2015 WHAT’S COMING UP

OCTOBER 2015
Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October – Science Week
Tues 27 Prep and Year 1 Excursion to Baimbridge College, Hamilton to attend an Italian performance. (Excursion funded by the P & F Association).
Wed 28 Senior Citizens Week – Year 5/6 students will present musical items at the Senior Citizens’ concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre at 1.00pm. Year 3 to 6 students will visit the RSL’s Looking through the Lens historical photographic exhibition. (Excursion funded by the P & F Association).

NOVEMBER 2015
Tues 3 MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY.
Wed 4 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9.00am to 2.20pm. Sexuality and Puberty Education session for Year 5 and 6 students with WDHS staff from 12.15pm to 1.30pm.
Thurs 5 Year 2 and Year 5 ‘Induction and Leadership’ Program in the SAKG Kitchen. A reminder that students are required to bring $3.00 for their kitchen class.
Graduation Catering Meeting for Year 5 parents commencing at 7.30pm at Karen Kent’s home, 171 Bellicourt Road.
Fri 6 A Science Fair will be held from 2.20pm to 3.20pm at the school. Family and friends are invited to participate.
Wed 11 Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park commencing at 10.50am. Year 6 students to attend this service.
Mon 16 Logical Staffing Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship at Warrnambool Golf Club commencing at 9.00am.
Wed 18 HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS – Kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Kinder Race – please have your Kinder child at school by 2.00pm.
Wed 25 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9.00am to 3.20pm. Parent Information session in the School Kitchen at 1.30pm.
Thurs 26 Year 6 students to prepare and share a “thank you” lunch for all staff. Kitchen Friends are not required to assist today.

DECEMBER 2015
Thurs 3 Prep students will be working in the SAKG Kitchen. A family member from all Prep families is most welcome to attend.
Fri 4 Year 6 Graduation dinner, ceremony and concert.
Tues 8 Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2016. Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2016. Kinder students attend school all day from 9.00am to 3.25pm.
Thurs 10 “Thank You” Morning Tea for all the helpers and volunteers commencing at 11.00am. Cleaning up and packing up in the Kitchen and Garden in preparation for 2015.
Fri 11 Students’ Social Service Christmas Stall.
Mon 14 School Concert.
Thurs 17 Whole School Excursion to Port Fairy (Picnic Day).
Fri 18 Whole School End of Year Party at school (at lunchtime).

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.

A reminder that the next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 October commencing at 7.30pm.

2015 TERM DATES
Term 4 Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December

2016 TERM DATES
Term 1: Thursday 28 January (students start) to Thursday 24 March (Teachers start on Wednesday 27 January)
Term 2: Monday 11 April to Friday 24 June
Term 3: Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4: Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

FORM ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
School Rugby Jumper order form – please return by Thursday 29 October.
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

It’s been very busy here at school with a number of activities having just occurred or about to happen. The recent excursion to the Royal Mail Hotel kitchen garden and restaurant for Year 6 students was very much enjoyed. Children became aware of the real world goings on in relation to the work that must go on behind the scenes to ensure a high class gastronomic product is presented to fussy patrons.

Our whole school attended the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) concert at the Hamilton PAC and thanks to Mrs Macgugan, were well prepared for the discussions by musicians surrounding the sounds, instruments, and playing styles used to evoke emotions and images for an audience. This week, Our Prep and Year 1 students will travel to Hamilton for a drama performance which will be performed in Italian. This should be an interesting challenge for the students.

This Wednesday, our Year 5/6 students will entertain senior citizens at the Community Centre before visiting the Memorial Hall to view the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch’s (supported by the Dunkeld Museum) photographic history of Dunkeld currently on display. (Year 3/4 students will also view this historical photographic exhibition). On Friday, our Year 5/6 students will have the second of their sessions on puberty. Meanwhile the whole school will be involved in Science Week, and we hope to see you at our Science Fair this coming Friday 6 November.

A number of the activities mentioned above have required expenses for buses and performance costs. So that these activities are accessible to all, it is timely to remind ourselves and be thankful to the Parents and Friends Association, who, throughout the year, work so very hard to raise funds to support the school and families by subsidising the costs of these events. Thank you.

EXCURSION TO HAMILTON on Thursday 22 October

Year 2 Sentences about the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Performance:

Elyssa Rennie: It was fun to hear the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and my favourite part was they got the big violin and played it.

Xander Prentice: It was really good because there were lots of instruments that I knew of. My favourite instrument was the double bass it was very loud.

Thomas Gordon: The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra was very loud. Some of the sounds were loud and then they went soft.

Sam Burger: It was very noisy I felt like I was going to deaf. My favourite bit was when we heard all the percussion instruments.

Emily Featherston: It was very loud. One of the people in the orchestra had a birthday and we all sang happy birthday to them.

Addison Linskens: I liked hearing the flute because they lady came up and said if you blow on a lemonade or milk bottle it will make the exact same sound. One of the people in the orchestra had a birthday.

Myles Haley: My favourite instrument was the flute because I like the sound it makes. I learnt that different instruments can blow high sounds and low sounds.

Pippa Williamson: I thought the music sounded happy, sad and scary. I liked it because there were lots of different tunes. I also liked when the people came up and told us about each different instrument.

Campbell Glazebrook: It was really loud and I felt like I was deaf. I liked hearing the instruments play.

Abby Lazzar: It nearly made me cry listening to the orchestra because it was so beautiful.

Jasmine Crawford: It was pretty and sweet to listen to.

Amity Haley: I liked the big double bass and I liked how the story the music was telling ended.

Ben Peace: It was loud and it was nice and joyful music.

Jonah Morganti: It was fun to see the orchestra and some music made me tired that I nearly fell asleep.

Matilda Potter: It was really loud. It was relaxing to listen to the orchestra.

