"Meet you in the park."

3 Peaks Festival is an outdoor market in Dunkeld showcasing local crafts, food, wine, beer, live music & great kids activities.

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER  10AM TIL 4PM
DUNKELD MEMORIAL PARK

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

10.30am   THE KAZOOS performance
11.30am   Reptile Encounter Show
12.00pm   Since Tuesday
2.00pm   Nancie Schipper

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

3 Peaks Festival Wristbands
$15 PRE-PAID OR $20 ON THE DAY
Featuring The Kazoos (10.30am) and a Reptile Encounters Show (11.30am)
PLUS UNLIMITED children’s activities during the day including Mini Golf, Giant Inflatable Slide, Jumping Castle, Dinosaur Dig Sandpit with prize, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos, Bubble Play, Kids Craft Marquee & Bricks4Kids Lego Tent
Wristbands apply for children 2yrs & over
Wristbands will be available for collection on the day, please bring a copy of your purchase receipt.

FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS

A large variety of food vendors to choose from. Boutque beer, wine and cider from RED DUCK BREWERY, ROYAL MAIL HOTEL and WIMMERA HILLS WINERY.

MARKET STALLS

A great range of locally sourced products and produce. Something for everyone.

DUNKELD MUSEUM
- Corner of Templeton and Wills Streets
Open from 10.00am – 4.00pm, showcasing displays of historical photos, artefacts and a wealth of knowledge.

OFF THE RAILS
- Corner of Skene and Stirling Streets
OTR will be hosting the acclaimed Woolly West Fest Diorabaaa collection – 10 towns made of wool (entry will be a gold coin) and Yarn bombing which will involve weaving, pom poms and knitting (free of charge as part of the children’s activities).

DUNKELD SAWMILL OPEN DAY
CANCELLED FOR 2016 DUE TO WEATHER
DONATIONS

Derek & Sue Morse $50
Peter & Liz Hinchey $20

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Please make cheques payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School.”

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 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 or 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.

October 16 Anglican Fr. Darrell Couch
October 23 Uniting
October 30 Hamilton (check Hamilton Spectator for Anglican and Uniting Services)
November 6 Anglican
November 13 Hamilton (check Hamilton 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

Panyyabur Uniting Church
Next service to be advised.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church
Next Service to be advised.
Contacts: Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274; Margo Dark 5574 0222 or Iris Field 5574 0202.

STRIP CLUB
3rd Fri of Month
RED CROSS NEWS

Ten members attended the September meeting and Jenny Cook won the day’s raffle. A Street Stall was organised for (last) Saturday, and successfully raised $440.35. Thank you to those who donated to the Stall and purchased goods from the stall. Winners of the raffles were Barbara Dohle and Amy Peters.

South West Health Care appreciated the knitted beanies for their Special Care Nursery. We thank Brenda Cullinane for delivering these to Warrnambool. Members are also knitting Trauma Teddies for children admitted to local hospitals. Bek Kay has the pattern.

It was suggested that the members compile a history of the Red Cross Branches of Dunkeld and district and to bring along photos and items of interest to the next meeting.

For the Remembrance Day Morning Tea, members are to bring two plates of food to the RSL Room at 10.30am on Friday 11 November.

Used stamps are still welcome by the group, who then pass them on to the Hamilton Uniting Church, for sale to stamp collectors and the funds raised go to various charities.

Emergency Services volunteer Jenny Cook attended the Red Cross Relief Centre set up at Casterton during the recent floods and Coles from Mt Gambier donated food. No one came for help.

Clare Kennedy and the students, on behalf of the SAKG Program, are again holding the Big (Cake) Bake for Red Cross at the school Kitchen / Garden in October and the monies for the sausage rolls are to be in to the school by Friday 21 October.

Our last meeting for 2016 will be at 2.00pm on Thursday 27 October at the Henry Leech RSL Room. The end-of-year Break up lunch will be at Izzy’s Cafe on Thursday 24th November at noon.

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Sawmill: Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the annual Sawmill Open Day that was to be held this Saturday. The ground is too wet to hold machinery and parking would be difficult. The Arboretum area has been badly damaged with flooding and needs road repairs. We are meeting to discuss the situation on Sunday 23 October at 4.00pm. Thanks to Kevin McArthur for installing the cupboards in the old switch room.

Caravan Park: Gary is taking a short break. His son Trevor has filled in for Gary and is doing a great job. We thank him for doing this for us. The big wet has severely limited our sites available. After the recent flooding of our Park, we need sites filled to recoup lost revenue.

On Tuesday 13 September, just before midnight, a park resident notified Gary that the Park had flooded. When I arrived just after midnight the ablation block was surrounded by water. Cleaning materials were lost and the washing machine and drier were both flooded. Mick Lucas was flooded out. The water was lapping the edge of Parker Street and the Hall’s Gap Road at 2.00am.

I thank Gary, Brian Mathews, Simon Macgugan, Frank Raymond and Kevin McArthur for cleaning the debris the next morning. It took three hours to clear the Park of rubbish and Gary took some time to wash mud out of the ablation block.

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manner. FOGI is a not-for-profit association, with the objective of enhancing friendly relations between Australia and Turkey which had its roots in the tragic 1915 Gallipoli campaign. One of the main activities is to provide opportunities to young Australians to visit Turkey and experience ANZAC Day at Gallipoli.

The proposal is to erect two bronze plaques located at locations associated with Michael Williams; at Belemédik in Turkey and Dunkeld in Victoria. These plaques will tell the story of the submarine and its place in the Gallipoli campaign history to the Australians and Turks. The plaques will also be a dedication to Royal Australian Navy’s Stoker Michael Williams, born in Dunkeld, in 1894 and died at Belemédik, Adana in 1916.

The plaques will be made by Dr Ross Bastiaan AM who has placed over 230 such plaques in over 20 countries around the world, including Turkey. The project will be sponsored by Mr Allan Myers AC QC who was born in Dunkeld and has a strong connection to the town.

