

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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3 PEAKS FESTIVAL Saturday 20 October Memorial Park, Dunkeld

The popular 3 Peaks Festival is set to return to Dunkeld on Saturday 20 October 2018, so mark your calendar for a weekend of sunshine, shopping and festivities.

The 3 Peaks Festival hosts a huge range of activities throughout the day with markets with a variety of stalls selling hand made goods, arts and crafts, food and drinks. Past stallholders have sold a variety of items including clothing, accessories, jewellery, jams, preserves, muesli and beer.

There will be heaps for the kids to enjoy with children's entertainers as well as mini-golf, jumping castle, face painting, temporary tattoos, arts and crafts and so much more! You can purchase wristbands for your kids to gain access to all the activities.

3 Peaks Festival Wristbands

All day play wristbands are available for pre-purchase via a link from the Facebook page for \$15.00 or \$20.00 on the day.

Featuring live children's entertainment by Kiddy Winks (10.30am and 1.30pm).

PLUS UNLIMITED children's activities during the day including Giant Inflatable Slide, Jumping Castle, Inflatable "Meltdown", Astonishing Animals Sandpit with prize, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos, Kids Craft Marquee, Pony Rides, Crazy Hair, Footy Colours Face Paint, Art Studio, Bunnings Plant Station and AGL Construction Tent.

Wristbands apply for children 2 years and over.

Wristbands will be available for collection on the day, please bring a copy of your purchase receipt. (Wristbands are non-refundable).

Live Music

Sit back and relax as you listen to live music with Cooper Lower playing from 11.15am and Jason Bull from 2.15pm. Enjoy a beer, cider or a glass of wine from the local boutique beer and wine producers around Victoria, including Red Duck Brewery and Faire Ferments Co-Op Cider.

With a large range of unique local craft stalls, gourmet food, boutique beer, local wine, music and a great range of kids' activities makes this the perfect family day out or fabulous place to catch up with friends for a relaxing day in Dunkeld.

Come along with family and friends and enjoy the beautiful township of Dunkeld in the Grampians.

DONATIONS

We rely on donations to the Community Newsletter to offset all expenses relating to producing it. Please send in your donation to the Dunkeld Consolidated School office where it will be receipted and an acknowledgement made via the Newsletter. A receipt will be provided. ***Please make cheques payable to the "Dunkeld Consolidated School."***

CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1 st Week	Sunday	October 7	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	October 14		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	October 21	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	October 28	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Anglican Church Dunkeld. Everyone is very welcome.

October 21	Anglican	Father Emmanuel	5.00pm
October 28	Uniting		5.00pm
November 4	Anglican	Father Donald	5.00pm
November 11		Rev Angie Griffin	5.00pm

***** Please note change of time to 5.00pm Sundays *****

Enquiries June Cashman 5577 2592 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277.

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

Next Service to be advised.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Next service to be advised

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

What's on in October:

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
15 Newsletter cut-off	16	17 Newsletter Distribution	18 Museum General Meeting Mobile Library DUNKELD	19	20 3 Peaks Festival "Where the Wild Birds Fly" Exhibition "Dawne Chorus" Cabaret	21
22 Dunkeld Progress Association meeting	23 Community Bus	24	25 Mobile Library Mirranatwa Red Cross Meeting	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 Mobile Library DUNKELD	2	3 Dunkeld Arboretum Street Stall	4
5	6 Community Bus	7	8 Piecemakers Quilting Group Meeting	9	10	11 Dunkeld RSL Remembrance Day Service 10.30am Dunkeld Museum Plaque unveiling



Where the Wild Birds Fly

Multi-media, bird-themed art show at Off the Rails

Saturday 20th October

**10am-1pm, 2:30 to 4:30pm and
6:30 to 9pm**

Refreshments available for purchase from 6:30pm onwards.

Sunday 21st October

10:00am to 4:00pm

Featuring works of all mediums including painting,
photography and sculpture.

Entry by gold coin donation.

Artist - Julie Reason

OFF THE RAILS

The "Where the Wild Birds Fly" exhibition will be another activity available to the many locals and visitors that will be visiting the Three Peaks Festival. On display at the Off The Rails (OTR) Gallery, on the corner of Sterling and Skene Streets, the exhibition will feature "all things bird", including photography, textiles, painting, fabric and sculpture.

On Saturday, OTR will also be hosting Dawne Chorus – Professional Bird caller – a Cabaret show for all ages.

Described as a perfect balance and blend of science, storytelling, music and fun, make sure you roll up, fly up, run up, steam up - do whatever you can to catch this great show. It can pretty well be promised that you've never seen (or heard) anything like it!



And exactly what that means, may be best illustrated by typical feedback Ms Chorus receives after her shows:

*"I loved the facts, and the *arts."*

"This show's good for 8-80 years of age!"