PREP/YEAR 1 SLEEPOVER on Friday 23 October

Prep Sentences:

The boys won the competition who could get to sleep the fastest. I had fun. I liked it. By Sebastian Aarons

I love sleeping. We had a yummy breakfast. I had pudding, it was ice-cream. By Cadence Huf

On Friday at the sleepover we watched Shaun the Sheep. The next morning we watched the rest of Shaun the Sheep and we had a treasure hunt. By Stella Gordon

We had a sleepover at school. We had fun. I got to see a possum at school. We got glow lights. By Isabella Jury

We had sparklers. We had fun. I slept in a sleeping bag. We had glow sticks in the dark. By Laura Featherston

We had glow sticks. We had breakfast. We went outside and we had a treasure hunt. By Grace Kelly

We went to a sleepover at school, it was fun. My favourite move was Cheetah Chatter. We went outside in the dark. We had sparklers. By Claudia Cochran.

We watched Shaun the Sheep. We had glow sticks. We had a treasure hunt, we found some lollies. By Louis Lazzari

We went for a possum hunt and it was fun. We won the sleepover. The sleepover was fun. We had sparklers. By Jack Reynolds

We had a sleepover at school. We used glow sticks to see in the dark. We got to go everywhere in the school. We watched Shaun the Sheep. By Zander Mibus

At the sleepover we watched Shaun the Sheep. We had a competition who went to sleep first. We had a treasure hunt, it was fun. By Penny Burger

We had a treasure hunt. We won the sleepover. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We went on a possum hunt. I slept in swag. By Mitchell Gordon.

At the sleepover we watched Shaun the Sheep, he was so funny. My favourite thing was the treasure hunt. We used sparklers and it was fun. There was a race and the boys won. By Edie Jackson

We went to the sleepover. At the sleepover we watched Shaun the Sheep. My favourite thing was the treasure hunt. By Mia Russell

We watched Shaun the Sheep. We won the extra lolly. We slept in a sleeping bag. By Jake Linskens

Breakfast was fun. We went on a night walk. By Drew Hassett
This excursion is being generously funded by the P & F Association (entrance fees and bus hire) so there will be no costs to the students.

**SCIENCE FAIR ON FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER**

A Science Fair will be held at the school on Friday 6 November from 2.20pm to 3.20pm to celebrate the importance of learning Science at school. Students will explore science concepts through hands on experiments. Family and friends have also been invited to participate in the Science Fair.

**2015 WORKING BEE AND LANDSCAPE PROJECTS**

This year, instead of one Working Bee, there will be a range of projects on different days you can choose from. You are more than welcome to get involved in more than one:

- Sunday 1 November: Tree Maintenance – 9.00am to 12.00pm.
- Friday 6 November: Path Upgrade – 9.00am to 3.00pm.
- Sunday 22 November: Front Fence – 10.00am to 1.00pm.

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**P & F NEWS**

**THREE PEAKS FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER:** A very big thank you to all those who helped with our book stall at the Three Peaks Festival. We made a profit of $488.20. We appreciate the donations of books and the help with set up, clean up and on the day.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Christmas dinner will be held at 109 on Thursday 10 December. More details to follow.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 16 November commencing at 7:30pm in the school staff room. All very welcome to attend. Ally Gordon, Secretary, P & F Association

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)**

On Thursday 5 November the Year 2 and Year 5 students will be working together in the Kitchen as part of the ‘Induction and Leadership’ program. Students are reminded to please bring $3.00 to help cover cost of ingredients for lunch.

**Thank you**

We had a great day at the Three Peaks Festival - our thanks goes to all those lovely people who donated such a variety of produce, plants and baked goods, and their time to help us. We raised $548.60, and you know this is because of your help.

*Many thanks from Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre*
From the Garden...

Well, our milk spray to combat the leaf curl didn’t work! Never mind, neither did the other sprays, so we’ll just give the trees a good consistent water, and watch the new unaffected green leaves slowly take over (with all fingers crossed!!). Some tomatoes have already been planted out, but because there still may be a frost threat, we’ve covered them with milk bottles to protect them.

We’ve finally got to get some carrots to grow, and self-sown lettuces, parsley and of course parsnips are appearing everywhere. The Jerusalem artichokes are poking their heads up everywhere, and thanks to the information we learned at our visit to the Royal Mail Hotel’s kitchen garden, we now know of other ways to use them.

Of course, the grass is growing well too, and our thanks go out to those wonderful volunteers who are mowing around the garden. The main thing on our agenda now is to mulch and water and set up our tree nets.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM
Lea and Jen McArthur will again be offering a two week Summer Swim Program from about 28 December 2015 to 8 January 2016. Please complete and return the form (which was attached to Community Newsletter issue number 15) to school by Friday 13 November. If you have any queries please contact Jen on 5573 3265.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER
A reminder that Tuesday 3 November is a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. Monday 2 November will be a normal school day.

YEAR LEVEL KITCHEN FRIENDS

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2015 – 11.15am to 2.00pm

YEAR 3 and 4 STUDENTS Geoff Potter
Jo Aarons
Geraldine Featherston
Pauline Yule

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2015 – 11.15am to 2.00pm

YEAR 2 (Induction) and YEAR 5 (Leadership)
Shelley Darroch
Emma Gordon
Sandy Roache
Melissa McIntyre

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12.00pm – 12.30pm Grade 1 Trish Symes, Helen Hanson, Iven Field, Adrian or Melissa Field, Jane Calvert, Bev Hampton

12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 5/6 Trish Symes, Helen Hanson, Iven Field, Adrian or Melissa Field, Jane Calvert, Bev Hampton

2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 3/4 Trish Symes, Helen Hanson, Iven Field, Herman Jansen, Brian Mathews, Jane Calvert, Bev Hampton

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2015 – GARDEN

11.30am – 12.00pm Prep and Grade 6 Trish Symes, Helen Hanson, Iven Field, Sarah Crawford, Debra Fenwick, Paul Callander

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2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 5/6 Trish Symes, Helen Hanson, Iven Field, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander

EXTENDED! Now Closing Friday 30th October

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

"Soils are a non-renewable resource, its preservation is essential for food security and our sustainable future... Healthy soils are the basis for healthy food production...” Soils are the foundation for-questions what is collected or managed? Our food, fibre, fuel and medicinal products... Soils store and filter water, improving our resilience to drought and storms.” International Year of Soils: www.bagsoil.org

In recognition of 2015 as International Year of Soils, the National Centre for Farmer Health is inviting you to share your vision of the relationship between Australian farming and the soil 3 courses in, under and on.