These two AE2 plaques associated with one of the most important stories of the Gallipoli campaign will have public exposure in perpetuity both in Victoria and in Turkey, in keeping with the exemplary peace and friendship between the two countries. Please visit the Friends of Gallipoli Inc website for further details: www.friendsofgallipoli.org/

Dr John Basarin OAM, Chairman, Friends of Gallipoli Inc

Remember This November: This year 11 November marks the 98th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–1918). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute’s silence at 11.00am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch members will be selling Poppy Appeal merchandise in the near future - please remember to buy a poppy. The money raised is used to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and Allied defence forces and their dependents when in need. For more information please visit http://www.anzacappeal.com.au/

The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will hold a Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.50am sharp on Friday 11 November at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. The Dunkeld Red Cross members will kindly provide morning tea in the Henry Leech RSL Room in the Dunkeld Community Centre. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

ON THE BEAT

I never get tired of good news. The Dunkeld Consolidated School has achieved a terrific result in being the 18th most improved primary school in Australia. Now results are important. They give you feedback about your performance. They give you an opportunity to measure. However, what I really like about this achievement is the philosophy of ‘better’. A lot of people mistake how powerful words can be and sometimes just one word. If you can, read Principal Paul Jeffreys’ article in this newsletter. Thank you Mr Jeffreys. Congratulations to the staff, parents, and students upon a great result and for your efforts and hard work. I look forward to the privilege of watching the ‘better’ to come.

I don’t know if you realise but on so many occasions I drive past the school outside of normal school hours or on the weekends and I see the cars parked there. I see the cars of the teachers working to catch up or keep in front of the demands placed upon them. We should be grateful that people like this are teaching our children.

Our world often boasts of ‘overnight success’ stories, however, most people achieve true and lasting success through constant, quiet, hard work, persistence and dedication over an extended period of time, perhaps 10 years, perhaps a lifetime. If history is accurate, it took Edison 10,000 experiments before he achieved his goal of a working light globe. Each time was important, each time was better and one step closer. Perhaps you have a goal. Does it really matter if it takes you 10,000 times to get there? How many people would have the persistence of someone like Edison to achieve their goal? I’d like to think that’s an important question, but here’s one that’s more important. How many times will you persist to achieve your goal?

Looking forward to the 3 Peaks Festival at Dunkeld on Saturday, 15 October 2016. Always a great event for the local community, so please get along and support our community if you can.

A quick thank you to the Shire of Southern Grampians workers and the Dunkeld and Hamilton SES. The weather we’ve had recently has caused road flooding as well as numerous trees to come down across our roads. You’ve had an increased workload but you’ve been doing a great job to keep the roads safe and passable and that’s really appreciated by the community.

Best wishes everyone.

Bruce McNaughton
Dunkeld Police Station
5577 2260

FROM THE LIONS DEN

Recently Dunkeld Lions have been represented at social functions including the celebrations of 50 years’ service by the Lions Club of Hamilton. A lot has been achieved for the Hamilton area by that club in that time, and they have helped numerous people in hardship. Congratulations to all present and past members of the Hamilton Lions. We have also been present at the AGM for our portfolio of Crime Watch where Lions Crime Watch was requested by Kidsafe Victoria for assistance in getting the message out about child safety. Lions will be donating time and money to this very important initiative. We were also represented at the District Cabinet meeting and one of the things mentioned is that in July 2015 a target was set that internationally Lions would assist 100 million people in the key service areas of hunger, sight, youth and environmental projects by 30 June 2018 to celebrate the centenary of Lions. At the end of August 2016, we had helped over 100 million people in these key areas, so the bar has been raised and set at 200 million.

Why have youth projects been inserted in the key areas?

“All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind,” said Aristotle, “have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.” (Aristotle said this before TV was invented - he would certainly have some words of wisdom about that).

A story about a lion

A lion escaped from the circus and the locals had gathered at the pub to form a search party. “Before you go,” invited the publican, “have a drink on the house.”

The offer was gratefully accepted by all - except one little chap who ordered lemonade.

“What’s the idea?” enquired the publican. “I’ve never seen you drink lemonade before.”

“I know,” said the little chap. “But whiskey gives me too much courage.”

Peter Hinchee
Dunkeld Catholic Women's League

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Monday 7 November - 10.00am
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NEXT MEETING

13 October: Margaret Roberts, 30 Gray Street Hamilton. 5572 2562

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DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC.
STREET STALL

We are holding a STREET STALL on Saturday 29 October commencing at 8.00am in front of the Bendigo Bank, Dunkeld.

Community support would be greatly appreciated by purchasing goods on the day or providing any BAKED GOODS or PRODUCE for sale.

Any goods may be left at Heather Hampton’s by Friday the 28 October. Enquires: 5577 2240 Thank You

DONATIONS: Our biggest expenses are Insurance and maintenance and we need your support to meet these costs.

If you are unable to support the street stall but would still like to support the Arboretum, donations may be forwarded to Herman Jansen, Treasurer, Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Inc., P.O. Dunkeld 3294

All donations over $2.00 are tax deductable.
Thank you. David Hampton, President

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PILATES For BEGINNERS

TERM 4 CLASS TIMES

Monday and Friday Morning 9.30am

LOCATION - Dunkeld Community Centre

Cost $15

CONTACT - Christy Lazzari 0409 956 216
Western District Historical Gardens

Open Day

Saturday 22 October, 12pm to 5pm

Ardgarten, Murndal and Bassett

Wander through the intimate pathways of roses and flower beds at Bassett overlooking the Crawford River Valley; enjoy a traditional afternoon tea on the lawns of Murndal and soak up the beauty of the classic Edna Walling garden at Ardgarten.

Situated a short drive from Hamilton, this is a fantastic opportunity for gardening enthusiasts to experience three of Victoria’s best loved gardens.

Entry (only $25 for all three gardens) **payable at any of the gardens.
Children Under 14 free. No pets allowed.

All proceeds will go to the development of the new cancer treatment area at the Hamilton Base Hospital.