"That's the best \$10.00 I've spent in my whole life!" (as spoken by an octogenarian)

"I felt transported to the bush - how do you do that??"

www.dawnechorus.com.au



Cabaret show

Dawne Chorus Extravaganza

appearing at Off the Rails
Skene Street, Dunkeld

Saturday, 20 October

1.30pm and 5pm

Join us for a fabulous cabaret event at Off the Rails, Dunkeld coinciding with the Three Peaks Festival. Dawne Chorus manages to weave science, storytelling, music and fun in a delightful family-friendly show. You will be amazed by her bird mimicry – while learning something too!

Book tickets

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COUNCIL LAUNCHES FREE PUBLIC WIFI

Southern Grampians Shire Council in partnership with the Federal Government and the Smart Cities and Suburbs grant officially launched 'connectGH', the Shire's free public WiFi network on Thursday 20 September at Melville Oval.

The local community and visitors will now have access to free internet via their smart phones, tablets and laptops in the Hamilton CBD, as well as central locations in each surrounding township.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown said the network would enhance connectivity options for our community and visitors, providing a boost to the region and the digital economy.

"This is an incredible opportunity for the Shire. By facilitating a free public WiFi network we are investing in key infrastructure towards Council's commitment to building a strong local digital ecosystem.

"Free public WiFi provides a platform to encourage innovative technologies, creating infinite opportunities in the digital economy, which otherwise would not be possible.

"This network also has the capacity to create a more digitally connected community, providing internet connectivity to areas of the community that may have not had this opportunity in the past. ConnectGH will assist in improving digital engagement between residents and enable the Shire to leverage further digital solutions across the region into the future," Mayor Brown continued.

The WiFi will be available initially in the Hamilton CBD throughout Gray, Brown and Thompson Streets, as well as central locations in Balmoral, Branhholme, Byaduk, Cavendish, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Glenthompson, Peshurst and Tarrington.

Residents and visitors can access the new free network by selecting the WiFi option on their smartphone or tablet and choosing 'connectGH – Free'.

Details on the network can be found by visiting www.connectgh.com.au

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RED CROSS NEWS

A merry band of **Grade 6 students, parents, teachers, Red Cross members and SAKG Friends** helped **Clare Kennedy** prepare, make and bake many dozens of delicious **sausage rolls** on Wednesday and Thursday last week of Term 3. We thank them all and thank **Izzy's Mountain View Cafe** for using their big mixer, to make that stage easier. Thank you to the **Community Centre** for allowing the baking to take place in their large ovens and for the packaging to be done on the big tables. Thank you to everyone who **donated** ingredients and finally, thank you to **everyone** who purchased packets of sausage rolls. The financial total has not yet been completed but will be announced at the school, when a Red Cross member addresses the assembly on how much was raised and to which Appeal the money will be sent.

A **Spring Raffle** is on the go ... Helena has already been outside the shops with the raffle books ... and the winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday 3 November. A stall was being planned, but that date has already been taken by the Arboretum Committee.

Our **September meeting** saw Helena Flinn back in the chair and we are happy to learn that past President Jenny Cook is settled by the sea. Iris Field won the monthly raffle, which was donated by Pat Learmonth.

Used stamps are still being accepted and can either be left at the school office or handed to a Red Cross member.

The **final meeting** for the year will be on Thursday **25 October at 2.00pm** at the Henry Leech RSL Room and November's Christmas lunch will be planned.

Iris Field, Secretary

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: Erin, Geoff and Dan are making improvements to the Park. The Camp Kitchen is having a makeover. We hope to make a slight extension and move the cooking section outside. It will take us a while to sort out the regulations and huge fees.

We also want to use the section over the creek. To do this we need to extend the sewer line, put water in and a fire hose. Hopefully this will be done by the end of the year.

Prustie has entered the Caravan Park in the Hamilton Business Awards. Winners are announced at a dinner in late October.

With so many campers staying at the park, keeping the firewood up to them is a problem. If someone has a lot of limb wood they could donate, we could have a working bee to build up a supply.

Memorial Park: The Park looks great for the Festival this weekend. Good luck to the hardworking Committee members. We are very pleased with the revamped War Memorial. The new plaques have certainly created interest. The lighting is still under consideration.

Salt Creek: There may be closures soon. Works will be completed on all tracks, including the Arboretum. Please obey signage so work proceeds smoothly.

Reservoir Wall: Quotes are being sort to repair the Reservoir Wall. We had to agree with proposed works that have been planned to new Australian Flood Standards. The alternative would be no work and breaching of the wall. Dunkeld needs the Reservoir so we hope it is done well. Some trees will be lost at the wall, but they are probably the

reason why damage occurred. This is the last part of the Flood Restoration Project.

John Smith, President

DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC

The Arboretum Committee and the Public Land's Committee are pleased with the transition to one way traffic, in our beautiful Arboretum. It will take some time to become automatic and perhaps some more signage. It will be a much safer place to visit by car. Why not park at the sawmill and go for a stroll?