This year’s theme is: ‘STEWARDS OF THE SOIL.’

We are looking for images that portray the myriad of colours and textures of a soil profile; the incredible diversity grown in that soil; farmers working the land to create and maintain productive soil; or, images that portray efforts to maintain the soil’s life and sustainability.

The photography competition follows on from the success of the National Centre for Farmer Health’s previous competitions in 2010 and 2013. Help celebrate Australian farming and the International Year of Soils.

SNAPSHOT of the COMPETITION

• Entries are to be submitted online, by Friday 30th October 2015 (date extended)
• Categories: Open, Secondary School Student, and Primary School Student
• Cash prizes for winning and runner-up entries, including a People’s Choice award
• Judged by renowned photographers Jill Erixon, Ewen Bell and Robert Drummond
• Finalists will be displayed at the Cube, and winners will be announced at Federation Square in Melbourne on International Soil Day, Saturday 3rd December 2015

The 2013 competition would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors and supporters.

START NOW!
Grampians Cricket Club for the first time ever hosted a Premier Cricket Match on Saturday October 24th as part of the Bush Bash country round, featuring Melbourne CC and Fitzroy Doncaster CC. This was the biggest cricket game to ever hit Dunkeld and certainly the biggest in the Greater Hamilton District since World Series Cricket days.

Played on one of country Victoria’s finest and arguably most picturesque grounds at the Dunkeld School, this match provided the perfect opportunity to view some high quality cricket and relax in the idyllic surroundings.

A number of high profile players were on show, including Chris Tremaine Victorian fast bowler, Michael Hill batsmen from the Hobart Hurricanes, Sam Harper Melbourne Stars, Andrew Kent leading run scorer in district cricket, Will Pucovski Victorian and Australian underage prodigy, Trent Lawford ex South Australian, Michael Frith leading district batsmen, Peter Dickson former first class player and the list goes on.

Of interest for AFL supporters was the appearance of Jackson Coleman, son of Glen who played 300 games with Fitzroy and South Melbourne and for the Western Waves Region Nhill prodigy Jackson Koop.

Two local players Thomas Millard and Lachie Field were granted the honour of being 12th men for the sides, having impressed as fielders at local A Grade.

Apart from the free clinic conducted by the players on the Friday evening for the best of the Hamilton juniors, there was also an in2CRICKET Demonstration in the lunch break of the game for any 5-10 year olds keen on a hit and a long throw competition for $50.

A special feature of the day for locals was the reunion of the famous 2005/2006 A Grade premiership that created headlines around the country for the amazing victory achieved by the Grampians team after finding themselves in a seemingly impossible position.
We now have soda stream canisters and flavours available in store.
Cyclists, participating in the third Wheelfun, enjoyed perfect riding conditions on Sunday, October 18.

Starting from the Community Centre, the cyclists headed west to Cavendish, turned north into the Grampians and returned to Dunkeld via the Halls Gap Road.

Again there were 3 courses - 22km, 60 km and 90 km. It was great to see some families participating in the 22 km event.

As was the case last year, the 90 km event attracted the most riders. All cyclists returned safely with only a broken bike seat and a couple of flat tyres. Cyclists came from afar as Wodonga and Mt Gambier.

Crankhouse Bicycle Centre from Warmambool kindly donated 4 X $50 vouchers which were won by:

- Luke McMahon, New Gisborne
- Erin Parker, Dunkeld
- Crystal Wemyss, Stawell
- Renee Riley, Hamilton

Thank you to all those who helped on the day including:

Simon and Marcia Macgugan, Alex Paton, Val and Malcolm Templeton, Doug Fleming, Nikki Parker, Ian and Heather Macgugan, John Smith, Lisa McIntyre, Lyn Collins, Peter McLean, Ray Keilar, Frank Raymond, Geoff Montgomery, Derek Prentice, Phil O'Keefe and the Dunkeld Lions Club [Herman Jansen, Ian Macgugan, Dion Ross, Todd Burger, Ross Harris].

Thank you also to our sponsors for their generous support:

- Ace Radio
- Dunkeld Community Bank
- Dunkeld Tourism Association
- Physio Freedom

Thank you also to the Hamilton Cycling Club who lent us signs for vehicles. Thank you to Barry Lowe who put up and removed the signs for the street closures and to Peter Day for organising sweeping of parts of the course. My apologies if I have missed anyone.

Finally a big thank you to the Wheelfun committee – James Haley, Sharon Linke, Bruce McNaughton and Sally Stevenson – who have been terrific to work with and have put in many hours to stage this event.

Wheelfun will be on again next year. So think about getting on the bike and being part of this event.

Mary-Ann Brown, Event Co-ordinator

FROM THE LIONS DEN

The Lions were privileged to be able to assist with the BBQ at WheelFun. This was another great example of what our community can do, what a great weekend for our district. I will leave it to others to give more details about what happened in Dunkeld last weekend, but the organisers and workers are to be congratulated. God was kind to us with the weather and the Shire men had everything spot on. From the Lions - congratulations to everyone that worked or just attended.

Occupational humour

The marriage counsellor

A husband and wife attended for a counselling session and it appears that the trouble started when the husband arrived home from work and said, “This cake is delicious dear. Did you buy it yourself?”

Advice - it often shows a fine command of language to say nothing. Peter Hinchey

PANYYABYR LANDCARE GROUP

LEARN HOW TO FIND NATURE AROUND DUNKELD

The Panyyabyr Landcare group are running farm and bush walks with local experts to learn how to identify native plant and animal species living in the agricultural landscape. The focus of the sessions will change each fortnight but will include topics like Woodland Birds, Native Orchids, Waterwatch, Night Creatures and Insects.

The Finding Nature sessions are running every second Friday for the duration of Term 4 starting on Friday 16 October from 5.30pm-7.30pm, finishing with a BYO BBQ.

