Dunkeld now has the services of a fully qualified pharmacist five days a week thanks to the opening of Dunkeld Pharmacy in the Old Bank Building at 91a Parker Street.

Mark Rafia will be the onsite pharmacist available Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

When asked what the impetus was for opening in Dunkeld, Mark replied that starting his own pharmacy business from scratch had always been a goal for himself and his wife, Monica.

This is the second family based business venture in the Southern Grampians area for Mark and Monica, as they also own and operate the Halls Gap Pharmacy.

When the opportunity to open in Dunkeld evolved, Mark was inspired by the local community and the support and encouragement of local business owners. He uses the Dunkeld Community Centre as an example of the inspiring spirit within the community and its willingness to come together to grow and make things happen.

Mark has been overwhelmed with the welcome he has received from local residents and looks forward to offering friendly, personalised and local service, providing prescriptions, personalised Webster Packing, qualified professional advice, as well as a home delivery service for those residents unable to access their prescriptions directly from the pharmacy.

Mark also has a “Value Promise” for his customers where he will gladly beat any local price on pharmaceuticals upon request (except catalogue items). Payment arrangements can also be discussed in a private and confidential manner.

Local community members are encouraged to drop in and meet Mark and if they would like to bring in current prescriptions, these can be filed and stored at the pharmacy for ease of access and safe storage. Prior knowledge of required medications will also ensure constant supply.

Generally, all medications are on hand and scripts can be filled immediately. Any medications not in stock will be ordered and filled with next day delivery to the pharmacy. Medication delivery relies on the same service as Hamilton so there will never be any unnecessary delays.

As well as medications the Dunkeld Pharmacy will carry a range of cosmetics, make-up and skincare. Baby care products, Aroma therapy essential oils, Biocuticals vitamins and “Pukka” Organic Teas are just some of the other products now available.

There will also be available the highly sought after “Metagenics” range of specialised vitamins. This range is only available from pharmacies and Dunkeld Pharmacy will be the only pharmacy in the local area to stock these products.

Mark has also confirmed that Sunday openings will happen during busy tourist times allowing locals and tourists alike the benefit of easily accessible prescriptions and personal items ensuring that people stay (and spend) in the town.

Dunkeld is extremely lucky to have business people willing to invest their time and money in our community. It is now up to us to support these businesses by shopping locally and spreading the word regarding the facilities and services on offer.
DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church
Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161
E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

3rd Week Sunday September 18 8.30am Mass
4th Week Sunday September 25 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion
1st Week Sunday October 2 8.30am Mass
2nd Week Sunday October 9 No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week Sunday October 16 8.30am Mass
4th Week Sunday October 23 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week Sunday October 30 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican-Uniting Churches Combined Worship
Services at Saint Mary’s, Dunkeld.
Shared worship at 9.00am each Sunday - except when there is a 5th Sunday in the month, when there are district services in Hamilton.

September 18 Anglican
September 25 Hamilton (check Spectator for Anglican and Uniting Services)
October 2 Anglican
October 9 Roger Thompson
October 16 Anglican
October 23 Uniting
October 30 Hamilton (check Spectator for Anglican and Uniting Services)
November 6 Anglican
November 13 Hamilton (check Spectator for Anglican and Uniting Services)
November 20 Anglican
November 27 Janet Shalders

Inquiries: Judy Trompf 5577 2414 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277. All very welcome.

Judeo Christian Church
Cnr Adams and Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld Pastor Greg Gardner Mobile: 0403 960 900
2nd and last Sunday of each month 10.30am

Mirranatwa Uniting Church
Next Service to be advised
Contacts: Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274; Margo Dark 5574 0222 or Iris Field 5574 0202
DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
– USE THE GREEN ROOM FREE OF CHARGE

At our last meeting, the committee decided that the Green Room will be available free of charge to Dunkeld community groups and organisations. This new policy will take effect immediately.

Bookings still need to be made for use of the Green Room. Bookings – phone 0412 855 359.

This only applies to use of the Green Room. If the kitchen or any other rooms are used, a charge will apply.

The Green Room is to be left clean & tidy. This policy will be reviewed after 12 months.

Dunkeld Community Centre – Committee
A new committee was reappointed in June this year.

President: Mary-Ann Brown
Vice-President: Christina Manolas
Secretary: Heather Macgugan
Treasurer: Nikki Parker
Committee: Doug Fleming, Steve Kennedy, Tania Lowe, Marcia Macgugan, John Prust, Val Templeton, Terry Noble [RSL representative]

Over the next few months, heating and cooling will be installed in the Memorial Hall, as well as new doors. This will make the Memorial Hall more comfortable year round.

Currently the Memorial Hall is being used weekly for playgroup and also provides an intimate venue for funerals, concerts and other smaller functions.

FROM THE LIONS DEN

This week our club will be the host for the annual visit by the District Governor when he visits Cavendish, Dunkeld and Penshurst clubs. One of the things he will be doing is inducting new members in to each of the clubs, so that is a healthy sign. The other thing he will be doing is telling us how good we are and what a great job we are doing. All I can say is he will have to talk for a long time.

Victorian Lions Foundation
The Victorian Lions Foundation Inc. was formed in 1986 with the purpose of achieving a coordination of the many Lions charitable projects being undertaken in Victoria and southern New South Wales.

Controlled by a General Council of elected Victorian District members; all clubs in the Victorian Districts are members and membership is also available to other persons or organizations.

