by just blowing my horn.

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PENShurst RSL UNVEIL AVENUE OF HONOUR

The Penshurst RSL and community gathered together on 17 July for the official ceremony to unveil the plaque and plant a victory tree and peace tree. 50 plus locals came together to show their respects. The Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch were happy to support this event, giving the Penshurst RSL $600 to help with the cost of the afternoon tea.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen...

It is always very rewarding for me when I introduce children to new tastes, textures and experiences with food and where it comes from. As part of the student’s curriculum they are learning about the many facets of diversity around the world with countries participating in the Rio Olympics. What a great opportunity for me to extend this to the kitchen garden program by preparing and sharing the cuisine from that part of the world. Authentic learning at its finest!

On Thursday 21 July our taste buds ‘travelled to Brazil and enjoyed the following menu with our Year 4 students:

Grilled Chicken Skewers with Chimichurri Sauce, Cheese and Chilli Corn Bread, Quinoa and Avocado Salad with dried fruit, toasted almonds, and lemon-cumin vinaigrette. We practiced the correct pronunciation of Quinoa – (Keen-wah)

We ended with a refreshing citrus fuelled Lemonada de soda with the children enjoying making soda water to add to the beautiful oranges, limes and lemons that are so abundant at this time of year.

On Thursday 28 July it was India to discover with Year 5 and 6 and we enjoyed a magnificent feast preparing and sharing the following menu:

Vegetable Samosas, Butter Chicken and Basmati Rice, Saag (my favourite using John Fraser’s Silverbeet), Flat Bread, Mango Lassi, Ravi Kesari and Rosewater Ice Cream. Our kitchen smelt amazing and the many spices had our tastebuds jumping for joy.

We ‘travel’ to the USA with Year 3 this Thursday. Thank you to all of the staff and the friends of the Kitchen Garden who, each week, are handed a recipe to follow and allow the children to explore the many skills, smells, tastes and textures for us all to enjoy together at meal time.

I have included a recipe from Brazil and one from India for you all to enjoy.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

Quinoa and Avocado Salad with Dried Fruit, Toasted Almonds and Lemon and Cumin Vinaigrette

Ingredients
3 tablespoons raisins
2 tablespoons dried apricots thinly sliced
1 cup of quinoa, rinsed well
Pinch of salt
1 large lemon
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon sweet paprika
2 medium ripe avocados
2 spring onions
3 tablespoons coarsely chopped toasted almonds
Freshly ground black pepper

Method
Soak the dried fruit in hot water for 5 minutes
Bring 2 cups of water to the boil add quinoa and salt. Cover and reduce heat to med/low and simmer until the water is absorbed and the quinoa is tender. Fluff with a fork. Cool down.

Finely grate the lemon zest and squeeze 1 tablespoon of juice into a small bowl, add the olive oil, and the spices and pinch of salt.

Toss all ingredients together in a large salad bowl.

SAAG (sarg – spinach)

Ingredients
1 medium onion, chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
6 garlic cloves, chopped
2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
1/2 teaspoon garam masala
1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
1 kg spinach leaves, chopped
1 cup plain low-fat Greek yogurt
1 teaspoon kosher salt

Preparation
In a medium pot, cook onion in oil over medium heat until softened. Add garlic and cook 2 minutes. Add ginger and spices and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Working in batches, stir in spinach and cook until wilted, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in yogurt and salt. Serve with steamed basmati rice and warm naan (Indian flatbread).

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Art of Yoga
The Prep, Year 1 and 2 students have been enjoying learning the different techniques of Yoga during their PE lessons. Students have been focusing on mind, body and soul …

Sheepie Awards
Students recently took part in the MARC Library Sheepie Awards which involved designing books with a focus on ‘sheep’. The judges’ comments were as follows: Incredible overall standard coming from Dunkeld students making it extremely difficult to judge. Great use of imagination and very professional presentation. Among the many titles that tickled my funny bone were: ‘Green Eggs and Ram’, ‘Harry Trotter’, ‘Diary of a Wimpy Ram’, ‘One sheep, Two sheep, Red sheep, Blue sheep’, and ‘Where the crossbreds are’.