For more information or to become part of the emailing list for the Finding Nature project, please contact Gab Lanman, phone 0400 883 014 or email gab.lanman@gmail.com

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BUYING YOUR NEXT HOME,  
LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

So you have been in your current house for a while now and it is no longer the right fit that it once was. Whatever the reason may be, the outcome is still the same. Time to shift!!

Now that Spring is here houses go on the market and you become spoilt for choice. Here are a few things to consider when looking to move from one home to another.

~ **Find a happy balance of Need vs. Want:** you may need 4 bedrooms because of the increasing brood of children but do you have to have the 5 bedroom home because it comes with a hot tub? .....Maybe not.

~ **Ask yourself the hard question: Am I going to be financially worse off?** You would think that if your home has capitally improved in value by $20K since you bought it that you would be better off, but after government fees and charges, solicitors, real estate agents and yes, banks, you may have nothing to show for it. Do your research early so that you know what you are walking into before you've signed on the dotted line.

~ **Take advantage of your equity.** This works for those that have made a dent in their loans. If you can pay off more on your first loan sooner rather than later you may find that not only do you have more to show for your efforts but you may even be able to use your current home as the stepping stone to get into the new place faster.

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**Garage Sale**

405 Mahoney’s Lane Dunkeld

Sat 31st Oct & Sun 1st Nov.  10am to 4pm.

Complete Household + Farm items

0427 772 465

Wooden Extendable dining table 4 chairs near new, Grandfather clock, Rectangular wooden dining table, Large Wall unit, Stools timber x 4, Couch modular, Pool table1110 x 2100, Coffee table, Small rocking chair, TV Stand, Kelvinator fridge, Beer fridge, Upright freezer, Westinghouse 140 L chest freezer, Simpson Genesis Washing machine S.S. bowl, Wardrobe Tall boy & 2 matching bed side draws, Queen bed, 2 Double beds, 2 bunk beds, Full set linen doona's Q. D. S., 6 bed side lamps, Wall pictures, Panasonic mini stereo CD tape radio, Fans, Gas heater with connector, Electric Oil heater, Portable air cond., Sewing machine, Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Crockery, Meat cleaver, Casserole warmers candle, Panasonic Bread maker, Bread/meat slicer, Timber book shelves x 4, Computer desk, Timber desk with draws, Office chair recliner, Fellows Paper shredder, Round outside glass table, Karaoke machine, Fire screen, Outside artificial plants, 6 glazed pots, plastic planter boxes, 4 burner BBQ, Kettle BBQ, Camping gear: tents, camping table & stools, various other kitchen items books, lots of clothes, toys, etc.

**Shed Stuff**

Gal fire tank 870w x 870h x 1110L, Honda fire pump, Honda motor mower, Silvan 50 L wand sprayer, Unused gal mesh from mesh silo, Gal silo mesh used cut, 5 Diesel Willow plastic jerry cans 20 L., Atom electric lawn edger, Stihl whipper snipper needs jet, Makita angle grinder large 7”, Steel post drivers x 2, Stihl chainsaw case unused, Stihl chainsaw 034 20” bar, Large storage box, Tool box, SS sink, Roll poly pipe 1 1/4”, roll poly 1”, number poly joiners, 2 old coppers, Suzuki Quad runner not running, Cox 12hp ride on mower not running, wood lathe home-made, Large sher drill, Crow bar, Shovels, Rakes, Hammers, Hack saw, Fencing pliers, Old cross cut saw, Old Salters 300lb dial scales etc.
STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN
Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Fine Dining Experience:
On Thursday October 8th, by invitation, our Year 6 students, Mr Jeffreys, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Lisa McIntyre and I were treated to a tour of the Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden where kitchen gardener Michelle Shanahan showed us all of the produce now in season and which plants are favourites with the chefs, the garden bed of asparagus has been well harvested!

We walked through the igloos that were very warm and steamy ready for tomatoes to be planted for Christmas time and other produce that is normally grown in the tropical regions, we bruised many herbs to smell and tasted all the varieties of mint of which there were many. We met the ducks, sitting in the sun, full from eating snails and slugs.

Michelle talked about the kitchen garden’s philosophy of growing, harvesting, preparing and then the returning of all raw food scraps from the restaurant which plants are favourites with the chefs, the garden bed of asparagus has been well harvested!

From the garden, we walked to the Royal Mail Hotel and dined for lunch in the 2 hatted fine dining restaurant. Chef Andre McLoughlin and Food and Beverage Manager, Mr Marc Esteve, answered our many questions.

Q. What do you use chocolate mint for? A. Petit fours, after dinner mints.
Q. Which herbs do you use the most? A. Parsley.

All of our questions (we had quite a few) came from our walk around the kitchen garden. Chef Andre talked about planning the menu, the importance of trying new things and improving and testing yourself, the many hours spent on research and perfecting the many dishes that are produced, the very long hours and the love of the work that he and many chefs do, the use of science in matching foods together and the nature based cuisine, foods that are in season together, pair well together in a dish. The children were given a menu each and after discussion about what each item on the menu was they chose a main course and a dessert.

Our lunch was such a treat for the eyes and the tastebuds and as one student said…‘this is the most amazing food I have ever had!’

Menu
Linguine, celeriac, hazelnut, lemon thyme
Sea bream, potato, tartare, mushy peas
Pork belly, celeriac, potato, burnt onion

Dessert
Yoghurt parfait, rhubarb, sesame
Dark chocolate mousse, blood orange sorbet
Profiterole, caramel ice-cream

Thank you to the Royal Mail Hotel and your wonderful staff, for your kindness and generosity; it is an experience our Year 6 students will never forget.

