**Dunkeld Races featuring**  
**The Royal Mail William Thomson Cup**  
**Saturday 12 November**

2016 marks the 80th running of the William Thomson Cup, for the last twenty years known as The Royal Mail William Thomson Cup. According to an article in *The Weekly Times* on 28 March 1936, Mrs Thomson of Corea Estate donated a gold cup to be known as the William Thomson Cup in honour of her late husband. William Thomson was a keen racing man and raced many good performers including Battleplane, Mr Woo and Cornflour. He passed away two years prior in 1934 after having fallen ill several months earlier. The tradition of the annual cup lives on through descendants of Thomson family, the Blackwell and Ross families.

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**Dunkeld Racing Club**

For a number of years support has fallen from the Dunkeld Racing Club through the loss of a Saturday as a race day. Efforts are being made to secure the original Saturday. As a result, the W.D.R.A. have granted Saturday, April 18, for the club's annual meeting. This was disclosed at the annual meeting of the club, and as a result greater support has been forthcoming. Mrs Thomson, of Corea estate, has donated a gold cup to be known as the William Thomson Cup, and will be donated annually. From the Armytage Partnership (Mount Sturgeon) £10/10/ has been donated, while Mr W. J. Crawford has donated £2/2/. Other substantial donations are expected. Mr C. Bates was elected president, Messrs W. D/T. Clarke, G. S. Gibbons, Thos. White and M. "F." White, Vice Presidents, and Mr F.L. Kearns Secretary.

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The Dunkeld Racing Club committee relies on sponsorship to fund the race day and we thank the local community and businesses for their generous support and sponsorship which helps make it such a successful day in the Victorian Country Racing Calendar. This community spirit is appreciated by the Dunkeld Race Club Committee led by President Edward Blackwell - an enthusiastic driver of ongoing improvements to the club, and including local community groups where possible to help with running of the day.

Throughout the year – though there is but one race day – the volunteer committee put in many hours managing the seasonal program to have the course ready for race day. Improvements have been made to the power supply and the horse stalls are larger to bring them into line with industry standards. Extra hours this year were put in to pumping surface water off the site. During all the wet weather the racetrack itself was never in doubt due to good drainage but some of the general public areas gave some cause for concern. Recent drying winds, longer days and minimal rain have the course looking spectacular.

The volunteer work input has increased in the last couple of weeks as the big day draws near and the committee have been working hard to have the course looking it’s best for race day.

This constant ability of the committee to manage the Dunkeld Race Day to such a high standard, with all its intricacies, has been recognised by Country Racing Victoria who awarded the Club of the Year trophy to Dunkeld Race Club at a recent industry awards night.

The very popular Fashions on the Field ($8,000 prizes on offer) is running with categories: Lady of the Day, Gent of the Day and Junior Lady of the Day. Entry is between 12:00-2:30pm at the Fashions site. Free children’s activities will run throughout the day in the alcohol free kids area.

Courtesy buses run from Hamilton during the day and Gates are open to the general public at 10.00am.
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.”

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**WHAT’S ON IN NOVEMBER / DECEMBER**

**DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES**

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

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**Anglican-Uniting Churches Combined Worship**

**Services at Saint Mary’s, Dunkeld**

Shared worship at 9.00am each Sunday - except when there is a 5th Sunday in the month - when there are district services in Hamilton.

November 13  Hamilton (check Spectator for Anglican and Uniting Services)
November 20  Anglican
November 27  Janet Shalders

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

**Panyyabyr Uniting Church**

The next Panyyabyr Ecumenical Service will be on 20 November at 4.00pm. Rev Peter Cook will be officiating.

Please see note in the general part of the Newsletter. We hope to have you join us. At the close of the Service, we will make a small presentation to Rev Peter Cook.

**Mirranatwa Uniting Church**

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

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| 21                     | 22   | 23        | 24 Dunkeld Red Cross Christmas Break up | 25        | 26         | 27 The Great Victorian Bike Ride stop-over in Dunkeld |
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| - Newsletter Cut Off   |      |           |             |           |            |                      |
| Issue 19               |      |           |             |           |            |                      |
"What does the Kangaroo Whisperer and The Man From Snowy River have in common?"

**Kangaroos (Skippy) and the Dunkeld Races**

There are many kangaroos in our town and as you all know horses and roos don't mix well. For the continued smooth running of our local race event the Kangaroos on the edge of the racecourse need to be chased away for the day.

Our local kangaroo whisperer does the chasing with a stock whip for noise effect. He begins a couple of days before race day so that the kangaroos get the idea that they are not welcome. Then extra early on race day they are chased off the premises using said stock whip for noise. They are checked regularly throughout the race event and politely asked to move away. After 5 o'clock they are allowed back to their usual haunts.