For further details contact WDHS Community Liaison on 03 5551 8231 or go to www.wdhs.net

You are responsible for your own safety when visiting the gardens.

ITEMS TO COLLECT FOR TERRACYCLE

Here’s an updated list of items the Dunkeld Kinder is collecting for the Terracycle recycling program.

The collection box is at Kelly & Henson.

All items must be used/empty.

- toothbrushes
- toothpaste tubes
- oral care packaging
- floss containers
- prepaid mailing satchels
- padded mailing satchels
- cosmetics: lipsticks and lip-gloss, mascara, bronzer, eyeshadow, foundation, eyeliner, lip liner, concealer packaging
- hair care: shampoo and conditioner bottles and lids, hair gel tubes and caps, hair spray and hair treatment packaging
- skin care: used lip balm, face moisturiser, face and body wash soap dispensers and tubes, body and hand lotion dispensers and tubes, shaving foam packaging


DUNKELD INFORMATION CENTRE

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 October at 5.00pm, at the Information Centre Meeting Room.

The Christmas Break-up and AGM will be on Thursday, 10 November at 6.00pm at the Community Centre. Details will be sent out with rosters.
LANDCARE NEWS

A fantastic evening was enjoyed by people from all over the district, last Friday night at Sterling Place, when Andrew Skeoch presented his topic “What can we learn from listening to nature?”

We learnt to recognise many different calls of bird and beast, what they may mean, how the sounds have evolved and observed the sound-scapes in a visual and audible way. Beautiful and fascinating.

Andrew then invited us to join him at 6.00am the next morning, to see and hear how he sets up his audio equipment. The dawn bird chorus was spectacular, but even more so wearing the headphones and listening with the aid of his high tech microphones!

Many thanks to key organisers and caterers - Laura Weedon, Colleen Lomas, Robyn Fry and Cindy McIntyre.

If you’d like to know more, Andrew’s website is www.listeningearth.com.au

The evening was part of our Finding Nature program, generously funded through the Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

Bat Night – Friday 21 October, come to the Victoria Valley Hall and learn all about bats! We have some beautiful bats living around us, but have you ever seen, or heard any of them? Where do they live, how do they live? There will be children’s activities, a light tea provided, and an opportunity to walk in the dark, looking for bats using the bat detector.

What a great way to spend a Friday night!

Please RSVP for catering, and call with any questions.

Friday 21 October 2016, Victoria Valley Hall, 6.30pm.

A free event.

Bioblitz survey & BBQ dinner – from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 October, we’ll hold our bioblitz survey on five properties across the district. We have invited ecologists to help us identify plants, birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, water dwellers etc on these properties. While an invaluable set of data is being acquired, our main aim is to help anyone interested to become more confident in recognising and identifying species, and learn what factors are needed for their continuation and survival.

By siting these surveys on-farm, we aim to show that you can support both - the natural environment does not have to be at the expense of a productive agricultural based business, or vice versa.

The BBQ will be on Saturday night, where our ecologists will explain their survey techniques and findings, and a presentation will be made by Stephen Ryan, (Waterways Health Planner, GHCMA), who has taken some footage, using a drone, of the water lying around here. Stephen will also conduct a survey of water dwelling species, which he’ll show to us that night. It will be really interesting.

A very informal and relaxed evening again.

BBQ - 6.30pm Saturday 28 October, “Wandobah” 2027 Dunkeld Blackwood Road.

Please RSVP for catering (it’s free!).

The ecologists also want to invite you to go with them as they survey the landscape on Friday and Saturday. Please get in touch for more information.

* Chris Wilson from GHCMA has advised that a Works Crew from the GHCMA have undertaken weed control at the Freshwater Lake - for Pampas Lily, found on the North West corner. It's great to have some support for this type of work, and we thank GHCMA for their assistance. Chris has also advised that there may be opportunities for more weed control work, so if you have a problem weed that needs support with (especially thinking of our target weeds - Cape Tulip, St John's Wort and South African Weed Orchid, let me know.

* Speaking of which, Cape Tulip is very obvious now, a slender leafed plant with one burnt orange flower. It’s native to South Africa, and is toxic to stock. As it’s obvious now because it’s flowering, take some time to dig it up, put it in a plastic bag and sit it in the sun, it’ll really dead. If everyone does a bit, imagine the result?

** Grampians Ark & Grampians to Grasslands **– the fox baiting pulse is underway (from 26 September to 28 November 2016), so please be aware.

Baits can be collected from Kelly & Henson, though the soggy soil conditions will certainly prevent many baits being laid for a while.

Please return your data to me.

To support the program, we ran a very interesting morning at Mirranatwa a few weeks ago.

Ben Thomas from Parks Vic, was introduced as their new Grampians Ark coordinator, and he, being very impressed with the way our program has been running, is very keen to help us embrace new technologies and systems. Which we learnt from Steve Jordan, Animal Control Technologies (Aust) Pty Ltd, who presented the latest in bait and delivery systems.

You can see this in detail at their website www.animalcontrol.com.au

* Dave Nichols (GHCMA) has advised that the two CMA Work Crews funded under the Victorian Government’s Drought Employment Program are available to assist local landholders cleanup flood damaged fences, affected in the recent rainfall events.

They are able assist removing debris of fences and also repair fences.

People can register for assistance through the CMA on 5571 2526.

* Upcoming events –

  - **Friday 11 November** - walk with Trust for Nature’s Adam Merricks, as he shows us some beautiful covenanted properties in our district.
  - **Friday 2 December** - walk with Dr Bryan Haywood, as he wanders through the paddocks identifying the many glorious and interesting butterflies we have here.

* More details on both these events will come soon.

*Friends of Grampians Gariewd*

This group produces a very interesting newsletter quarterly, and conducts activities and events throughout the year. Go to http://friendsofgrampiansgariwerd.org.au to see their newsletters.