The SAKG Program and the Royal Mail Hotel - Growing, Harvesting, Preparing and Sharing.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group
Annual Fundraising Stall, Saturday 31 October 2015 outside the Dunkeld & District Bendigo Community Bank. Treat yourself to delicious homemade biscuits, cakes and conserves and support our beautiful Arboretum. Our second raffle will be drawn on the day at 2.00pm. Tickets are $2 each and can be purchased at Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld Delights and Dunkeld & District Bendigo Community Bank. Items donated for sale on the day can be left with Fiona Napier (0417 992 583) or delivered to stall on day.
From the School’s SAKG Kitchen & Garden

A beautiful day for the 3 Peaks Festival helped us showcase and promote the Dunkeld School’s kitchen garden program to the wider community, and raise much needed funds to help the program operate. Thanks to some very generous support from our community we had beautiful baked goods, home grown and loved plants, lush produce, eggs, homemade cordial, preserves, cards and fine homemade aprons and chefs hats to sell. We raised over $500.00, and we couldn’t have done that without their help.

The stall looked fantastic - we really appreciate those very kind people who were able to help us set up, be there to talk to the visitors and clean up. We also want to thank the 3 Peaks Committee for their support, and congratulate them on producing a wonderful event.

Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre

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Chris and Hilde Murphy  0414 407 378  hilde_murphy@me.com
Looking through the lens – 150 years of Dunkeld and District Pictorial History

A successful exhibition opening was held on Friday 23 October with Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble, conducting the dedication ceremony for the RSL Room to WWII veteran and RSL Life Member, Mr Henry Leech OAM. Member for Lowan, Ms Emma Kealy MP officially opened the exhibition and oldest Museum members and well-known local identities, Mrs Barbara Dohle and Mr Jim Napier, cut the Museum’s 30th Anniversary cake.

The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for all their support, hard work and efforts with this exhibition, especially the Dunkeld Museum Committee members, and the many volunteers who assisted with this project, in many different ways. Our sub-branch is very grateful for this generous support.

LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS – 24 OCT to 1 NOV
A reminder that the historical photographic exhibition will be OPEN DAILY from Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November, from 10:00am to 4:00pm in the Memorial Hall, Dunkeld Community Centre.

An extensive array of approximately 1,800 historical photographs from 1860’s to 1990’s are on display.

Daily entrance fees: $10.00 Adults and $3.00 Students. Copies of any of the historical photographs may be ordered from the Dunkeld Museum.

This historical photographic exhibition is held during the Royal Historical Society of Victoria’s (RHSV) History Week and the Victorian Seniors Festival. Seniors and the general public are warmly invited to attend this event. Concession rates are available for seniors’ groups.

The Silent ANZAC: Footscray-Yarraville City Band is proud to present a concert to commemorate the ANZAC spirit in the centenary year of the landing and ANZAC campaign at Gallipoli on 7 November at Melba Hall Melbourne University, commencing at 7.30pm – free admission. For further information visit www.fycb.com.au

The concert will honour the courage and sacrifice of those lost in all conflicts and explores the emotion and despair at the futility of war and the human desire for lasting world peace. They are pleased to present at the concert the world premiere of a specially commissioned major work titled ‘The Silent ANZAC’ composed by Todd Smith. Todd was chosen based on his fast growing international reputation as a composer of significant talent.

At just 20 years of age, Todd is an exciting talent and the City Band look forward to many future works from him. The musical work ‘The Silent ANZAC’ is inspired by often overlooked story of the Australian submarine, the HMAS AE2, captained by Lieutenant-Commander Henry Stoker and his 32 man crew, whose mission was to penetrate the heavily mined Dardanelles Straits into the Sea of Marmara to disrupt enemy shelling of the Gallipoli shore to allow the ANZAC troop landings and to interrupt the flow of enemy reinforcements by ship.

The efforts of the AE2 were one of the few strategic successes of the ANZAC Day landing at Gallipoli. Five days later, in the Sea of Marmara the AE2 was sunk and Stoker and the crew of the AE2 Stoker and his crew began three and a half years of captivity in Turkish prisoner-of-war camps.

Michael Wright Williams: Michael Williams (Bill to his submariner crewmates) was born at Dunkeld near Hamilton, Victoria, on 1 September 1894, one of a large Catholic family of nine children. Bill Williams joined the RAN on 7 October 1912 at the age of 18, signing up for seven years. Captured after the AE2 sinking on 30 April 1915, he was sent first to Afion Kara Hissar. Later he was separated from the majority of the crew because of his Catholic religion and sent to the 1st Division camp at Belemmedik, where he consequently died.

The patriotic Williams family contributed four sons to WWI. All died on active service: Private John Williams at Lone Pine, Gallipoli; Stoker Michael in obscure circumstances as a POW in Turkey; Private Thomas in action in France, 1917; and Private Frank in action in France, 1918.

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day: This year 11 November marks the 97th 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 did or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Please remember to buy a poppy from Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch members. 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 Wednesday 11 November at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park followed by morning tea in the Henry Leech RSL Room in the Dunkeld Community Centre. Everyone is most welcome to attend.
Community Fox Control Program - "GRAMPIANS ARK" and "GRAMPIANS TO GRASSLANDS"

Landowners, residents and visitors pleased be advised that the current fox baiting pulse runs from Monday 28 September 2015 to Sunday 6 December 2015 covering Mirranatwa, Vic Valley, Karabeal, Moutajup, Warrayure, Lake Linlithgow, Croxton, Dunkeld, Woodhouse and Glenthompson areas.

Free baits can be collected from Kelly & Henson, Dunkeld. The cost is covered by funding from the DSE and “25th Anniversary Landcare Grants”. Remember, you need to show your ACUP in order to collect your baits.

This is a most effective time to bait. Baiting now will work and save lambs lives. If you are not a sheep farmer, your participation will help the domestic and native animal, bird and reptile survival, as well as helping your neighbours’ lambs - this is a great community program. Baiting is also occurring in the National Park at the same time. We also invite alternative control means (spot lighting, den destruction etc).

With everyone working together, we are making a difference.

Please collect “Bait Take Data Sheets” when you collect your baits, and I will collect the information at the end of the pulse. New participants are very welcome; please contact me with any queries. Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235
DUNCELAND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: Visitor numbers are increasing. The units have been very busy. We are aiming to level some of the sites, but that will wait until after Easter next year. Planning for the arrival of the new office is filling in our time at the moment.