The Foundation seeks donations which can either be designated for a specific project or charity, or undesignated which are distributed at the discretion of the Foundation. The Foundation manages the total Capital Funds for five of the supported specific projects, namely:
- The Lions Eye Donation Service
- The Lions Deafness Research Fund
- The Lions Vision Research Fellow
- Victorian Lions Rheumatism and Arthritis Medical Research Centre
- The Lions Neurobionics Research Fellow

Dunkeld Lions are contributors and supporters of the Victorian Lions Foundation and at the recent Annual General Meeting we moved a motion; ‘with today’s rising costs every hospital should be required to have a recovery room - right next to the cashier’s office’. The motion was rejected.

Peter Hinchey

Panyyabyr Landcare Group invites you to:
What can we learn from listening to nature?

Andrew Skeoch is a naturalist and one of Australia's best-known nature sound recordists. Birdsong, frog choruses, insect choirs, mammal calls... how do creatures use sound to communicate, survive and adapt? And how have all these varied animal repertoires evolved?

Combining his areas of expertise with a deep curiosity, Andrew explores the crucial role of sound and communication in nature and evolution. He weaves the latest scientific understandings into a fascinating celebration of the natural soundscape around us.

His intriguing presentation is supported by audio recordings made over 20 years in wild habitats the world over, and will have you appreciating nature from an entirely fresh perspective.

"Listening is such a personal way of paying attention to nature. Whether we listen for enquiry and research, or the simple enjoyment of hearing beauty, the natural soundscape enriches our lives. In listening, we can find new ways of valuing the natural world."

Friday 7 October 2016 6.30pm
Sterling Place, Dunkeld
Light Supper provided
Cost – Free
Enquiries/bookings, Lisa: 5574 9235
advancel@bigpond.com

"The thought provoking ideas that Andrew put forward have had me thinking all weekend and will stay with me. An interesting and complex subject... extraordinary and enriching in so many ways..." LH

"Extraordinary and enriching in so many ways..." DA
HAY REQUIRED ON SHARES

Great spring, surplus grass?
Stock numbers down?
Invasive plant species in crops a problem?
Why not look at cashing in some genuine surplus feed without any expense and no work?

We are seeking pasture or cereal crops to harvest for hay or silage on a share basis for our dairy business. Standing crops also considered.

We can be flexible on arrangements to meet needs of all parties.

If your share is surplus to your needs, we can purchase this amount or part of at market value on the day.

No area too big. Early discussion will achieve best outcome.

Enquiries to Eireneclare Farms
Will Conheady 0428 528 836  Edward Conheady 0428 528 834

New Penshurst Store

GRAND OPENING

Thursday 22nd September

3.00pm - 7.00pm (Official Opening 5.30pm)
Opening Sale, BBQ, Demonstrations, Giveaways, Charity Auction and More!

All Welcome
DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Notice of Annual General Meeting. 8.00pm Monday 26 September 2016 at Dunkeld Community Centre

Nomination forms for appointment of Office bearers can be obtained from Fiona Napier Mobile 0417 992 583.

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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

RED CROSS

Next Red Cross Meeting is at the Henry Leech RSL Room on Thursday 22 September at 2.00pm. All welcome.

"Grampians Ark" and "Grampians To Grasslands"

The next pulse begins on Monday 26 September 2016. Please let me know of your bait take results from the last pulse.

Roadside weeds - with the warmer weather and beautiful rains, comes the inevitable issue - weeds! Please keep a look out for the weeds we have been working on in our areas - South African Weed Orchid, Cape Tulip, St John’s Wort, serrated tussock, spiny rush. We have some groups that are able to help us control these weeds on roadsides and in private property - but we need to know where the weeds are first! So please let me know, so action can be taken. Control of these plants depends on the growth stage, to be successful, so the earlier we know where a problem is, the better - please keep an eye out!

For more information, please contact Lisa McIntyre – 5574 9235  advancel@bigpond.com

Grampians Orchid Walk

Discover the beautiful native orchids found in our ‘backyard’

Saturday 24 Sept 10am – 12pm
Meet at Piccaninny car park

$10 Donation to Dunkeld Refugee and Asylum Seekers Support Group

For more information call Marty on 0428 141 599

GREAT EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!

Our local Landcare groups have been working and organising furiously, to arrange some fantastic and varied events to be held in the next few months. There will be something of interest for everyone, we’re sure!

- **Tuesday 27 September** – 10.00am – 12.00midday - Grampians Ark and Grampians To Grasslands Fox Program information morning.
- **Friday 7 October** - "Sounds of Nature" a presentation in the Dunkeld Hall by Andrew Skeoch - on bird song, insect choirs and mammal calls - how do creatures use sound to communicate, survive and adapt? And how have all these varied animal repertoires evolved? Andrew's fascinating presentation will have you hearing birdsong and natural sounds from an entirely fresh perspective. Cost - free! Light supper provided.
- **Friday 21 October** - Bat presentation and night walk. Everything you wanted to know, or didn't realise you wanted to know!
- **Friday 28, Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October** - Finding Nature survey weekend - and dinner on Saturday night. Volunteer participants required!
- **Friday 11 November** - Finding Nature walk with Adam Merrick from Trust For Nature - looking at Victoria Valley covenanted properties.

For more information please contact Lisa McIntyre – 5574 9235  advancel@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Grampians Orchid Walk

**INTENSIVE HOLIDAY PRIVATE SWIM PROGRAM**

Dates: 19 - 23 September (5 days) $231.00
26 - 29 September (4 days) $184.40
30 minute lessons
1:1 student/instructor ratio

Enrol at HILAC reception
Enrol: AWWIMprogram@hilaarc.com.au for further details.