Best blurb: Anna Rennie for ‘Gangsta Sheep’
Terrific presentation and very cleverly crafted blurb. Top marks for ‘rad ram bans’, ‘Hooveywood’ and especially the Baa Code!

The winner is: Anna Rennie – Year 4
Clearly a lot of effort has gone into the picture design. It captures the humorous intention of the original and makes it even sillier. The blurb is terrific and again demonstrates that a bit of care and imagination has gone into its ‘sheepification’.

SGSSA District Cross Country Champions
At a recent Assembly, our Southern Grampians School Sports Association (SGSSA) District Cross Country Age Champions received their medallions, namely Sarah Symes, Thomas Calvert, Ella Jackson, Sam Cullinane, Xander Prentice and Zach Burgess.

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE
Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 15 August commencing at 7:30pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Membership: A friendly reminder that annual membership of $10.00 is now due.

Visit by the Archie Graham Community Centre: The Dunkeld Museum recently hosted a group from the Archie Graham Community Centre, Warrnambool. Visitors participated in a guided town tour before visiting the Museum and partaking in lunch and refreshments. Thank you to the following Museum members (including Wendy Williams, Tony Williams, David Gordon, Beryl Gordon, Heather Funk, Joyce Gordon and Terrie Nicholson) who assisted in any way with setting and cleaning up, catering, acting as tour guides, providing historical information about Dunkeld & District etc which contributed to a pleasurable and successful day.

Opening Hours: A reminder that the Museum is open every Sunday and on public holidays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:
Sunday 7 Aug Helena Flinn, Trevor Flinn & David Gordon
Sunday 14 Aug Brian Hermann, Julie Hermann & Jeff Nagorcka
Sunday 21 Aug Tony Williams & John Kay
SALEYARDS REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUES

The upgrades continue at the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange, with Stage Two of redevelopment works now well underway.

The redevelopment works form part of the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Master plan and began in May 2016. Council has engaged MKM Constructions, Thornton Engineering and Creek Electricals for the Stage 2 of the upgrade works, which are scheduled for completion in October 2016. All three contractors were involved in the Stage One project which was successfully completed in October 2015.

Stage Two of the redevelopment project includes the demolition of existing pens, creation of newer, safer pens with roof and lighting facilities and the sealing of the car and truck parking areas adjacent to the Stage One and Two work sites.

All three stages are expected to be completed by July 2018 including the refurbishment of the canteen and office facilities.

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Cr Peter Dark said the redevelopment is one of Council’s priority projects and it promises huge economic and social benefits for the Greater Hamilton region.

“Not only will our region benefit economically from this redevelopment project, but the works will also derive operational, structural, environmental and animal welfare benefits and improve OH&S and regional competition. It will result in a more attractive venue for selling of livestock and we expect that sheep throughput numbers will increase as a result” Mayor Dark said.

The Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange is one of Australia’s busiest with approximately one million sheep and 50,000 cattle being sold annually.

“This is a project that I am so proud of. Agriculture is the backbone of this Shire. I’ve been very passionate about this redevelopment because I know how important it is to the future of this region. As a Council, we will continue working hard towards the completion of this project as it promises huge economic and social benefits for the entire Greater Hamilton region” Mayor Dark stated.

Council has received $2 million in funding from the Federal Government National Stronger Regions Fund and will seek further funding from the State Government to support the completion of the project. The total project cost is estimated by Council to be $6.6 million.

L to R: Southern Grampians Shire Council Manager Engineering and Projects Aten Kumar, Marcus McMillan (MKM Constructions), Livestock Exchange Manager Chris Dahlenburg, Gavin Pigot (Thornton Engineering) and Michael Creek (Creek Electrical)
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### Mobile Library

Will be visiting **Dunkeld** every Thursday fortnight

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