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

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 17 October commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

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

November Guest Speaker Meeting: Our Guest Speaker Meeting will be held on Monday 7 November commencing at 8.00pm. Our guest speaker will be Mr Barry Ladd from Hamilton and he will be speaking on historical bottles and bottle collecting. If you have any bottles that you would like identified please bring them along on the night.

Soldier Settlement Houses: The Dunkeld Museum is seeking any information or photos from approximately 1951 when new Australians from Bonegilla came to Dunkeld to work on the soldier settlement homes. The Bonegilla Migrant Reception and Training Centre was a camp set up for receiving and training migrants to Australia during the post-World War II immigration boom.

Town Walk Signs Update: As mentioned in the previous edition of the community newsletter, a “Crowd Funding” site has been established through the Dunkeld & District Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) and the community is invited to donate online to our Town Walk project. Please visit the following website: https://www.communities.bendigobank.com.au/ and then click on the following links:
- Explore Projects
- Dunkeld History Town Walks Sign
- Pledge Now
- To make a pledge, you will need an account. Sign up here. (Please follow the steps to create an account).

Donations may also be made in person at the Bendigo Bank – 633 108 14591962. Please help the Dunkeld Museum restore our historic town walk signs so we may continue to showcase our proud history.

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 16 Oct Tony Williams & John Kay
- Sunday 23 Oct Jeff Nagorcka & Rex Beveridge

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.

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3 Peaks Festival: The Dunkeld Museum will be participating in the 3 Peaks Festival by holding a stall at the Market Day in the Memorial Park on Saturday 15 October and will be selling publications, photo cards, craft and also a selection of fresh produce, home-baked goodies and plants. The Museum will also be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday.

It would be appreciated if members could please provide some baking or produce for our stall. Please deliver your items to the Museum stall at 9.00am on Saturday. If you have any queries please contact Terrie on 5573 3353.

The Dunkeld Museum would like to sincerely thank the 3 Peaks Festival Committee for once again giving community groups the opportunity to be involved in the Market Day at no cost.
A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO – FLOOD RECOVERY

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the community of the Southern Grampians for their patience and support of each other through the events of the last two weeks. People may be aware, but the impact on our region has been significant. Every town and locality has some form of damage to infrastructure from public toilets in Byaduk, roads in Victoria Valley, walking tracks and footbridges in Hamilton and of course significant damage in Coleraine.

Recovery planning following the flooding event is well underway and we are in regular talks with State and Federal Government to ensure they have a full picture of the impact of the floods on our region in order to support us throughout the recovery process.

Our staff continue to monitor and assess the condition of our roads, bridges, walking tracks and footpaths as well as other buildings and recreation infrastructure with a specific focus on large trees that have significant potential to cause harm and damage. We are working around the clock to ensure that our infrastructure is made safe, public safety is maintained and that our Shire is back to normal as soon as possible. However, it will take time. The damage bill from the floods is enormous and this means we have a very extensive list of restoration works ahead of us. Initial estimations are in excess of $10M and besides the financial impact the ability for our crews and contractors to attend to all matters is challenging.

We ask that you please remain patient during the coming weeks and months. All of our staff including our outdoor workforce are doing a wonderful job but there are only so many of us, and only so many hours in the day.

Community safety and the health and wellbeing of our workforce remain our priorities. We have been, and will continue to do everything possible to get the recovery work done as soon as we can.

Michael Tudball

FLOOD RECOVERY WORK CONTINUES
Southern Grampians Shire Council has appointed Nola McFarlane to lead the Flood Recovery team for the Southern Grampians Shire.

Ms McFarlane, whose substantive role is Council’s Community and Leisure Services Manager, will lead the team charged with coordinating the recovery efforts across all townships in the municipality. Nola has many years’ experience in emergency management and recovery management and also has connections throughout the community due to her previous roles at Council.

The Flood Recovery Manager will be supported by a Team Leader Flood Recovery Works, who will coordinate road asset inspections and assessments across the Shire and manage the delivery of capital and maintenance recovery works.

The team also aims to support recovery in the areas of business, community resilience, and recreation and leisure.

Southern Grampians Shire CEO Michael Tudball said the recovery effort would continue for a number of months.

“Council is pleased to appoint Nola McFarlane, who has the experience and history, for this important recovery role,” Mr Tudball said.

“The Coleraine community, and residents across other affected townships including Dunkeld and Cavendish, have been extremely resilient and patient dealing with this flooding event and I thank everyone for their efforts.”

“Establishing this recovery team allows us ensure we can focus on the recovery effort and collaborate with our neighbours in the Glenelg Shire, whilst maintaining our service delivery which includes an already significant capital works program across the Shire” Mr Tudball continued.

“If we attempt to undertake recovery work on top of our existing work program, without adding extra resources, it comes at the ratepayers’ expense and impacts our adopted budget and we cannot wear that.

“Establishing a dedicated team to manage the recovery effort allows Council to recover the costs of work associated from the State and Federal Governments and allows our staff to get on with business as usual” Mr Tudball said.

Meanwhile, work continues on assessing the damage to the Shire’s road network with up to 300 kilometres of road needing to be inspected. Most roads in the Shire have now been re-opened including Turnbull Street, which had been inaccessible since Coleraine was inundated by flooding last month.

“We acknowledge that there is a feeling among some members of the community that we aren’t getting onto the road repairs quick enough. Unfortunately, the job ahead of our team to inspect all of roads in the Shire is huge. We also know conditions have continued to deteriorate over the last few weeks with the continual rain so the asset inspections have taken longer than anticipated” Mr Tudball said.

“Our staff have made safe the worst of the defects, so that most roads in the Shire are now accessible and will soon begin the process of prioritising the repairs to the road network.

“There is considerable work to be done including the restoration of Council buildings and reinstatement of roads and bridges and it is important we continue to have patience and to work together” concluded Mr Tudball.
Ballot packs mailed this week for Southern Grampians Shire Council election

Voters should check the mail for their ballot packs for the Southern Grampians Shire Council election from later this week.