GRAMPIANS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

**NEXT MEETING**

- 13 October  Margaret Roberts 30 Gray Street
  Hamilton – phone: 5572 2562.
September is PARMA Month
with PARMA SPECIALS NIGHTLY!
**$2 from every parma sold will be donated to the
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

All AFL FINALS shown on TV
Keep an eye out for POT & PARMA SPECIALS
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Music Under the Mountains
We welcome Melbourne Opera back to Dunkeld on
Sunday 25 September from 3.30pm.
Join us for sparkling and canapes in the Myers
Garden, Macarthur Street before the concert begins.

Tickets $60 per person,
available online via the Royal Mail Hotel website.
www.royalmail.com.au

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Networking for Better Health

COME AND JOIN US
SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
10AM - 3PM
STALLS, WORKSHOPS & TALKS
FOR MIND, BODY, HEALTH & FITNESS
FREE LASER TAG 10AM - 1PM
FREE KIDS POOL PARTY DISCO 1:30-3PM
BEING WELL EXPO – HAMILTON

Hamilton Indoor Leisure & Aquatic Centre
83-93 Shakespeare St, Hamilton VIC
DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Sawmill: We are looking forward to our Open Day. It will be the day of the Market – 15 October from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Our usual demonstrations of timber and slab cutting will be held. Auto loggers, swing saws and chain saw slabbing will also be on the program. Geoff will bring his axe handle machine and Kev will have his display of timber memorabilia. Peter will bring his chain saw display and we hope to have a few large two man saws. It is usually a day for everyone to enjoy so come along.

I am not sure of the catering at this stage. Watch this space next newsletter. We will sell slabs and timber to fund future works at the mill.

Caravan Park: The toilet pipes have been replaced and a new fire hose reel installed. We need to do levelling of sites, but it has been too wet. We plan improvements to the camp kitchen.

Salt Creek: We are still investigating a labour scheme to help us implement the management plan done some years ago. It will take some time and effort, but needs to be done.

John Smith, President

Mostly Aussie Nursery

Australian Ornamental

Tubestock & some exotics.

Good selection of Grevilleas & Eremophilas with some grafted plants.

- Tubestock $3 - $7,
- 150mm Pots $10,
- most Grafted Plants $15
- With a few Grafted Grevillea Standards for sale.

Please phone Bernie on 0478 227 639
Or call around to 23 Woodburn Street Dunkeld

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 (members are reminded to pay their 2016 subscriptions if they have not already done so). 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.

Rats of Tobruk Association (ROTA): The last remaining, active Rats of Tobruk Association in Australia, and the world, is now located in “Tobruk House”, Albert Park, Melbourne, and as there are very few “Living Rats” still with us now (88), the Association is looking for descendants and/or relatives of Rats of Tobruk, to join as Affiliate Members, to keep the flame burning, in memory of all Rats of Tobruk, and to ensure this unique association will never fade away into the sunset, as others have done, in recent years.

There is also another Affiliate Membership type, for those who wish to Support the Rats of Tobruk Association, and maintain contact and interest, but who have no family connection to a Rat of Tobruk. All membership applications are subject to Committee approval.

There are still many Rats of Tobruk who are not listed on the Association National ROTA Membership Database and website; in fact, as of the beginning of September 2016, there are still some 2629 not found and listed. The current number listed is now 11,371 as of 1 September 2016.

In memory of these brave WW2 soldiers, a call is going out to the general public in all states for potential Affiliate Members to join this unique association, so that the “Rats” will not be forgotten, thereby providing our younger people the opportunity to understand the role the Rats of Tobruk played, in making Australia, what it is today, both in the Middle East and South West Pacific Area, to our North.

It is now time to pass the baton to the younger brigade, as these famous Old Rats are nearing their last years, and leave with us, a legacy that must be maintained.

When a person applies to the Association to become an Affiliate Member, a check will be carried out, to ensure that the family member actually served as Rat of Tobruk, therefore, his full name and, if possible, his service number will be needed to search for his service records at NAA, which hopefully are viewable online at NAA.

To apply for Affiliate Membership, your Rat of Tobruk must first be listed on the National ROTA Membership Database. For further information please contact ROTA member, Mr Owen Carlton at: ocar23@iinet.net.au or ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com or visit the website: www.ratsoftobrukvictoria.org.au

Owen Carlton, A Proud Nasho 11 Bn and 51st Bn FNQR, ROTA Vic N0003

MACGUGAN EARTHWORKS

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- Soil Rake
- Tip Truck
- Trenching
- Clean Yards
- Post Holes
- Site Preparation

Call Andrew on
0407 496 863
“Grampians Ark” and “Grampians To Grasslands” Information Session

Parks Victoria and Panyyabyr and Mirranatwa Landcare Groups invite you to a morning tea and information session on fox control in the Victoria Valley, and the wider community.

- Where: Mirranatwa Hall, Mirranatwa School Road.
- When: Tuesday 27 September 2016, 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- Animal Control Technologies Australia Pty Ltd (ACTA) research, develop and manufacture products that aid in the control of vertebrate pest animals in Australia.
- A representative from ACTA, Steve Jordan, will be presenting information on two new products now available for the control of foxes – Foxecute® (PAPP) and Canid Pest Ejectors (CPE’s).
- These two products are potential additions and/or alternatives to traditional 1080 baiting. Steve will also be able to provide information on products to control mice, rats, rabbits, pigs, slugs and snails.