Salt Creek: We have difficulty maintaining Salt Creek. It is a large area. The grass needs mowing and whizzer snipping in spring. Walkers need to see the reptiles, rather than walk on them. The Sculpture Trail is a pleasant walk. The board walks need repairing. However, we believe the new walk planned to go to Mt Sturgeon will incorporate some of this track. So it will probably be renewed then.

The area around the old swimming pool is difficult to maintain. It has been suggested that the pool hole be filled in so we can mow it. This could be one of the nicest areas along the creek, if we could easily maintain it. I know it is part of our history, but that doesn’t mean it is treasured enough by people to look after it.

Memorial Park: The Park looked great for the Festival. We are fortunate to have such a great Park, well looked after by our Shire men. The new cubby was moved in last week. Thanks to David Hampton, David Gordon, Herman Jansen, Smiths old Ford tractor and the Kelly and Henson trailer, we got the job done. Congratulations to the new Festival Committee for organising and running a great day in the Park.

Sawmill: We had a great Open Day, lots of interested visitors and many happy workers. A great effort by all. Many hours were spent collecting logs, improving the mill and setting up equipment. A huge thank you to our demonstrators Bob Hiatt and the Blackwell’s for their mills, Alan Fort for the swing saw and chain saw mill, Alan and Jim Dark’s and Max Clutterbuck’s auto loggers, Rex Beveridge’s shingle cutter, Kevin Kingwell’s huge chains saws, Geoff Inkster’s axe handle machine, Simon Armytage’s telehandler and Peter Smith’s chain saw collection. Thank you to our members who assisted the demonstrators.

Our active members gave so much time and energy helping prepare and run the day. Their enthusiasm and energy has to be admired. Having the electricity connected has also been useful.

We were thrilled with Angie Polglaze (Chain Saw Chick) and her carving of the majestic eagle. Once we have sealed the wood, a decision will be made where to put the eagle. Thank you to the Arboretum Group for providing food and drink on the day and a bite for us after the cleanup. Thanks also to Corinne for food on the Friday.

We were thrilled to see the video that Joyce Gordon and family produced, showing the building of Strachan’s Hut. Joyce and Heather Funk, with help from David Gordon, have produced an informative booklet titled ‘Timbermen, Sawmills and Sawdust’. It is well researched and written: a very good read.

John Smith President

DUNCELAND UPDATE

Guest Speaker Meetings: Our next guest speaker meeting will be held on Monday 2 November commencing at 8.00pm.

Museum Secretary, Mrs Wendy Williams, will be presenting information on Inquests. Entry is by gold coin donation. The meeting will be followed by a light supper and everyone is most welcome to attend.

Looking through the Lens: A huge thank you to the many volunteers who have assisted with this exhibition including RSL and Red Cross members, Museum members, Trevor Flinn, David Hampton, Hamilton North Rotary Club (display stands), Jenny Crawford (for baking our delicious commemorative cake) and Joyce Tonissen (cake decorator extraordinaire), to name but a few. Please refer to the RSL Update for further details.

The Duncepond Museum invites the general public to bring along any photographs or documents to the photographic exhibition (or to the Museum) that could contribute to the Museum’s collection and preservation of our local history. Original documents may be scanned or photographed and returned to you promptly.

Three Peaks Festival: Congratulations to all the Three Peaks Festival Committee members who were involved in creating and organising this year’s inaugural Three Peaks Festival … it truly was a wonderful event! And to the other locally run events including the Lost in Sculpture exhibition, Duncepond Sawmill Open Day, Wheel Fun plus local artist, Mrs Judy Wame’s ‘The Crow’ exhibition. Many volunteers contributed to the success of the weekend.

A sincere thank you to all the Museum members who donated fresh produce, various potted plants, colourful flowers and delicious home-baked goods for our stall at the outdoor market and who also opened the Museum for visitors.

Timbermen, Sawmills and Sawdust: Congratulations to Museum Committee members Joyce Gordon, Heather Funk and David Gordon who recently released a publication entitled Timbermen, Sawmills and Sawdust to coincide with the Duncepond Sawmill’s Open Day. Purchase your copy from the Duncepond Museum or during the historical photographic exhibition.
Can you help ... does anyone know who wrote “The Dunkeld Cup” poem? The Dunkeld Museum has the following poem in its collection and is trying to find out the author’s name ... is anyone able to assist?

The Dunkeld Cup

In the shadow of the mountains
Lies a little country town
And there among the red gums
Is a racecourse of renown.

That is where the townsfolk gather
On the green and pleasant ground
To have a punt and party
While the horses go around.

It was there the flying Tauto
One of Bobby’s nags
Wiped out the opposition
And cleaned out the bookies’ bags.

Because a champ trained by a local
Had stirred emotions up
And the whole town was deserted
The day that Tauto won the cup.

And if you want the location
Where this country cup is held
In the shadow of Mount Sturgeon
You will surely find Dunkeld.

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 16 November commencing at 8.00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Opening Hours: The Museum is open every Sunday and on public holidays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm, and also from 10.00am on the first Sunday of each month.

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:

Sunday 1 Nov Bek Kay (10am-1pm), Tony Williams & John Kay (1pm-5pm)
Tuesday 3 Nov Wendy Williams & David Gordon
Sunday 8 Nov Helena Flinn & Trevor Flinn

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. Terrie Nicholson, Publicity Officer

Café and Tea Garden

We look forward to welcoming you at Dunkeld Delights.

Serving light lunches, coffee and cake daily.

Come in and enjoy our hospitality with beautiful homemade produce.

Check out our new sandstone tables situated in the garden seating areas at DD.

Thanks to Jones Earthworks, Alan Jones, Wayne Dennett and their crew.

Cheers from the team
lost in sculpture
People's Choice Award

The lost in sculpture exterior exhibition continues to be displayed along the Salt Creek Trail until Sunday 1 November.