Returning Officer for the election Leanne Huf is encouraging people to vote as early as possible: 'With the whole election being conducted by post, it's incredibly important voters complete and return their ballot material as soon as possible to make sure their vote counts.'

Ballot papers must be posted or hand-delivered to the election office by 6.00pm Friday 21 October or they cannot be counted.

Voters who haven’t received their ballot pack by Wednesday 12 October should call 1300 597 645 during business hours to arrange a replacement.

Candidates who have nominated to stand for election are listed in the ballot packs and at http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/SouthernGrampiansElection/Candidates

Where provided by candidates, a photo and statement will be included. Voters can also view candidates’ answers to the candidate questionnaire online.

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.

Voting
Voting in the Southern Grampians Shire Council election is conducted entirely by post—there are no in-person voting centres available.

Ballot packs will be mailed to all enrolled voters over a three day period commencing Tuesday 4 October. Packs are mailed out in random order, so voters in the same household may not receive their packs on the same day. Completed ballot material must be posted or hand-delivered to the election office by 6.00pm Friday 21 October.

Full preferential voting is used for council elections: voters will need to put the number 1 in the box next to their most preferred candidate, and then number all the other boxes in order of their preference. Every box must be numbered and each number can only be used once.

Southern Grampians Shire Council is unsubdivided, with a total of seven councillors. Voters will receive a ballot pack with a ballot paper listing the candidates for the council.

Candidates
A list of candidates and their contact details, where provided, are available online at vec.vic.gov.au/SouthernGrampiansElection/Candidates.

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Enquiries
Media and public enquiries can be directed to Leanne Huf, Returning Officer, on 1300 597 645.

More information
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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB

TANGLES KELLY TROPHY CHALLENGE
For the last two years this trophy has been a contest between Penshurst and Dunkeld. Over the past months, Port Fairy Bowls Club, a club where Tangles played and won the Club Championship and also served as President, requested to be involved in this honoured day. Their request was granted.

So, on Saturday 24th September we all ventured to Port Fairy to take up the challenge. Port Fairy were the perfect hosts, ensuring we were all well fed and watered after the challenge. We at Dunkeld are pleased to announce that the Tangles Trophy is again housed at Dunkeld. The Dunkeld Team bowled very well, winning all but one game.

The challengers will be our guests next year.

PENNANT
Members, bowlers and those wishing to play pennant this year are urged to attend training which formally began on 13th September. We have lost "The Fossil", John Overall, who has returned to Hamilton. We thank John for his service and input and wish him well.

We have gained Jason Box, an accomplished bowler and have a couple of others on the recruiting list. Dunkeld shall again be a very competitive team as long as our members are committed, attend training and work hard.

Our first game is at Penshurst on 8/10/2016.

PENSHURST/DUNKELD COMBINED TEAM
Due to the success of the previous season’s combine it appears that both clubs will enter a combined team in Division 4, which will allow upcoming bowlers and others to participate in playing Pennant. We wish the combine all the best.

MEMBERSHIP FEES
Members and aspiring members are reminded that membership payment is now due. Payment can be made directly to our Bendigo Bank account or to our Treasurer, Paul Callander.

LADIES PENNANT
The ladies pennant season began on Friday 23rd September with Dunkeld hosting Portland RSL. The game was very close at the halfway mark however RSL pulled away in the second half to win the game.

Next week we venture to Hamilton. Best of luck ladies!

GRAMPNIANS CRICKET CLUB NEWS
With the continued wet weather all cricket was cancelled on the weekend.

Juniors:
This week all of our junior cricket begins, with In2Cricket run by Geoff Potter and the various junior age groups on Thursday evening. Jack Calvert is the head coach of the U12’s, Darren Gordon the U14’s and Stephen Field the U6’s. We will also have an U15 girls team for the first time and they will play on Wednesday evenings I Hamilton commencing on 19 October.

Seniors:
All three men’s grades begin this week and it is great to see a host of new and returning players available to ensure we can field three strong senior teams. Captains for the grades are Heinrich Joyce A, Mark Lazzari and Chris Barry B, and Stephen Field C. Training is at 6.00pm on Thursday.

Our Women’s team will commence play this Friday with Ali Wedding the captain.

Highlights:
Two of our most promising juniors Vincent Huf and Lachie Field have been in the news of late with Vincent achieving selection in the Victorian Primary Schools team for the tournament early January in Canberra and Lachie just completing a two week stint in the Victorian U17 team in Queensland as part of the National Championships. A third junior now in South Australia Daniel Kerber also played in this championship with Lachie lucky enough to take his wicket twice.

All players and parents:
The club operates its communication via the ‘Team App’ and requests that all players junior and senior and parents of juniors add this to their phone and request Grampians CC. We also have a face-book page for other communications.

Enjoy your cricket!

Stephen Field

BUMPER CROWD AND GLORIOUS SUNSHINE
Over 3,000 people ventured to Glenthompson for the Mininer & District Football League Grand Final. The weather turned on the sunshine for the players and supporters with a beautiful spring day. The day started with the Under 16’s Glenthompson-Dunkeld Rams taking on the Penshurst Bombers. The Rams were too good on the day, winning 9.11.65 to 5.5.35.

Reserves Penshurst Bombers proved to be the better team on the day, beating Hawksdale-Macarthur Eagles 10.4.64 to 8.3.51. The main game was fought out between Tatyoon Hawks and Wickliffe-Lake Bolac Pies. Tatyoon were too strong, defeating the Pies 19.7.121 – 4.7.31. The day was enjoyed by all players and supporters. Dunkeld & District Community Bank ® Branch are proud to be a major sponsor of the Mininer & District Football League. Below are photos of the winning teams on the day.

Photo supplied by Tracey Kruger
AGM JUST AROUND THE CORNER

A friendly reminder to all that our Annual General Meeting will be held this year at the Dunkeld Community Centre on the 9th November. Come along for nibbles, witness highlights of activities which have taken place during the year and have all your Community Bank® company questions answered.