Ben Thomas, the new coordinator of the Grampians Ark predator control program, will also provide an update.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to either:
Ben Thomas on 8427 3739 ben.thomas@parks.vic.gov.au
or Lisa McIntyre on 5574 9235 advancel@bigpond.com
by Friday 23 September.
ON THE BEAT
It’s an interesting fact that sometimes when you come to write an article you really don’t have a particular idea that you believe will properly engage your audience. Sometimes you clearly know exactly what to say and how to say it, other times well not quite so – this is one of those times. I had a visit this morning from the Dunkeld Kindergarten and a more enthusiastic audience you’d never meet. Ably assisted by Debbie Millard, my official interpreter, I tried to answer a wide variety of questions to the best of my ability. However, whilst standing outside with the kids at the police car, one question in particular had me stumped. Do Police like taking holidays? Both Debbie and I were trying to work out where this one was going when the connection was made to the Police Caravan parked nearby. Either way the answer would have been yes I’d suggest. Anyway, I’d like to thank Debbie Millard and Kim Burgess for bringing the children around so that if they need help from Police they can feel more confident to do so. We’re still getting water around on our local roads and at the time of writing we’re expecting more rain so please drive carefully to the weather conditions. Water across the road is a hazard that is hard to pick up at night and there are only so many ‘Water across Road’ signs to cover the entire Shire. You can easily find yourself driving towards a hazard that may have no signage so please be careful.

School holidays will be upon us before the next newsletter so for those of you travelling on the roads, take care, drive safe and return to our local communities safely. The roads are starting to break up a bit at present due to a lot of the wet weather and these potholes can fill quickly with water so again just take care. You may handle the conditions well but perhaps the person travelling towards you may not, so stay alert. As a community, or as an individual, there are times when life throws up lots of challenges. I’ve recently dealt with jobs involving death, missing person(s), drug abuse, building fire, collisions, mental health issues, etc. I don’t say this to bring attention to myself but rather to the fact that all of these jobs have involved our local communities and the people who live in them. It’s perhaps important to consider that a lot of people are facing very trying personal issues on a daily basis. If you know a friend is struggling, offer them some kindness or just an ear that listens. You never know what difference you might make in their lives. The point is, you are not alone and help is available. Please get help if you need to. Speak to your Doctor or Health Professional. Also be aware that Police can refer (with consent) to a variety of support services that may assist. To phrase it in an Australian way, look after your mates.

Best wishes.
L/S/C Bruce McNaughton
Dunkeld Police Station 5577 2260

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE
Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 19 September commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

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

Town Walk Signs: The Dunkeld Museum established a “Town Walk” a number of years ago which saw a number of signs placed around the town depicting various historical sites and the buildings and features which had been on those sites over the years.

The town walk has been very well received by locals and tourists alike and we have produced a brochure which is available, free of charge from the Visitor Information Centre and a number of the local businesses.

Unfortunately, over the years the weather has caused these signs to deteriorate and we have had a number of them replaced several times which is becoming an expensive exercise. Recently we have become aware of newer technology which laser etches the photographs into aluminium signs which have a much longer life span (believed to be up to about 25 or 30 years) and with an anti-graffiti coating.

We have obtained a quote to replace the signs in the town and we can have them all replaced for a total cost of approximately $15,000 if we have them all manufactured at the same time. Since we have spent about $6,000 in the last 6 or 7 years this investment would be a dramatic saving if we do not have to replace them for 25 years.

The Southern Grampians Shire Council and Mr and Mrs Allan Myers have given us grants towards this project and the Museum has some funds we can commit however this will not cover the full cost. We hope to have a Crowd Funding site established through the Bendigo Bank in the near future where the community can donate to the project to assist. We are only waiting for approval from the bank headquarters to have this up and running. Once we have their approval we will provide further information as to how you can donate through the bank either by attending the branch or through the website. Allan and Maria Myers have also kindly offered to match what we raise directly from the community on a dollar for dollar basis to allow us to meet our goal more quickly.

Further information will be provided as soon as possible.

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 18 Sept Geoff Hinchliffe, Erin O’Neal & Terrie Nicholson
Sunday 23 Sept Bill & Fay Gordon & Tony Williams
Sunday 2 Oct Beryl Gordon & Joyce Gordon
Sunday 9 Oct Terrie Nicholson & Barbara Dohle

If you are unable to carry out your duty on your rostered day could you please contact one of the other volunteers to arrange a swap.

Rebecca Howell
Massage Therapist
Ph: 0437 965 577
Sterling Place,
Sterling Street
Dunkeld
By Appointment Only
RELAX REFRESH RENEW

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 19 September.
**MECHANICAL SERVICES ARE BACK IN TOWN**

**Grampians Agricultural**
Simon and Ally Gordon
DUNKELD

We will be offering services, repairs and maintenance to all makes and models of:

* Agricultural Machinery,
* 4 x 4's,
* Passenger vehicles
* Utes.

Working on both petrol and diesel engines.

Vehicle pick up and drop off can be arranged to customers in the Dunkeld Township.

Automotive air conditioning is also available.

We offer 7 day a week emergency breakdown service on Agricultural Machinery. Our fully equipped service vehicle enables us to fix your machinery on site.

We also offer hay and silage contracting; cut, rake and bale available at competitive rates.

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm.