Discover Dunkeld is very proud to be a part of the 2015 lost in sculpture exhibition, and we invite you to nominate your favourite sculpture. A $500 prize will be awarded to the artist of the sculpture voted most popular by you! To vote for the sculpture of your choice simply write the number on the paper provided and post in the boxes at either end of the sculpture walk or go online to www.discoverdunkeld.com

**Choose your favourite**

- Lawrence Marshall - Getting to know you
- 2. Jasmine Mansbridge - People vs Place 1
- 3. Trevor Flinn - The Long Distance Runner
- 4. Paul Sanders - Joy
- 5. Cherree Densley - Possum Hide
- 6. Jon Hayes - I am the Eagle
- 7. Gabrielle Hingston & Emma Lamb - Infinity Blocks
- 8. Stewart Westle - S.O.S.
- 9. Laurie Collins - Part of the Story
- 10. Jon Hayes - Mr Roo
- 11. Michael Shiel - Fools Vessel
- 12. Craig Haire - Wrong Place?
- 13. Elaine Miles - Window box #2
- 14. David Doyle - The Town Tree - a place where people meet

ROADSIDE WEEDS

Last year, the Panyyabyr and Mirranatwa Landcare Groups joined forces with the Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Shire of Southern Grampians to control weeds along our local roadsides - in particular, Cape Tulip, St John’s Wort and South African Weed Orchid.

While the funding for this program may have finished, the weed growth certainly has not. So while the volunteers put a big dent in the weed population last year, it’s a great chance for us to keep them in check, (the weeds, not the volunteers!) and stop them spreading, while the population is low. And because the weather has been so dry, the plants that normally flower later in the year, are already flowering: Cape Tulip and the South African Weed orchid in particular.

The thinking is very much like that in the fox control program - if everyone does a little bit, we will make a difference! So please keep your eyes open for these plants. If you are unable to treat the plants (or physically remove them), please contact me, as we have a weed map that we are recording infestations on (this also applies to other problem weeds too).

Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

Council has been made aware of persons travelling in and around the Hamilton area who are posing as tradesmen, claiming to have Council permission to door knock and to inspect roofs.

These people are not Council Staff members nor do they have Council permission to door knock to offer their services.

Council advises all residents to be alert and exercise caution when opening their homes to unidentified persons and to use reputable tradespeople when having works completed on your home.

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Term Four class schedule is here and we welcome some new classes to our program:

Monday 6.15-6.45pm Cardio Blast, 7.00pm Core
Tuesday 6.15am General Fitness (GF), 6.15pm GF, 7.10pm Core
Wednesday 6.15pm GF
Thursday 6.10am We Run For Fun, 6.15pm Boxing
Friday 9.30am GF (kids welcome)

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Sundays 7:00am – 3:00pm
GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB
A Grade, B Grade, both women’s teams and the Under 16’s all had wins during the week and C Grade and U14’s competed well.

RESULTS:

HDCA KINGS CARS A Grade 2 17 Oct 2015
Dunkeld Consolidated School Turf

HDCA HARVEY NORMAN B Grade 2 17 Oct 2015
Grampians 9/161 (cc) (M Lazari 64, T Holmes 2/17, J Bailey 2/31) def Tahara 131 (T Holmes 30, H Goodman 25, J Calvert 3/2, M Lazari 2/24, A McIntyre 2/24)
Dunkeld Consolidated School Hard Wicket

HDCA C Grade 1 17 Oct 2015
Southern Grampians 115 (G Kearney 38*, C Patterson 4/13, D Hamilton 2/10) def Grampians 107 (J Webster 4/33, D Harris 3/28, R Austin 2/17)
Hamilton Recreation Reserve

HDWCA A GRADE 2 16 Oct 2015
Hamilton Recreation Reserve

HDWCA A GRADE 2 16 Oct 15
Grampians Pumas 3/149 (cc) P Potatau-Wright 31* def Pink Flamingoes 1/147 (cc) C Agar 35* J McKelvie 32* B Brooke 25*
Dunkeld Consolidated School Hard Wicket

Junior training is going really well with Geoff Potter and parent helpers doing an amazing job with the Milo in2Cricket and a host of adults assisting the coaches with the U12, 14 and 16 teams.

PREMIER CRICKET GAME
October 24th was a big date for the entire community with the club hosting the first ever Premier Cricket game in our town featuring Melbourne and Fitzroy/Doncaster. The game featured several state players and former Australian star Brad Hodge. Apart from the large number of spectators from across the region, the day also featured a reunion of the 2005/6 A Grade premiership team and some quality music from the McIntyre brothers.

GRAMPIANS GOLF CLUB
LADIES GOLF
Winners of the Isobel Anderson match play pairs’ knockout final were Heather Macgugan and Mary Fenech 3/2 defeating Venita Mibus and Margy McIntyre.
Mary Burger defeated Iris Dark on countback with a score of 35pts to win the stableford event. Ntp: 12th Margy McIntyre, 16th Sue Morse.

Mary Burger is having a great season at golf this year winning the Monthly Medal three times. She is playing consistent golf and though her handicap is not in single figures she is a regular in the winner’s circle.

Results of the Grampians Golf Club
Mary Simpson Day - 45 players played on drying fairways in warm winds enjoying the pleasant mountain views.

The Mary Simpson trophy was won by Warrnambool represented by Alison Sinclair, Marlene Hodges and Rosemary Walters with a score of 96 Hamilton team of Liz Nichol, Di Raymond and Lyn O’Brien were R/U with 93pts.

A Grade winner: Sue Walter 37pts from Jenny Crawford 35pts on count back from Irene McDonald. B Grade: Mary Burger 37pts from Jen Pyke 35pts on count back from Lyn O’Brien.
Team of three: Jenny Crawford, Sue Walter, Jen Pyke.
Judith Howard Cup winner was Mary Burger on a count back from Sue Walter (pictured above). Nearest the Pins: 3rd and 16th Sue Walter, 9th Marion Venn, and 12th Pam Howell.
HILAC ENTERPRISE REVIEW COMPLETE

Southern Grampians Shire Council has conducted an extensive Enterprise review of the Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre (HILAC). This is the third enterprise review completed by Council in the past few years.

HILAC currently provides a range of sport, leisure, aquatic and community services including fitness, indoor sports, aquatic education and swimming. Within its nine years of operation, it has experienced a changing social, recreational and economic environment.