Some visitors, who said they made an honest driving mistake, were extremely upset at being chastised by someone. They are never returning to Dunkeld after being treated so rudely (and probably most of their friends). Please let time take its course and don't undo the good work so many people do.

*David Hampton, Arboretum Committee
John Smith, Public Lands Committee*

A STREET STALL will be held on Saturday 3 November 2018, commencing at 8.00am outside the Bendigo Bank. Donations of baked goods, produce, plants, etc will be most welcome, or come and purchase on the day.

Goods may be left with Heather Hampton prior to Saturday 3 November. Enquiries to 5577 2240. Thank you.

MOWER APPEAL – Thank you so much to those who have donated so far.

The appeal is still open. If you wish to donate you can do so by post to the treasurer, Herman Jansen, P.O. Box 89, DUNKELD 3294 or deposit directly in to our account at the Bendigo Bank – BSB 633 000, Account No. – 143 934 354, Dunkeld Arboretum Gift Account.

Please put your name on your deposit so that a receipt can be issued. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. Thank you.

Heather Hampton, Secretary

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THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER

RIGHT OF WAY SENIORS DAY

Hamilton Exhibition and Conference Centre

Celebrate Seniors Week and find out how you can make the most of life in our region. Talk to someone in the know about getting fit and active, looking after your health, volunteering or finding a hobby or social group. Find out how to indulge your passion or discover a new one!
For more information or to register contact: Deb King, Hamilton Community House on 5571 9780.

Morning tea from 10.00am

Lucky tickets drawn at 3.00pm

Key note Speakers:

- RACV Driving for Seniors @ 10.30
- Seniors Rights Victoria – know your rights @ 1.30

Exhibitors:

- Health, Leisure and Lifestyle Options
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Event is FREE

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DUNKELD WALKERS

Enquiries: Marcia Macgugan,
mmacgugan@gmail.com or 0400 621 806.

Upcoming Walks: Term 4

As we are entering a busy time of year leading up to Christmas, there will be 2 walks to finish off the year.

Saturday 3 November: Tunnel Track and lunch at Pomonal Estate

End of year walk. Starting at the Tunnel Road Carpark, the track (an historic bridal track) is a steady climb past rocky outcrops to the top of the range. Descending to the western tunnel entrance, we gain magnificent views of the Serra range. Return by the same route. For those who have the time available, we can then finish with lunch at the Pomonal Estate Café, 2079 Pomonal Road, Victoria. Come for the walk, lunch or both!

Walk details: 4.8 km. return. Rating: medium approx. walk time: 2 hours. (plus travel and lunch) *Meet at the Dunkeld Information Centre at 8.00am.* RSVP: Marcia.

Wednesday 14 November: Picnic at Mt. Eccles National Park

A relaxing and easy day out exploring Budj Bim (formerly Mt. Eccles) National Park. BYO BBQ or picnic lunch (optional). *Meet at Information Centre at 9.30am.*

Travel time: approx. 1 hr 10 min. scenic drive to get there. RSVP: Marcia.

No walks are planned for the summer period. Walks will begin again in March next year.

- Please email me if you have suggestions for walks for next year and/or other suggestions on how the group runs.
- We have an email list of walkers so that if you want to do a walk but don't wish to go alone, you can contact someone/others to join you.
- Anyone who would like to be added to the list, please email your name, contact details (email/phone), general availability and type of walks you like to do.

A reminder that our walks are informal get together's and you walk at your own risk.
Newcomers very welcome!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came on walks this year and a big thank you to Greg Gardner, Ross Simpson, and Eleni Rivers who helped organise and lead the walks.



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FROM THE LION'S DEN

history.

As previously mentioned, the International Night next year will be about Mexico, a country which has a long and an interesting

CORTES, Hernando (1485-1547): Spanish conqueror of Mexico

Cortes immigrated to the West Indies (1504) and was appointed by Diego Velasquez, Cuba's governor, to lead an expedition to Mexico, where he landed (1519) with 500 men. MONTEZUMA, the Aztec monarch, believing Cortez to be the god Quetzalcoatl, sent him conciliatory gifts, but Cortes, surrounded by hostile Aztecs, took Montezuma hostage. The Aztecs revolted but, after heavy losses and a long siege, Cortes took Tenochtitlan, the capital, ended Aztec power (1521), and became Governor of Mexico. The King of Spain, alarmed by Cortes's ambition, ousted him.

As I said, interesting history, and their food is good, hope to see you there.

The best laid plans of mice and men:

A local rang his wife and said, "Darling, I have been asked to go to Echuca playing bowls for a week. Can you pack my new bowls bag and a case with clothes and my new pyjamas? I'll be home to get them all soon". The wife did as she was asked and the husband drove off. He returned a week later and his wife asked him how the bowls went. "Good", replied the husband, "but you forgot my pyjamas". The wife looked at him and said, "They were in your bowls bag."

Peter Hinchey



OFF THE RAILS

Neil Murray returned to Dunkeld last Saturday night and performed a special solo show at the Dunkeld Railway Station (aka Off the Rails), featuring numerous well known songs from his back catalogue, including hits like 'Good light in Broome', and of course 'My Island Home'.