Contact Details: Simon Gordon on 0418 319 545

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“Modern Poll Merinos”

**Helmsman Sale**

**Monday 10 October 2016**

Inspections from 10.30am Sale starting 12.30pm,

**40 Poll Merino Rams**

Bred for wool growth, carcass, mothering ability and ease of management

3% to outside agents and sheep classers

WISS representative: Damien Meagher, 0408 504 125

On Property: 279 H. Hays Rd, Karabeal, Vic 3294

Contact: Russell Gordon 0488 943 314, 03 5574 9222
Trevor Gordon 0409 749 236, 03 5574 9236

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A PLACE OF DISCOVERY  By Marion Colton

So many things are happening in our natural world and my writing can’t keep up with them, but I would like to talk about the changes around the Arboretum.

When I first came to Dunkeld and stayed in the Caravan Park prior to finalising my decision to relocate to this wonderful area, I delighted in walking along Salt Creek and in exploring the Arboretum. I felt as age was/is rapidly encroaching upon me that I could still enjoy walking in these two lovely places when my aged limbs refused more challenging mountainous areas. I love the open spaces of the Arboretum, where I often walk. The quality of space seems to bring the quality of peace to the human soul. It was, and still is, a joy to discover the encouragements of the Native Meadow species, so often neglected during modern progress. We have such beautiful herbs and grasses, amongst which I delighted in discovering the skeletal form and blue flowers of the Blue Devils, *Eryngium ovinum.*

My great love is the large River Red Gums, *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (and the young saplings) which are so iconic of our area. What wonderful trees they are! I love walking along the path near the lagoon with its half-avenue of handsome trees. At different times of the day both they and their reflections, clearly defined in the still waters, create an exquisite scene. Add to this the stunning effects of morning light, noon day sun, or the brilliant sunsets behind Wurgarri creating such magical and breathtaking moments that few have the privilege of beholding.

![Image](Image 36x380 to 181x481)

One impression is deeply imbedded in my psyche. As evening approached, the western sky was a blaze of golden light bouncing off the waters of the lagoon. Beyond, all was in shadow, save one tree, a tall mature Red Gum, which looked as though it was on fire with golden-orange light. I stood transfixed for a few exquisite moments, drinking in the scene. The Biblical story of Moses and the burning bush arose in my mind.

To me, each Red Gum seems to have its own unique personality; its unique form; its unique texture, sometimes rough, sometimes with tiny jagged ridges or undulating bumps, sometimes smooth, sometimes peeling. When it rains all the colours and hues of the intricate creams, whites, tans, browns and sometimes pinks. I so much love the way their limbs explore space, how they twist and curve, how they write into amazing shapes, sometimes arching down to the earth, then up again. Their many leaves, creamy scented flowers, and minute fruits attract so many birds, insects and creatures. Holes created by fallen limbs offer nesting places for parrots, cockatoos and similar species. Little Willie Wagtails love to hop in and out of their branches or fossick in the leaf litter on the earth below.

I love too, the opportunity to both admire and learn about all the diverse exotic and native species of trees in the Arboretum. What a wonderful gift we have, to learn first-hand about trees from many parts of our country and of the world. How fascinating it is to see them during different seasons and to witness the tiny, large or sudden changes of buds, flowers, fruits and leaves and to discover the different attributes of trunks and limbs. We are so lucky to have this feature to enjoy and to enrich us, as well as it enriching the earth.

Here in the Arboretum we can observe many creatures, birds and insects living naturally: kangaroos, wallabies, emus. We can sit quietly by the lagoons and see ducks, dotterels, masked plovers, herons and Pacific herons, coots and enjoy the wonderful aeronautics of the Welcome swallows. This week I was thrilled to see a coot on an outing with its five minute young. On my distant approach it manoeuvred them deftly out of my sight and into the reeds.

It has been so interesting for me to see and experience the seasonal changes at the lagoons. As the weather grew hotter, so the waters receded and receded and my heart sank when some lagoons dried completely. The wetland species started dying. The ground split into large cracks. I wondering how the creatures and birds could manage...yet this is an aspect of our Australian climate.

I was so pleased when eventually fell. Little by little, the lagoons refilled...and refilled...and refilled...until incredibly they were overflowing, vast expanses of water. The River Red Gums were no longer on its banks but wading in the lagoon, for the road was flooded and waters had joined the creek on the far side creating delightful cascades over the rocks. It was the first time in my experience here that I had seen this part of the creek flowing. All around the earth was sodden and saturated. Streams of water flowed from near the Old Ararat Road across the grass, across the paths down to the lagoons below. The effects of light on the waters were both stunning and enchanting: both plays of light and reflections of trees defy description.

It is so thoroughly transformed that it is hard to believe the dryness of summer ever existed!

Call for candidates for upcoming Southern Grampians Shire Council election

Nominations to stand as a candidate for the 2016 Southern Grampians Shire Council election open on Thursday 15 September.

‘I encourage anyone interested in representing their local community to nominate,’ said Returning Officer Leanne Huf. ‘Prospective candidates should prepare now so they are ready to lodge their nomination in person during the short nomination period.’

Nomination forms must be lodged in person, together with the $250 nomination fee, with the Returning Officer during business hours from Thursday 15 September until 12 noon Tuesday 20 September at the election office: Martin J. Hynes Auditorium, 5 Market Place, Hamilton. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

To prepare, prospective candidates can call the Returning Officer from Wednesday 14 September on 1300 597 645 to make a nomination appointment. They can also pre-fill their nomination form online using the VEC’s Candidate Helper at vec.vic.gov.au.

Prospective candidates are also strongly encouraged to attend a candidate information session. An information session will be held:

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Candidate Information Kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at the session. Further information on nominating as a candidate is available at vec.vic.gov.au.