The aim of the review was to provide a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities, strengths and weaknesses associated with Council operation of HILAC and to recommend the most appropriate and beneficial means for the future of the enterprise, including the level and extent of Council involvement.

The enterprise review, undertaken by Tredwell Management Services in early 2015, involved extensive stakeholder and community consultation. Feedback on the centre was generally positive, while there were also suggestions as to where the centre could be improved.

The review recognised the important role that the HILAC plays in the region and its significance as an economic driver. In both cases, the final report acknowledges that there are significant social benefits associated with the enterprise, while needing to focus on the financial performance and the challenges of operating a facility with a catchment which is approximately half the median of centres in similar settings. Benchmarking with data provided by the Centre for Environmental and Recreational Management (CERM) shows the catchment of HILAC of approximately 15,000 compares with an average of 35,000. It was also noted that costing for HILAC also includes all costs associated with the six outdoor pools across the Shire.

A number of recommendations came out of the final report and were presented to Council at the meeting on Wednesday 14 October 2015. The recommendations adopted by council are as follows:

- Develop an expression of interest for an external party to provide the fitness activities, additional leisure activities and dry sport provision and/or aquatic education programs (with the exception of basketball) for the next two or more years.
- In conjunction with the future operator of the fitness centre make any required changes to the layout/composition of the fitness areas to enable the operator to implement the proposed services.
- Improve the food and beverage offering at the centre including availability, presentation and stock variety (including healthy choices).
- Develop a new modern, attractive and interactive website for the centre.
- Improve general centre presentation and appearance including external landscaping and car parking.
- Integrate the marketing initiatives of the centre with other areas (tourism, schools, agriculture and local business) to promote the use of the facility space during the day and over weekends for events, exhibitions, conferences and sports events.
- Review the current staffing levels of HILAC including the roles of managing the outdoor pools.

The first of the recommendations will be implemented next week, when a public expression of interest for the provision of the fitness activities, additional leisure activities and dry sport provision and/or aquatic education programs (with the exception of basketball) for the next two or more years will be released. This comes on the back of the current fitness provider’s contract coming to an end in June 2016.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS NOTICEBOARD

Historical Photographic Exhibition – Community Centre  Saturday 24 Oct to Sunday 1 Nov 10.00am-4.00pm
Dunkeld Progress Association Meeting  Monday 26 October 8.00pm
Mobile Library – MIRRANATWA  Thursday 29 October 4.00-5.00
Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group - Annual Stall  Saturday 31 October
lost in sculpture – People’s Choice Award closes  Sunday 1 November
Dunkeld Museum Guest Speaker Meeting  Monday 2 November 8.00pm
DUNKELD & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER CUT-OFF ISSUE 17  Monday 2 November
Glenelg Uniting Church Centenary Celebration  Sunday 8 November 1.00pm
Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group Meeting  Sunday 8 November 3.00-4.00 pm
Dunkeld RSL Remembrance Day Service  Wednesday 11 November 10.50 am (SHARP)
Information Centre Volunteer Christmas Dinner & AGM  Wednesday 11 November 6.00pm
Dunkeld Museum Committee Meeting  Monday 16 November 8.00pm

DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

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

1st Week  Sunday  November 1  9.00am  Ecumenical Church Service at Dunkeld Cemetery

2nd Week  Sunday  November 8  No Mass or Service in Dunkeld

3rd Week  Sunday  November 15  8.30am  Mass

4th Week  Sunday  November 22  8.30am  Mass

5th Week  Sunday  November 29  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion

Saint Mary’s Anglican Church & Uniting Church (combined services)
Locum Tenens Fr. Scott Lowry  Rectory Phone: 5571 1317
Deacon Rev. Marjorie Keeble Parish  Pastoral Mobile: 0429 303 990  E-mail: rector.hamilton@bigpond.com
Enquiries – Heather Macgugan 5577 2277 or Nola Napier 0459 399 522

Nov 1st  All Saints/Souls Day  Rev Deacon Marjorie Keeble  9.00am  Dunkeld Cemetery
Nov 8th  Mr Keith Haines  9.00am  St. Mary’s Anglican Church
Nov 15th  Father Matthew  9.00am  St. Mary’s Anglican Church
Nov 22nd  Mrs Janet Shalders  9.00am  St. Mary’s Anglican Church
Nov 29th  Service and Picnic to follow at the Stoney Crossing (more details in the next Newsletter)

All Saints/Souls Day
November 1st  Everyone is invited to an ecumenical/all faiths service of memories and thanksgiving for All Saints/Souls Day to celebrate and remember the lives of our past family and community members. The Service will be held at the Dunkeld Cemetery and Rev Deacon Marjorie Keeble from the Anglican church will officiate at 9.00am. Please bring a chair and a small plate of morning tea to share.

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

Panyyabyr Uniting Church
Sunday 1 November  4.00pm  Ecumenical Service led by Mrs Elaine Edwards.
Enjoy a time of fellowship. At the conclusion of the Service, we will provide soup and sandwiches for tea and would invite you to bring cake etc for afters. We do hope you will be able to join us at our Service and shared tea.

Glentobspthompson Uniting Church Centenary Celebration
Dunkeld residents are invited to attend the service on Sunday 8 November at 1.00pm to celebrate the Centenary of the Glentobspthompson St Andrews Uniting Church, and to join us at the Glentobspthompson Hall for afternoon tea and fellowship.
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❖ Tuesday night technique
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Scheduled dates for Dunkeld are November 5th & 19th.

Scheduled dates for Mirranatwa are October 29th and November 12th & 26th.

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Community Newsletter items to Vicki Kearney: vkearney63@gmail.com or phone 0421 232 518

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR OF SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

I wish to announce that our CEO, Richard Perry, has resigned effective 21st October 2015.

Richard has been a critical member of the leadership team over the past seven years and has guided the Council in achieving significant change during this time.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank Richard for his invaluable contribution and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

Cr Peter Dark
Mayor
Southern Grampians Shire