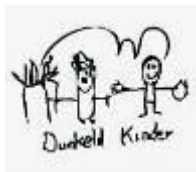
The enthusiastic crowd of just over 30 music lovers had the rare opportunity of experiencing one of the country's premier singer songwriters in the intimate and atmospheric setting of the old Dunkeld Railway Station.

A variety of food and drink was available on the night with all proceeds from their sale going towards keeping Off the Rails on Track.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support Neil and our local artist run initiative.

Without your ongoing support we would be unable to continue bringing artists like Neil to Dunkeld.





DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN

2018 Premier's Sustainability Awards

Tracey Gould (CPSG executive officer) Kim Burgess and I attended the awards ceremony and dinner in Melbourne.

We were one of three finalists in our category of Education.

The winner of our category was Beeac Primary School for their art project about brotgas.

We were very honoured to be part of an amazing evening attended by so many other organisations and businesses all making incredible contributions to sustainability and the



environment.

"Dunkeld Kindergarten want their children to have time to be in nature, to explore, to enjoy and to build a stronger connection to their local place and actively choose to take care of it."

Their Bush Kinder program regularly takes the children to the Grampians National Park and, back at the Kinder, sustainable behaviours such as sorting rubbish, managing the water they play with, adopting healthy eating choices and dressing for the weather are encouraged.

Dunkeld Kindergarten is the first Early Learning Centre in Victoria to achieve recognition as a 5 Star ResourceSmart School."

THANK YOU

Karen, Keith, Leonard and Bronwen would like to thank the Dunkeld community for their cards, food, flowers and chats over the loss of my father, Don Taubert.

Your comfort and kindness has been very much appreciated. We are so lucky to be a part of this wonderful community.

Thank You.

Keeping you up to date on the Stavely Ground Release Tender

September 2018

Conversations in western Victoria

The Stavely Ground Release Tender announced on 22 June 2018 provided an opportunity to open up the conversation further with people living and working in western Victoria.

Over the past few months, nine initial information sessions were held throughout western Victoria by Department staff. These sessions provided local residents an opportunity to learn more about minerals exploration and the tender, ask questions, and share their ideas and concerns. Thank you to everyone who attended these sessions, we really appreciate you taking the time to come along and contribute to the discussion.

During this time we also met with a number of Local Councils, Regional Partnerships, and Landcare facilitators.

What you said

One of the most common matters raised was around land access which included specific questions on landholder rights, land access protocols and processes, and compensation agreements. Another common concern related to the safeguards in place to protect special places and things on private property and crown land. This included questions relating to covenants and heritage overlays, with a particular focus on bushland and wildlife reserves, native vegetation, and waterways.

Tender update and next steps

Tender applications closed 15 August 2018.

Subject to confidentiality and government approval processes, the outcome of the tender is expected to be made public later this year. No licence can be issued to a preferred tenderer without going through a carefully regulated licensing process which includes an opportunity for individuals to have their say. Information regarding when and how to do this will be available on our website.

Upcoming opportunities to speak with us

Belong to a Landcare group, farm network or community group? Do you and your friends have unanswered questions? We would like to hear from you, learn about your experiences with minerals exploration and what matters to you. If you're interested in organising a time for us to meet with you please register your interest by emailing us at mdv@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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valuable opportunities for local people to help build regional communities.

"An elected Liberal Nationals Government will help more of our emerging leaders develop their skills and drive positive change in western Victoria by boosting funding for Victoria's Regional Community Leadership Programs by \$1.5 million to \$9.5 million over four years," Ms Kealy said.

"Community-based leadership opportunities like the Leadership Wimmera and Leadership Great South West Coast programs give emerging local leaders the skills they need to drive positive change in western Victoria.

"People have come from small business, agribusiness, not-for-profit and sports and recreation – to name a few – to develop their leadership skills and go on to step into local leadership roles.

"There are more than 3500 alumni from across Regional Victoria, with participants going on to take up leadership positions, including in local government and with community sporting clubs."

Excellent examples of local program graduates include current chair of the Horsham Tidy Towns Committee Gillian Vanderwaal, who is also a voluntary Bail Justice, initiator of the Horsham boomerang bag program, Past Chair of the Wimmera Health Care Group Customer Advisory Committee and Past President of the Horsham East Rotary Club.

Jessica Fishburn, Board Member of Women's Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West Inc, a non-for-profit organisation working in partnership with regional communities to strengthen and support initiatives that prevent illness and promote independence, health and wellbeing for local women, is another outstanding example.

Shadow Minister for Regional Victoria and Decentralisation Peter Walsh said funding for RCLPs expired in 2019, with the Andrews Government leaving the future of the program in limbo by failing to commit to extending the funding.

"We want to make sure local people have the skills they need to drive positive change in their community because when our regions are strong, all Victorians benefit," Mr Walsh said.