Nomination
To nominate, a person must be:
- enrolled as a voter for Southern Grampians Shire Council election (this includes council-enrolled voters who may be non-residents)
- an Australian citizen or qualified British subject
- not otherwise disqualified under the Local Government Act 1989.

Further nomination information is available at vec.vic.gov.au, where prospective candidates can download a copy of the Candidate Handbook to familiarise themselves with the key requirements and responsibilities of nominating. Elected candidates will represent their local community on Council for a fixed term of four years.

Voting
The Southern Grampians Shire Council election will be conducted by postal voting. Ballot packs will be mailed to all enrolled voters between 4 and 6 October. Ballot packs will not be mailed to voters if the election is uncontested. Southern Grampians Shire Council is unsubdivided, with a total of seven councillors. Voters will complete a ballot paper listing the candidates for the council.

Voting is compulsory for voters who were on the State roll for this election at 4.00pm Friday 26 August 2016—State-enrolled voters who don’t vote may be fined. Voters aged 70 years or older and council-enrolled voters are encouraged to vote but will not be fined if they don’t vote.

Media enquiries
Before Wednesday 14 September:
Lawson Fletcher, Senior Communication Officer, Victorian Electoral Commission
Phone (03) 8620 1196 or email lawson.fletcher@vec.vic.gov.au
From Wednesday 14 September:
Leanne Huf, Returning Officer,
Southern Grampians Shire Council election
Phone 1300 597 645

More information
For election information, visit vec.vic.gov.au/SouthernGrampiansElection
For a copy of the 2016 council elections Media Guide and further media resources, visit vec.vic.gov.au/Media
Last week we had a visit from parent and local farmer, Todd Burger. Todd very generously advised us on growing linseed, a versatile and viable cropping option in this area. His information engaged not only the students, but our adult friends as well, with a great discussion being held around the fire, before the seed bed was prepared, and sowing commenced! We learnt that linseed (also known as flax) is used for many purposes, from oiling cricket bats, to adding to cosmetics, to making cloth, and as a healthy additive to our diets. It grows well in clay soils, and is sown now, so that the crop is not too tall at harvest time — as it has a tendency to lodge (fall over). We have our fingers crossed that this crop will survive the ravages of our rabbit population, and our slightly sandy loam soil! Thanks Todd for your help and advice!

We have been very busy cleaning up the pots that ERA Nurseries have so generously given us — they will be used to transplant the tomato seedlings into. Here we have Margie Ross showing Zac & Sam how to wash!! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the SAKG program, and again we thank ERA Nurseries for their very generous support. The tomato order form was attached to the last newsletter, and is also available on the school’s website. Tomatoes are a fantastic, prolific plant, what tastes better in summer than a home grown tomato?

Just had to show off this beautiful photo — a handful of delicious broccoli, grown in our garden. We’re not sure what to put this fantastic crop down to — the compost, the sheep poo tea, the weekly doses of molasses, the regular snail hunts, or the fantastic blend of rainfall and sun... I guess it doesn’t really matter! Cheers, Lisa McIntyre

GARDEN NOTES – SEPTEMBER
Spring is here and there is much work to do in the garden. Don’t be tempted to cut back frost damaged plants too soon as leaving damaged parts on your plants will help to protect any new growth. Don’t remove damaged parts until the risk of frost is over, say early November. September is a good time to lightly trim any spring flowering trees after blooming, this can help to keep a good size and shape without the loss of flowers as would occur with winter pruning.

People often ask when to lift bulbs of daffodils, tulips etc after flowering. They should be left for at least four weeks after flowers fade in order to build up the bulbs for next year’s flowers. They can then be carefully dug up, old foliage removed and the bulbs stored in a cool dry airy position until the correct time for replanting.

With rising soil and air temperatures, there is a noticeable increase in growth; this means that you should consider feeding your plants. There are two main groups of fertilisers; one is the natural or organic group such as animal manure, compost, fish or meat meal, blood and bone, liquid seaweed etc. The second is the chemical or manufactured group. Both groups contain a very wide range of materials, preparations and mixtures in many different forms e.g. powder, granules, pellets, liquids etc. There are advantages and disadvantages using both groups of materials. Generally, I recommend that people use organic or natural materials as much as possible as these feed your soil as well as your plants. However sometimes due to the need to treat a specific deficiency or for a quick response, chemical fertilisers are required.

Think of your soil like a bank, the more you deposit; the more interest you will earn and the more you can withdraw - on the other hand if you try to withdraw more than you deposit, you will soon be in difficulty.

Main vegetable plantings for September are silver beet, cabbage, celery, lettuce, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, radish etc. Also late peas, broad beans, onions and potatoes also early tomatoes, capsicum, beans, zucchini, cucumber, pumpkin, squash and corn.
Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan.

THREE PEAKS FESTIVAL
Three Peaks Festival is all set to go again on 15 October in the Dunkeld Park from 10.00am till 4.00pm. With a large amount of interest from amazing stall holders and a range of activities planned, it is shaping up to be a great festival for the community.

If you are interested in being part of the day and volunteering your time to assist the committee, we would love to hear from you.