NEW MENS SHED FOR CAVENDISH

We know how important it is to have good health. The Cavendish Men’s shed focuses on making men living in the Cavendish area happier and healthier by connecting them to themselves, each other and the local community. Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch contributed $500 towards the cost of running this initiative.

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SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal...

I have to agree with all the chatter going on across the country (except for Sydney supporters) and mention how wonderfully exciting it was to see The Western Bulldogs win the Grand Final. What a feel good story. I heard the Bulldogs coach mention how the ultimate prize came a little earlier than they had expected or hoped. Reflecting on so many player/coach interviews one reads of or listens to throughout a football season, there is a common theme of which all clubs promote, and that is they are always working to get better.

Here at our school we promote the saying: You don’t have to be the best at anything, rather your task is to get better at everything.

I think that that is what football clubs do (aim to get better) and that by circumstance and persistence to ‘get better’ they find themselves being the best even when that intention was to ‘get better.’

That little quote we use here at the school … well, we all try to live by it; this Principal, staff, students. And if you were to read the Weekend Australian newspaper, you might have read that Dunkeld Consolidated School is … in all of Australia … of all 6,250 primary schools … the eighteenth most improved school over 2013 – 2015. Of all schools in Victoria, we were the sixth most improved school. Given our 2016 NAPLAN results which were easily our best in the last 4 years, we might have even done better. Notice that word ‘better.’

Who knows … if we continue to get better, by some happenstance we might be the best. But in the meantime, we just want to continue to get better at everything we do.

CLASS CAPTAINS FOR TERM 4

Congratulations to the following Class Captains for Term 4:

Prep Charlie Linke
Year 1 Cadence Huf
Year 2 Lucy Fraser
Year 3 Amelia Jackson
Year 4 India Ross
Year 5/6 Isabel Hanson

SHEEP DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council will be conducting a Sheep Drive fundraiser during this term for the School Camps and ICT programs. If you have any sheep that you would like to donate could you please contact Luke Balkin on 0429 626 748 or Trent Adams on 0428 886 221.

YEAR 2/3 NORVAL CAMP

On Monday 5 September, Year 2 and 3 went on camp to Norval.

The activity we liked the best was the Halls Gap Zoo because the animals weren’t in cages. Tom liked the zoo because of the American Bison. The most challenging activity was Archery because it was hard to pull the strike back. Another was orienteering because the signs were all over the place. By Thomas Gordon, Connor Gordon, Jonah Morganti, Taylor Haley and Alexander Prentice

At the Halls Gap Zoo, we got to hold a snake called Hank. Other activities we got to do were orienteering, archery, bush cooking and hut building. Each room had to do a performance at the concert. The funniest was the story about the talking caterpillars. By Addison Linskens, Jasmine Crawford, Georgia Adams, Lilian Glazebrook and Olive Jackson

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The Dunkeld Consolidated School and general community are invited to attend a Special Assembly in the school hall on TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER, commencing at 10:00am to celebrate and farewell Mrs Gaylene Raymon after 28 years of dedicated service. Visitors are invited to stay for morning tea at the conclusion of the assembly (please see the attached invitation for further details).

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen...

At the end of last term we welcomed beautiful smiling faces into the kitchen with our Prep students, harvesting, preparing and sharing a meal together. Our very keen little ‘Chefs’ donned their hats and with gusto enjoyed a kitchen session. Our menu for the day was y Egg Toast Muffins Pizza with capsicum, bocconcini, mushrooms and spinach; Citrus Tiramisu with lemon curd and Fruit Skewers with strawberry, kiwi fruit and honeydew melon.

All students were very brave as they tasted new textures and tastes. Thank you to the many ‘friends’ of the kitchen garden that came to assist on the day. You add so much enjoyment to their experience.

- I liked making the fruit sticks because we did it with Jackie. By Phoebe Lazzari
- I liked making the pizzas because we got to taste the ingredients as we were making them. I had never tasted mushrooms before! By Bonnie Peters
- I liked our cooking class because my Dad helped us. By Archer Etherton
- I liked the fruit platter because I’ve never made fruit platters before. By Elia Peters
- I liked wearing an apron and a hat! By Charlotte Comer
- I liked the egg muffins because they were yummy. By Phoebe Ross
• I liked dressing up because I looked funny! My favourite dish was the egg muffins. By Charlotte Alderman
• I liked making the fruit skewers with Phoebe and Phoebe! I loved my Mum helping too. By Indiana Mibus
• I liked the cooking class because we cooked with really good ingredients. The food tasted nice. By Darcy Potter
• I loved the pizza because it was cooked very well and I like pizza. By Ava Balkin
• I liked my Mum being there to help. Our group made the dessert! By Heidi Burger
• I liked my Mum being there because she helped us a lot with the eggy muffins. By Charlie Linke

This week we begin our rotation of year 3 - 6 classes, welcoming our Year 4 class this Thursday

SAKG KITCHEN ROSTER:

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If you are unable to help in the Kitchen on your rostered day, could you please phone Clare on 0427 823 308 or via email: kennedy.clare.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for being a Friend of the Kitchen Garden program. Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen

From the Garden...

Even though it was holidays, activities in the garden don’t stop – so many thanks to Bev Hampton for helping to care for our choocks, and to Bev, Jason, Jake and Addison Linskens; Priscilla and Isabella Jury; Shaun, Neil and Miranda McIntyre, for helping to transplant the tomato seedlings (and to Neil especially, for unwittingly “donating” the use of his ute for the last few weeks, to cart the seedlings in and out of the wind and rain!). We will be filling your tomato orders soon, and they will be ready to pick up from school next Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 October, between 2.00pm-4.00pm. We are still taking orders, so please send them into school.

Our garden obtained a small grant last year, from funding from the Victorian School Garden Awards, and during the holidays Miranda, Airlie and I visited the Kurunga Native Nursery in Mt Evelyn, and selected many native food plants that we will plant into our garden. This will happen over the next few weeks, it’s a very exciting project, and one we’ve been working towards for a long time.