"If the Liberal nationals are elected we will ensure these valuable community programs have the funding they need to help Regional Victoria develop their next group of leaders, be it in business, community development, government or not for profit organisations."

**SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS
SHIRE COUNCIL**

YEAR IN REVIEW 2017/18

Wednesday 31 October 2018, 6.00pm
Hamilton Gallery, 107 Brown Street, Hamilton

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by Friday 26 October 2018
by email: council@stgrampians.vic.gov.au
or by telephone: (03) 5573 0444

REGIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Western Victorian community leaders taking part in the Leadership Wimmera and Leadership Great South West Coast programs will get more support and a funding boost if a Liberal Nationals Government is elected at November's State Election.

There are 10 community-based Regional Community Leadership Programs (RCLP) across Victoria making an invaluable contribution to regional communities by building leadership skills and helping local leaders engage with representatives from all levels of government.

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy said Regional Victoria's community leadership programs were

Dan Tehan MP
MEMBER FOR WANNON

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN INVITATION

On Sunday 11 November at 1.30pm, a major Museum project will achieve culmination with the unveiling of a plaque at the Dunkeld cemetery which lists all of the soldiers buried in the cemetery who fought in World War 1. As well, a booklet with the service history and some biographical information about each soldier will be launched at an afternoon tea at the Museum following the unveiling. Soldiers' descendants who we have been able to trace have been invited to the event.

The Museum Committee extends an invitation to the unveiling and booklet launch to all who would like to attend. For catering purposes, please RSVP Kay 0439 992 250 or email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com by 1 November.

SOCK KNITTING MACHINE

Thanks to those who responded to our request for help in learning how to use the machine. We hope to get it going soon so we can knit socks for next winter!

OLD SWIMMING BATHS

We'd like to enhance our collection of photographs and information on the old Dunkeld swimming baths. If you have any photos or relevant material, including anecdotes, please contact us. For example, you may be able to provide an eye-witness account of Joyce Gordon being thrown into the pool by a teacher.

ATTENTION MUSEUM MEMBERS – HELP!

Three Peaks Festival on Sat 20 October: The Museum will have a stall again in the park on Saturday and we are asking Museum members to contribute goods for us to sell – baked goods, plants, vegies and DVDs. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year, so we would really appreciate support from our members.

Donations can be dropped off at our stall on the day, or at the Museum on Friday 19 October between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. Please have a list of ingredients on baked goods. Many thanks in advance.

MUSEUM DUTY

Sun Oct 21: Bill and Fay Gordon
Sun Oct 28: Greg Gardner; Terrie Nicholson
Sun Nov 4: Kay Leyshon

Mobile Library

**Will be visiting DUNKELD every
Thursday fortnight**

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Dunkeld: October: 18 and November: 1, 15

Mirranatwa: Oct 25; Nov 8 3.30pm-4.30pm

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SATURDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm

SUNDAY - 8.00am – 1.00pm

Times may vary on Public Holidays

GET READY FOR THE FIRE SEASON

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is encouraging everyone to do their bit to prepare for the upcoming fire season.

Ms Kealy has made the call during Fire Action Week which ran from 7 to 14 October.

"The dry season we are having in many parts of Victoria means we are facing an above average fire season", Ms Kealy said.

"Our emergency services continue to do a wonderful job in preparing for the upcoming high risk period and protecting us when needed.

"But we all need to play our part to reduce the risk in our local area and possibly save lives.

"This includes mowing grass and removing highly flammable materials such as woodpiles, leaves, dry twigs and bark from around our properties and homes.

"Keeping trees and shrubs pruned and away from homes is important. Emergency services recommend that there are no tree branches within 10 meters of a home or structure.

"Keeping gutters and roof areas clear of leaf litter is also important if you are physically able to do so," she said.

Further information on preparing your property for the bushfire season is available from the website www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

"Our vital CFA volunteers need our support, and a simple way to do this is by cleaning up our property in preparation for the fire season", Ms Kealy said.

"Please help them make this a fire safe season for our region.

WOMENS HORMONES

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DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Community Teardrop banners:

Community groups are reminded that there are two teardrop banners available to Dunkeld organisations and groups for advertising/attention arousing at stalls and public events. The main text reads: "DUNKELD COMMUNITY GROUP" with the SGSC logo. The banners are located at the Dunkeld Information Centre. Any group borrowing one or both banners is required to record relevant details in the book housed with the banners. The Information Centre is open every day, 9.00am to 5.00pm. If you require the banners earlier than 9.00am, borrow them the day before.

DPA meetings:

Our next meeting is Monday 22 October and the agenda will include the Dunkeld Visitor Hub and Grampians Peaks Trail, renovation of the community noticeboard at the post office, planning for the opening of the 2018/2019 pool season and 2019 membership drive.