Mark it on the calendar, hope to see you in the park for Three Peaks Festival. Regards, Alison Prentice on behalf of 3PF committee

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We are in our final week of Term Three - what a Term it has been! We’ve had lots of fun, started some great new programs, seen fantastic progress in varying contexts which has been really exciting - I’m so proud of all you have achieved. I have just released the new schedule moving forward into Term Four with opportunities of individual growth and development and fitness. Here it is:

Monday’s:
9:30am Chi Fit (beginners/intermediate)
10:30am Boxing and Core (kids welcome)
6:15pm Boxing and Core

Tuesday’s:
6:10am We Run For Fun
6:15pm Chi Fit (Intermediate)

Wednesday’s:
9:30am General Fitness (kids welcome)
6:15pm Chi Fit (beginners)

Thursday’s:
6:10am We Run For Fun
6:15pm Move More - FULLY BOOKED

Chi Fit has been new to our program this Term and has been really well attended. It has been really pleasing to see participants develop the skills and confidence to move through the course and for them to be able to feel comfortable within themselves and the movements to be able to further extend themselves each week. Chi Fit is described as meditation through movement - I believe it is that and more! It is fantastic for balance, for calming, relaxing, focus and attention, core, stabilisation, flexibility and strength - as you develop skills and confidence throughout the course you are able to challenge yourself more physically and walk away feeling like you have really worked out. Chi Fit can be as much or as little as you want on each given day.

From some of our participants:

I was a bit reluctant to try Chi Fit, but Erin makes you feel relaxed and we have a few laughs. Chi Fit centres and grounds me. And it’s great I don’t have to travel. - Jenny.

Chi Fit makes me feel calm and energized at the same time and I am working hard on my core, balance and co-ordination. With Erin’s support I am feeling fitter and stronger after one term of Chi Fit. - Debbie.

To register for any of the classes which begin the week of October 3rd, please go to: www.iwillbe.com.au

Happy end of Term and safe holidays everyone!

Erin Parker

Director, Personal Trainer and Wellness and Food Coach
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**GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB INC**

*“The Pumas”*

Cricket season as started! The first pre-season training had 22 players attending. Training Wednesdays 14th & 21st September at 6pm will be held at the Field’s shed, all new and returning players welcome to come along. All fixtures, training and competition dates will be updated regularly on Team App as they become available.

**Women’s Cricket:**
The Women’s cricket side led by Ali Wedding had their first training this week, so if any keen returning or new players would like to have some fun over summer, get in touch.

**Under 15 Girls:**
This year the GCC is pleased to announce it has been successful in its grant application for $2000 to start an Under 15’s girl’s team for 12-15 year olds to be part of the newly formed U15’s girl’s competition with the HDCA. This team will play on a Wednesday night and train on a Thursday. Please contact Steven Field if you are interested in joining.

**Milo In2 Cricket:**
Milo will commence the second week of term, Thursday 13th October at 4.15pm at the Dunkeld School oval. Complete your registration online, link found on the GCC Facebook page. Registrations must be completed by Friday 14th Oct so we can submit orders for children’s packs on time.

**Juniors:**
The Under 12’s have a great list of keen players both girls and boys this year, with lots of new grade 4’s joining the team in great excitement for the season.

A letter has gone home through the school detailing all the junior training and competition dates for all teams- Under 12’s, 14’s & 16’s. If you haven’t received a letter, please text or email for a copy.

**Working Bee Pre-season**
A working Bee will be held this Sunday morning 18th September to get our grounds and facilities ready for the season, would be great to see players including juniors and parents coming along. More details on GCC Facebook page or contact Justin Coote.

**Communications:**
All club communications will be through the Grampians Cricket Club Facebook page and Team App, so make sure you like the page for general club news and sign up to Team App if you are a player or parent.

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**GRAMPIANS GOLF CLUB INC – DUNKELD**

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- SHOTGUN START 10.30am
- FEE: $25 PER PERSON

MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA AND LIGHT LUNCH IS INCLUDED

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**GLENTHOMPSON-DUNKELD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

**GO RAMS!!**

The Rams will be represented by five teams in the upcoming Grand Final to be held at Glenthompson on Saturday 17 September.

**GOOD LUCK** to the Under 16.5 Footballers; A Grade; B Grade; C Grade and 15 & Under Netballers.

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**ALL ENTRANTS TO BE:**
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- Hold a Golf link number and current GA Handicap

**ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2016 OR WHEN CAPACITY FIELD REACHED**

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   DUNKELD 3294 Phone: 0427 772 425
   OR
2. DIRECT PAYMENT: GRAMPIANS GOLF CLUB
   BSB: 633-000
   A/C 142453711
   REFERENCE: VOLVO + SURNAME
   AND EMAIL SUE MORSE AT sue@morserural.com.au to confirm entry.

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**CELEBRATING NATIONAL MEALS ON WHEELS DAY**

Southern Grampians Shire Council was proud to celebrating National Meals on Wheels Day on Wednesday 31 August. Southern Grampians Shire Council with the assistance of 150 volunteers, deliver meals to 120 clients across the shire. In a year we deliver over 20,000 meals which are purchased from WDHS. National Meals on Wheels Day provides an annual opportunity to celebrate our service and recognise the many volunteers who are involved with Meals on Wheels.

Shire CEO Michael Tudball reinforces the importance of the Meals on Wheels as a community service and acknowledges the vital contribution made by the volunteers. “Meals on Wheels is more than just a meal, but three services in one; they nourish by delivering a meal to your door; they care by providing an opportunity for volunteers to give to the community; and they strengthen communities by providing a service that brings people together.”

Mr Tudball explains. “Meals on Wheels, along with other Community Home Support Services, aim to assist the elderly and those with disabilities to remain living independently for as long as possible. It is a fantastic service to offer our community and would not be possible without our valuable volunteers”. The service currently delivers around 20,000 meals each year and is jointly funded by State, Federal and Local Government funding.