Iven again has been busy in our garden – watch and see what appears soon…!

Please remember to send warm, waterproof clothes with your child on Thursdays, there is much to see, do and learn outside! Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

BAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

The SAKG program will once again be holding a Sausage Roll Drive as part of the Australian Red Cross Big Cake Bake. Our donation will go towards helping people in our local and international communities access a safe place to stay, a nutritious meal, or companionship in times of crisis and isolation.

Big Cake Bake is about encouraging our school students to think about broader social issues and to feel empowered in their efforts to make a difference. When students, teachers, parents and our community work together for a cause greater than the school itself, it’s easy for the kids to understand what being charitable is all about. They will be learning about collaboration at the same time as understanding and empathising with the experiences of the people they are helping. Please refer to the attached order form on page 22. Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen

SAKG Fundraiser - Tomato Plants Collection

Tomato plants will be available for collection from the school on Tuesday 11 October and Wednesday 12 October from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. If you have any queries please contact Lisa McIntyre on 5574 9235 or email: advancel@bigpond.com

September 2016 Economic Development and Tourism E-news

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September’s Flood Event and Business Recovery

With above average and expected record rainfall for May – September this year we have certainly seen our communities tested with a number of flood events across the Greater Hamilton region. It is timely to reflect on the enormous contribution our volunteers, emergency services workers and recovery agencies provide during these emergencies.

A number of our businesses were impacted during the flood event especially in Coleraine. As we move into recovery mode as a region, Council staff, including the Economic Development and Tourism Unit, will continue to work with the various agencies and affected communities to make sure the
message is loud and clear that we are “Open for Business” and that our businesses are able to take advantage of any opportunities that may result in the recovery phase.

Our team have been in contact with several businesses in the Coleraine area to discuss immediate impacts from the flood. If you haven’t yet been contacted or have had your business impacted and wish to discuss any business recovery issues please contact Business Development Officer, Peter Johnson on 5573 0240.

If you are a small business or farm and need some support to get yourself back on your feet after the floods, free confidential financial counselling and support service for small business is available from Rural Financial Counselling Service Victoria – Wimmera South West Inc.

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The Council team is working on a recovery strategy for our region which includes programs for Tourism, Business and Industry. We will continue to communicate those initiatives and how you could become involved once developed.

1. Back to Work Scheme

The Back to Work Scheme provides employers with up to $11,000 for hiring and training eligible dairy industry workers and retrenched automotive workers in Victoria who commenced employment from 1 July 2016. A $15 million allocation has been set aside to dairy industry workers and retrenched automotive workers. Claims for the following categories will remain open until the $15 million fund is fully subscribed or 31 March 2017 (whichever occurs first):

- Dairy industry workers ($5000)
- Retrenched automotive workers ($7000)

An additional amount of up to $4000 is available to employers who provide accredited training to these eligible employees.

For further information, please visit:-

2. Small Business Mentoring Service

30 Years of Small Business Mentoring

Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade, Philip Daididakis, recently hosted a gala celebration to mark 30 years of small business mentoring as a Victorian Government service. The event attracted more than 120 stakeholders from across industry sectors, including several small businesses, and current and former mentors of the Small Business Mentoring Service. Over three decades, government-supported mentoring has enabled 27,000 Victorian small business owners to access expert advice. Last year, it delivered 4,420 mentoring sessions across the state. Whether you’re new to running a business or a seasoned business owner, a mentor can help you refine your business strategy, map out the direction that your business needs to go and how you could become involved once developed.

4. Victorian Small Business Commissioner

The Victorian Small Business Commissioner will be assisting the ACCC in promoting the new Unfair Contract Terms protections for small businesses coming into effect on 12 November 2016. Below is an information sheet to help businesses understand the new protections and where to find further information. The VSBC will also be running a series of webinars to discuss the new protections and rules around them and the details are included below, as well as our upcoming webinars for the rest of the year.

5. Rural Financial Counselling Service

Rural Financial Counselling Service is a free, confidential, independent Service operating in Western Victoria which assists small business in Regional Areas. If you are a small business and would like to speak to a Financial Counsellor please call for an appointment.

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In particular, if your business has been affected by the recent flood events this is an opportunity to speak to an independent advisor and have a chat about your business.

6. Collaborative Spring Marketing Campaign with Grampians Tourism

We have partnered with Grampians Tourism on a Spring Marketing campaign that is now in market. The campaign is digital, and will including advertising using online channels such as social media.

The objectives of the campaign include:

1. To increase visitation to the Western Grampians (National Visitor Survey region) by 5%
2. To sell/book Spring events (for all bookable events online)
3. To increase engagement in the Greater Hamilton region via online social/digital channels by 5% (this will help raise awareness that Greater Hamilton is part of the Grampians)
4. To create visitor interest in the region to come for a visit and stay for the lifestyle in Greater Hamilton (potential relocates)
6. To show value to Grampians Tourism Industry Participation Program (GTIPP) partners (all Visit Victoria members and GTIPP partners are on the dedicated web page).

Australian Tourism Data Warehouse

A total of 22 tourism businesses from the Greater Hamilton region have listed their business with the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW). (If you haven’t already, and would like to, then click here.) It costs $250 per year. Event listings are free and multiple listings are discounted.

Our collaborative marketing campaign uses your ATDW listing as the building block for all its core content. So if you are listed with ATDW, then you are automatically part of the campaign.

All ATDW listings feed through to the website www.visitgrampians.com.au and we are currently investigating pulling this content through to our website www.visitgreathamilton.com.au We will continue to assess the benefits of this model and provide additional information in future newsletters.
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GARDEN NOTES – OCTOBER
A wide range of vegetables can be planted in October. Home grown vegetables are fresher, cheaper and give a great sense of satisfaction to the grower. An open sunny position is required also good drainage, an adequate water supply and soil of reasonable texture and fertility. Main plantings are climbing and bush beans, beetroot, capsicum, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, melon, parsnip, pumpkin, squash, radish, silver beet, sweet corn, tomato, zucchini and most herbs. Don’t forget the spray program for your fruit trees; each spray is important as in timing of your sprays.