All members of the Dunkeld community are welcome to attend meetings. If you have an agenda item, please forward details via email: dunkeld.progress@gmail.com or phone Kay: 0439 992 250.

provides entrants with thorough written feedback, but also runs a post-awards workshop for all entrants which addresses business development opportunities identified during the awards process.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown said the awards are a fantastic way for businesses to demonstrate their contribution to the local economy.

"This will be the 22nd year the awards have been held and it is now established as the premier event on the business calendar. Entering into the awards gives you an opportunity to reflect on your business and celebrate your business achievements," Cr Mary-Ann Brown said.

"Our business community is continuing to thrive and grow with significant new development underway and the strengthening of partnerships between Council, community and business. The future looks bright for our region and there is much to recognise and celebrate." Cr Brown concluded.

Tickets for the gala dinner are still available and can be purchased from the Performing Arts Centre box office for \$55.00 per person.

NAPPY COLLECTION IN OCTOBER

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP has again thrown her support behind 'The Nappy Collective' project by signing her office up as a local collection point.

The project collects leftover unused disposable nappies and redistributes them to organisations that support families in crisis or in need. There are 410 official drop points in 64 towns and cities across Australia, with over 2,400,000 nappies donated since the project commenced in 2013.

"This initiative runs twice a year in May and October and I am very excited to have signed up my office again at 114 Firebrace Street, Horsham as a collection point for the October nappy collection", Ms Kealy said. "Through this campaign I am proud to have delivered almost 1,000 nappies to the Christian Emergency Food Centre for local distribution to support victims of domestic violence and young mothers in need."

"You don't have to have a supply of unused nappies on hand to make a contribution – monetary donations are welcome and some people have previously purchased new nappies to support this worthy cause. "I am proud to support this worthwhile community charity and encourage everyone in our local area to consider getting involved", she said.

Unused nappy donations are being accepted from now until the end of October 2018. For more information, visit www.thenappycollective.com

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EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR 2018 TELSTRA BUSINESS AWARDS

Established in 1996, the Southern Grampians Shire Business Awards recognise organisations that have achieved business excellence in the Southern Grampians region. The Awards provide a significant recognition and celebration of business achievement, service and performance.

Council welcome and acknowledge returning sponsors, particularly Telstra who are once again the naming rights sponsor for the event.

The Awards will be presented at the Gala Dinner, held at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre on Friday 26 October 2018. The local business sector contributes significantly to the economic and social wellbeing of our community and this evening is always a special night to celebrate what it means to be considered among 'the best of the best' in the Southern Grampians region.

As in previous years, the awards process is about more than receiving accolades. It is heavily focused on being a development opportunity for all entrants, with a structured process of self-assessment and each business being visited by judge, Kevin Bennett. Kevin is experienced in working with enterprises to develop their business and not only



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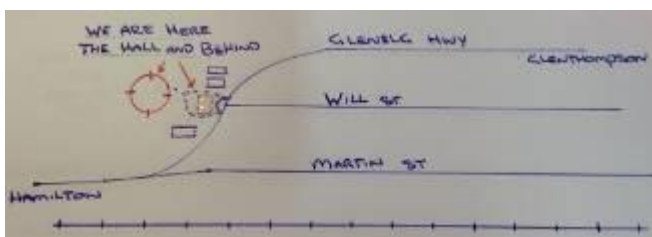


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Sausage Sizzle each Wednesday during October!

During October we will be firing up the BBQ and offering a snag in bread for a donation as a part of our commitment to the OTIS foundation.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to school everyone, for your last 11 weeks in your current grade. Make the most of your time and make sure you finish off your year with genuine effort all the way to the very end.

We are delighted to welcome to our school community, three new students who arrived on our doorstep last Monday. To Joshua (Year 3) and Emily Lomas (Year 1), along with Oliver Falla (Year 4), their parents Mark and Connie Lomas and Jim Falla and Annette Jones; a warm welcome to Dunkeld and our school. We hope you and your families will enjoy our community and the new friendships coming your way.

What a busy term we have ahead of us: Prep and Year 1 Sleepover, Year 3 and 4 Camp to Halls Gap, Year 4/5/6 Camp to Melbourne, House Athletics Carnival, Graduation Ceremony, Kinder and Year 6 Transition, My Business Rules for Year 6 students, Parent Teacher interviews, MSO performance for Prep to Year 3, Big Blokes Breakfast, Woolworths Cricket Blast ... and there will be more.

We have received an email from the Royal School of Dunkeld in Scotland, informing us that the McDonald children of Dunkeld Consolidated School, Australia, visited them and spoke at their assembly. They clearly left an impact and what a wonderful start to the McDonald children's 'international speaking careers!'

Year 6 students have already begun their 'My Business Rules' project and are busily preparing their business pitch so that they may qualify for a thirty dollar start-up loan from the 'Bank of Dunkeld'. Students are required to conceive and develop a product which they can sell to the market. They will develop an advertising campaign, a prospective budget and run their business with the goal of returning a profit at the end of the project. This will be the third time we have run this entrepreneurial education project at the school with the profits this year going to a charity of the children's choosing.

WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018



It was fabulous to see our school concert on Wednesday 19 September 2018 supported by so many. Our children and our teachers worked hard to put on a terrific performance. As always it is a very special occasion for our Prep class, performing in their first school concert.

"The play is called 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Edward Alderman and I were the mud. Jasmine Etherton and Tyson Riddle were the forest. Jim Herrmann was the grass and Nate Elliott and Zach Lance were the hunters. The rest of the class were explorers. We were proud, we were excited! We were the winners!"
Henrietta Patterson, Prep



"On Wednesday night 19 September 2018 we had our first school concert. It was fun and I enjoyed it. Henrietta

Patterson was the mud. Jim Herrmann and Lulu McDonald were the grass. Nate Elliott and Zach Lance were the hunters. The rest of the class were the explorers". Zoe Trotter, Prep

"On Wednesday night 19 September 2018 we did an amazing performance. Jim Herrmann and Lulu McDonald were the grass. Jasmine Etherton and Tyson Riddle were the forest. Henrietta Patterson and Edward Alderman were the mud. Zach Lance and Nate Elliott were the bear hunters and the rest of the class were explorers. It was so much fun". Jim Herrmann, Prep.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

On 21 September, we had Footy Colours Day. It was so much fun having all those activities like the blow ups, diving tackle and kick to kick. At the very end of the activities, the Grade 6's had a kick off against Mr Jeffreys. Lachie Phillips beat Mr Jeffreys by a mile." Tom Gordon, Year 5.



REGIONAL ATHLETICS IN BALLARAT FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER



Congratulations to Year 6 student India Ross and Year 4 student Taylor Haley who qualified to compete in the Greater Western Region Athletics Carnival on Friday 12 October 2018. Taylor Haley qualified for the 9-10 years Boys – 80 metres Hurdles and India Ross the 12/13 years Girls – Discus.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ...

by Clare Kennedy

Welcome back for our last term of 2018!

A big thank you to those who helped with the SAKG catering during the holidays. You are much appreciated.

Year 5 harvested, prepared and shared in the kitchen last Thursday.

Thank you to those who have been rostered on for Term 4.

Bake the World a Better Place with the Red Cross and the SAKG Program

Our Year 6 students worked tirelessly to help bake the world a better place and provide lunch for Red Cross volunteers and Friends of the Kitchen Garden program who helped on the day.

A letter of Appreciation from the Dunkeld Red Cross Branch

... The members of the Dunkeld Red Cross wish to thank the Grade 6 students for their enormous help with making and packaging dozens of sausage rolls. Thank you to the staff members for their role in this most important and successful exercise ... Sincerely Iris Field, Dunkeld Red Cross Branch



Brenda Cullinane with Genevieve Trotter



Maree Willey with India Ross



Helena Flinn and Brenda Cullinane

SAKG KITCHEN ROSTER:

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2018 – KITCHEN	
11.15am – 2.00pm	NO KITCHEN CLASS TODAY

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER – KITCHEN	
9.00am – 10.30am Prep	<i>Prep students preparing and sharing Morning Tea with a family guest.</i>
11.15am – 2.00pm Year 6	Casey Trotter, Rob Smith, Jo Aarons

SAKG GARDEN ROSTER:

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am–12.30pm Prep	Priscilla Jury, Carol Burger, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth, Ben Gaylard
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Priscilla Jury, Carol Burger, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth
2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 3	Priscilla Jury, Carol Burger, Jo Aarons, Brian Matthews

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am–12.30pm Grades 4 and 5	Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth, Stacey Balkin, Kylie Huzony, Ben Gaylard
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth, Stacey Balkin, Kaye Wraith
2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 3	Paul Callander, Brian Mathews, Dave Fanning, Kaye Wraith

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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

The Dunkeld and Glenthompson Uniting Churches are inviting Prep – Grade 6 Primary School students to a five week Countdown to Christmas Program every Tuesday after school from 3.30pm to 5.00pm on 6, 13, 20, 27 November and 4 December. Children will be share a fruit platter on arrival and then participate in craft, drama/storytelling and music activities related to the real meaning of Christmas, a story of Love, Peace and Joy for us all.

The participants will then be involved in the Glenthompson Community Carols on 8 December at 5.00pm at the Glenthompson Uniting Church followed by a meal at the Oval and then at the Dunkeld Community Carols on 23 December at Sterling Place at 7.30pm. A small fee for each session will go towards the fruit, materials etc. There will be more details available after the Volunteers Planning Meeting on Friday 26 October at 5.15pm in the Green Room, Dunkeld Community Centre.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

STUDENTS: If you would like your son(s)/daughter(s) to participate, please let us know the names, class level and ages of your child/children by Wednesday 24 October to Sally Gray 0427 503 895 or Heather Macgugan 0400 952 716 message or ring.