For further information on home and community services offered by the council, please contact the staff at Frances Hewett Community Centre on 5551 8480.

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Help Parks Victoria become set to be a world class parks management agency, and a great partner for the next 20 years and beyond. Tell them your vision for parks, your experiences, expectations and aspirations.
In August and September 2016 you can share your thoughts and feedback with them in a number of ways.
Activities include:
-on-line engagement through the project website
- community drop-in sessions and focus groups
- workshops with targeted community groups
- stakeholder meetings and group workshops
- staff events stall, workshops and meetings
More information:
talk@parks.vic.gov.au
13 19 63

STAFF PROFILE
Belinda Palmer has been with Bendigo Bank since November 2015, specialising in Rural Insurance but also has the ability to quote Business and Personal Insurance. Belinda is committed to the Bendigo Bank with community banks benefitting from all insurance that is written with either CGU Insurance or NAS Insurance Brokers. She brings over 10 years’ experience with her from previous insurance positions.
Belinda realises that your time is valuable so if an appointment at the branch doesn’t suit you, she will happily come to your house and speak to you about all your insurance needs. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to Belinda, please call the Branch on 55772488 and they will be able to assist you.
Community Involvement: Communications Officer for Tarrington Rural Fire Brigade, Chief Scorer for Hamilton Motorcycle Club (Motocross).

Interests: Being involved with her two boys sports, gardening, helping to run our family livestock truck business, camping, spending time with family and friends.

Favourite Meal: Anything with a bit of heat in it.

Favourite Holiday: Anywhere with my family that gives us peace and quiet away from the hustle and bustle of general life.

HAMILTON LIBRARY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Movie/Craft
Wednesday 21 September @ 1.15pm
Cinema Foyer
Have fantastic fun creating your very own Pet
PLUS
SPECIAL SHOWING OF “SECRET LIFE OF PETS” @ 2.00pm

The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes.
Rated G – 1hr 20 mins
Cost: $8.50 per person
Limited tickets available.
Purchase at the Library before Tuesday 20 September

Jim the Magician
Monday 26 September 11.00am @ the LIBRARY
Amazing tricks performed up close.
Can you see how he does it?
Come along to this awesome show to see if you can figure it out. After the show Jim will conduct a workshop and share some of his magic with you.
Cost: $5.00 per person
Tickets are limited and must be pre-purchased @ the Library

Wednesday 28 September
Cinema Foyer @ 11.00am
FREE WORKSHOP
Make this gorgeous Gumnut Cap in our free workshop leading up to the Snugglepot & Cuddlepie Performance at the PAC
Sunday 2 October @ 2.00pm
Workshop Bookings essential
Phone PAC: 5573 0429
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**Mirranatwa:** Sept 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct- 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**YEAR 4/5/6 CAMP**

On Tuesday 30 August, the Year 4, 5 and 6 students headed off on their camp to visit Bendigo, Swan Hill and Echuca. Over the three days, the students participated in a number of activities and visited many interesting places.

During camp we discovered some things about early settlement and learned a lot of new things. We went to the Central Deborah Goldmine in Bendigo where we were put 61 metres under the ground in an actual gold mine. I learnt that Bendigo was the largest producer for gold in Victoria. WOW. We went on a cruise on the Murray river on a boat called Alexander Arbuthnot. In Swan Hill we visited the Pioneer Settlement and learnt about blacksmiths, the schools, rope making, indigenous culture, transport, paddle steamers and the old shops. In the old school we got to write in ink and learnt that in the olden days when a kid slightly did something wrong they would whip them!! We were able to buy something at the settlement. I brought a giant lolly pop, boiled lollies and a light up wrist band. On our last day we went to the Golden Dragon Chinese Museum. Our guide taught us all about the history of China. We were able to see all the different heirlooms and explore the museum garden. I was amazed by its beautiful artefacts. **By Anna Rennie, Year 4**

**BOOK WEEK**

Students enjoyed participating in a number of activities during book week from Monday 21 to Friday 26 August. On Friday the 26 August, the 4 year old Dunkeld Kindergarten students were invited to dress up and attend a book parade along with the whole school (as pictured with our Prep class). It was great to see everyone dress up.

This week is book week. I went as a footballer. It was fun. Maxi and Jake were footballers too. Miss Berry dressed up as Belle, Helen was the Fairy God Mother. Louis was Where’s Wally. My book was Kick it to Nick. It is a chapter book. My little brother was a pirate. My jumper colours were blue and white. I think that everyone’s costumes were good. I felt good. **By Hugh Prentice Year 1**

Today is book week. We all dressed up as people in books. First we all went to the hall and we all looked amazing. We had a parade with costumes on. I dressed up as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Penny was Dorothy and Annabelle was a doctor. Miss Berry was Belle and Helen was a Fairy God Mother. It was the best book week day ever. I had a good day. **By Mia Russel Year 1**

**YEAR PREP AND 1 SLEEPOVER**

We would like to take this opportunity to express a huge thank you to the wonderful support in particular Luke Balkin during our recent Prep and 1 Sleepover. Many thanks must also go to our fabulous ladies, Margie Ross, Christie Linke, Priscilla Jury and Karen Hassett who worked tirelessly to prepare the children breakfast on Saturday morning. Without your help, such events as these would not be nearly as easy to run so thank you. The children had a wonderful time and that is always the main aim of these events. Thank you kindly from us all.

Jayne Berry, Annabelle Forbes and Helen Trahar