Flowering annuals are useful both in the garden and in containers or hanging baskets to add a bright splash of colour to your garden during the late spring and summer through the autumn. Annuals in pots are useful as they can be moved around the different areas of the garden and even taken indoors for a few days for a special display. Make sure that you use a premium potting mix (one which meet Australian Standard 374) if planting into pots or other containers. For open ground planting soil preparation is important, well cultivated and the addition of well matured composted, rotted animal manure or a well-balanced complete fertiliser. Annuals grow rapidly; therefore a plentiful supply of plant nutrients should be available.

If your soil is shallow, raising the area by 10-15 centimetres will give your plant roots more room to develop as well as improving drainage, water the seedlings before removing them from the punnet and be sure not to plant too shallow; keep at the same depth or slightly deeper than they were in the punnet then water in well, regular watering with good quality water is necessary until plants are established. Slugs and snails can attack some young plants especially marigold and petunia, keep weed and grass cover under control and use a snail bait if necessary.

Main spring plantings of annuals include Oster, Ageratum, Begonia, Celosia Carnation, Dianthus, Marigold, Petunia, Portulaca, Impatiens, Salvia, Snapdragon and many more.

October is a good time to divide and upplant your dahlia tubers.

Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan

DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
- USE THE GREEN ROOM FREE OF CHARGE

At our last meeting, the committee decided that the Green Room will 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 and tidy.
- This policy will be reviewed after 12 months.
PASSENGER RAIL STUDY UNDERWAY

Southern Grampians Shire Council is pleased to announce the commencement of a passenger public transport services study for the Wimmera and south west Victoria.

Council has been working with seven other Western Victorian Councils to undertake a study of the improvements to passenger services including the potential for passenger rail shuttle services connecting the Wimmera and South West to the existing broad gauge service at Ararat.

Mayor Cr Peter Dark says the study is critically important to the liveability and growth of the Southern Grampians Shire.

"Public transport connectivity enables people to connect with services in regional centres like Hamilton, in our provincial capitals and to our tourism destinations. It provides support that enables people to age in their place and supports connection to education, work opportunities, family and friends" Mayor Dark said.

"The opportunity to re-introduce rail will be investigated in this study and all the evidence suggests that a rail service increases public transport patronage significantly. Increased patronage is of course critical for investment in such services and we hope that the study will demonstrate that potential".

Council is proud to partner with seven other local governments, and both the State Government and Federal Government in the $72,000 feasibility study, of which Council will contribute $4000. Such wide-spread support shows clearly the importance of public transport to the liveability, access and population growth of regional Victoria.

"The consultants are highly regarded and well connected to the State and Federal Governments and we look forward to working with them over next few months" continued Mayor Dark.

"This project has been an advocacy priority for Council for some time now and we very pleased that we have achieved another of our priority project ambitions for the Greater Hamilton region" concluded Cr Dark.

There will be consultation with targeted stakeholders held in Hamilton in October and following this, an Issues Paper will be presented to all participating councils in November with the expectation that a final report will be provided in February 2017.
WHAT’S ON IN OCTOBER

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Please note that this will be the LAST ISSUE FOR 2016. Please plan any CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING OR ARTICLES well in advance.

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.

- Please send all content to vkearney63@gmail.com or for inquiries ph. Vicki on 0421 232 518
- Please send flyers and photos in a J-PEG or WORD FORMAT and compress photos prior to emailing.
- Please be aware that hardcopy (paper) cannot be printed in colour but any colour advertising will be seen in original format on the website
- NB: If you wish to change the content/size of your advertisement please email the new version by the relevant closing date.
- The Dunkeld Consolidated School will forward invoices and receipt any monies pertaining to advertising in the Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter.
- Advertising Costs per issue are as follows:
  1/8 pg - $5
  1/4 pg - $10
  1/2 pg - $20

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Australian Wool Network
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Invitation to a special
Farewell Ceremony
for Mrs Gaylene Raymond

Dear Dunkeld Consolidated School and community members

You are invited to attend a Special Assembly followed by morning tea in the Dunkeld Consolidated School hall on Tuesday 25 October commencing at 10.00am to celebrate and farewell Mrs Gaylene Raymond after 28 years of dedicated service.

Morning Tea will be kindly provided by the P & F Association.

If you have any queries please contact the school on 5577 2384.

We hope you will be able to attend this special occasion!
Bake the World a Better Place

Dunkeld Consolidated School
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
together with
Dunkeld Red Cross

Sausage Roll Drive

Students and Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program together with the Dunkeld Red Cross will be ‘baking the world a better place’ on Thursday 27 October 2016.

The more orders we fill the more money we can donate to the Red Cross - People Helping People.

Please fill in the order form below and return with payment to Dunkeld Consolidated School BY FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016.

Orders can be picked up from 4.00pm on Thursday 27 October.

If you are able to donate time to help Thursday 27 October please fill in the return slip below.

Tear off and return with payment to the school by Friday 21 October 2016

SAKG & Dunkeld Red Cross

Baking the World a Better Place

Name________________________ Email_________________________ Phone_________________________

Mini Sausage Rolls $10 per dozen How many dozen would you like? ________________________

PLEASE PROVIDE A CONTAINER AND LID WITH YOUR NAME AND HOW MANY DOZEN ORDERED CLEARLY MARKED AND PLACE IN THE KITCHEN AT SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

Cash/Cheque Enclosed: $______________________(cheques to be made out to Dunkeld Consolidated School)

Can you donate any of the following? Please indicate (goods delivered to school by Wednesday 26 October)

☐ 1kg Carrots  ☐ Loaf of day old bread (wholemeal, white or multigrain)

Are you able to help for an hour or more to ‘bake the world a better place’ between 9.00am – 4.00pm on Thursday 27 October? Which time best suits you? ________________________________

Thank you on behalf of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and Dunkeld Red Cross