HELPERS: We need adult/parent volunteers who need to have a current Working With Children Check, to make this program a success. A Planning Meeting will be held on Friday 26 October at 5.15pm at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre. If you would like to help, please ring or message Sally Gray on 0427 503 895 or Heather Macgugan on 0400 952 716. We would love to have lots of involvement.



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL as an Affiliate Member. Affiliate Memberships are also available to members of emergency services (Police, Fire Brigade, CFA, Ambulance and/or SES). Social memberships are available to any member of the community who wishes to join an RSL Sub-Branch. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Membership fees payment may be made to the Secretary. Application forms are also available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.



Remembrance Day 2018: This year commemorates the 100th anniversary of Armistice.

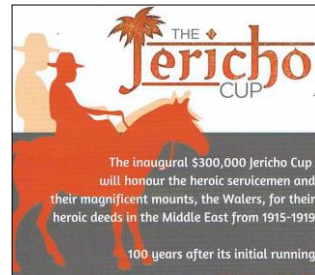
The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will hold a **Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.30am sharp on Sunday 11 November** at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. Our guest speaker will be Mrs Sabrina Watt from Balmoral who will be speaking about the letters belonging to Andrew Watt that he sent home from the Western Front.

Following the service, 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 the service and morning tea.

In Memoriam: The President and members of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch regret the passing of our Affiliate member, Mr Anthony (Tony) Williams and we wish to pass on our sincere condolences and sympathy to Mrs Wendy Williams and family. Rest in Peace.

Centenary of Armistice Commemoration: The Southern Grampians Shire Council and the Hamilton RSL Sub-Branch invite returned service men and women, RSL members, family and friends to the Centenary of Armistice Commemoration on Saturday 27 October 2018 at 6.00pm for pre-drinks for a 6.30pm start at the Hamilton PAC. Special guest, Colonel Jason Cooke, Commander Australian Army Cadets, Victoria. Two course meal – tickets are \$25.00 each (no charge for returned service men and women). Please RSVP by Friday 19 October by purchasing tickets at the Hamilton PAC or phone 5573 0429. Please contact Ms Tania Quinn, SGSC on 5573 0418 for all enquiries.

The Jericho Cup on Sunday 2 December: The inaugural \$300,000 Jericho Cup will honour the heroic servicemen and their magnificent mounts, the Walers, for their heroic deeds in the Middle East from 1915 – 1919.



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The Race: On Sunday 2 December, the Warrnambool Racing Club is hosting the inaugural \$300,000 Haymes Paint Jericho Cup. The Cup will be run as a 4,600 metres flat race across Warrnambool's famous Brierly Paddock.

The day welcomes Return Veterans, families and friends and features historical displays, free children's activities and a variety of race day hospitality.

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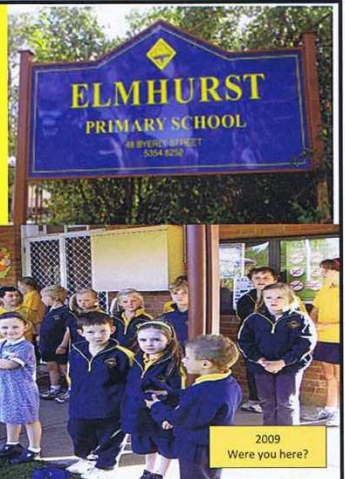
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GARDEN NOTES - OCTOBER

One benefit of the low Spring rainfall is that this year, Spring blossom tree rose flowered very well. Try to hide a place in your garden for these colourful and easily grown trees. Another benefit is that weed growth has been reduced therefore making the Spring garden clean-up much easier.



October is an excellent time to plant summer vegetables. 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 supply of good quality water and soil of reasonable texture and fertility. Main plantings are beans, beetroot, capsicum, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, melons, parsnip, pumpkin, squash, celery, radish, silver beet, sweet corn, tomato, zucchini also herbs and late potatoes.

Flowering annuals are useful both in the garden and in containers or hanging pots to add bright splashes of colour to your garden. Annuals in pots are useful as they can be moved to different areas of the garden for special displays when planting into containers, you should always use a premium quality potting mix for best results. With open ground plantings soil preparation is important, well cultivated, weeds removed, with compost, well decayed animal manure or a complete fertiliser added. Annuals grow rapidly therefore a plentiful supply of plant nutrients should be available.

If your soil is not deep, raising the area by 10 to 15 centimetres will give the plant roots more room to develop as well as improving drainage. Water your seedlings before removing from the punnets and plant at the same depth as in the punnet, watering well immediately after planting, then regularly until plants are established. Removing of spent flowers will prolong your display, as will an occasional feed with a diluted liquid fertiliser. Slugs and snails can be a problem with some plants, keep weed cover until control and use snail bait if necessary. Main Spring annual plantings are petunia, Angelonia, salvia, dahlia, carnation, marigold, impatiens, portulaca and several others.

Do not forget the fruit tree spray program. Watch out for aphids on new rose shoots, they can be controlled with the use of pyrethrum, or one of the soap based insecticides or products such as Mavrik or Confidor.

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