*Dale Collins*

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**VicSES DUNKELD UNIT**

It certainly has been a busy time since our last report. We have had to deal with floods, storm damage, accidents as well as working in ICC centres. We recently had a carry-out off Mount Abrupt; a walker fell and injured his knee.

The strong winds have caused plenty of headaches with several trees down across roads, at all times of the day and night. Our Unit has put in many hours cleaning these up, at times working closely with the Shire and VicRoads staff. Please remember if you come across a tree across a road, or know of one, please phone 132500 to report it, so it can go through the correct system. The unit phone is only for general enquiries.

The dam bank at the Arboretum certainly has been an interesting job. There have been several interesting comments regarding this, and our involvement. We as a Unit are there only to support the other agencies with the decisions they make, we don’t make the decisions ourselves.

As mentioned in our last report, we received a grant to extend the Emergency Services Complex, to give us more room to fit all our equipment, expand our fleet and add more training space. This is proving to be a very difficult process trying to work with the CFA building department. It appears that not everyone is in support of this project. There is a real possibility that this project may not go ahead, but we are not going to give up without a fight.

With Christmas fast approaching we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, please stay safe and drive to the weather conditions.

We are always on the lookout for new members so if anyone would like to come and have a look please contact any member or ring our mobile phone 0418 353 292.

Doug McArthur
Controller

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**FIRE INSPECTIONS COMMENCE IN SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS**

With the fire danger period fast approaching, it is a timely reminder to all residents across the Shire to start cleaning up their properties and preparing for Summer.

Council advises property owners and occupiers that Fire Prevention Officers will be conducting property inspections for fire hazards throughout November for all townships and some rural areas prior to the summer fire danger period. Inspections are carried out on rural and residential areas, on vacant allotments and in residential properties.

Under the Country Fire Authority (CFA) Act 1958, Council has a legal obligation to ensure the community's risk associated with fires is reduced. Municipal Fire Prevention Officers have the power enter land and to inspect and issue fire prevention notices. Officers also have a legal right to do anything to remove a fire hazard on private land and recoup costs.

All properties within the Municipality are inspected under the CFA act to ensure that all are maintained in a fire safe condition for the safety of everyone in our community. Follow-up action is undertaken on the properties that have not been cleared in a satisfactory manner.

A fire hazard can be any vegetation or other item that has the potential to burn. It can include things such as:

- Long, dry or dead grass
- Papers, cardboard, etc
- Combustible/flammable materials
- Fuel such as a pile of tree branch cuttings, etc

If you have been issued a fire prevention notice in the past, please review the requirements stated regarding specific actions which may have been required.

Failure to comply with a fire prevention notice under the act can attract an infringement of $1554.00 or if more severe the matter can be taken to court and the offence penalties range as high as $18,655.00 or 12 months imprisonment or both.

The CFA introduces fire restrictions for the state of Victoria over the summer period each year. During this period, residents are advised that burning off is not permitted in the open air. Start and end dates for fire restrictions vary from year-to-year and once declared can be found on the Country Fire Authority website www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

If you have any queries about your obligations as an occupier or land owner, please contact Councils Fire Prevention Officers on 5573 0441 or 5573 0430.

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**DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE**

**Caravan Park**  The grounds have dried out and we look forward to a busy weekend. The floods and continuing wet weather has meant our takings have been well down the last two months. Gary is in the process of installing a gas burner in the barbecue area. This will assist campers to prepare their food.

**Sawmill**  Roads into the Sawmill are still not repaired. I believe that the Shire is waiting for the Government to provide the money. It has been some time and tourists will not see the arboretum area at its best.

**Salt Creek**  We thank those who have indicated a willingness to help supervise the proposed work scheme. Hopefully we will find out about the scheme this week.

*John Smith, President*
THINK CHRISTMAS NOW.
SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

#dining tables  #chairs  #coffee tables
#hall tables  #occasional tables
#nests of tables  #desks  #outdoor tables  #sideboards
#tall boys  #chests of drawers  #beds  #bedside tables  #crystal cabinets  #entertainment units
#kitchen cabinets  #mirrors  #hat/coat stands  #bathroom cabinets  #bookcases
#library installations  #benchtops  #timber doors  #antique restorations
#wardrobes  #serving platters  #rolling pins  #pastry pins  #red gum boxes  #cigar boxes  #vases
#serving bowls  #letter racks  #serving trays  #fire pokers  #inlaid cutting boards
#butcher’s block  #cutting boards  #table centre pieces  #knife block
#salt bowls  #sculptural wall decoration
#sculptural entrance decoration  #shop fittings  #bed heads
#board room tables  #extension tables  #shelving  #red gum slab dressing/sanding

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The body is no longer anxious
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THANK YOU
I would like to thank you everyone in Dunkeld and surrounds who has encouraged and supported me in my campaign to be elected as a Councillor of Southern Grampians Shire.

Thank you for showing such confidence in me. The level of support I received is overwhelming.

However there is a responsibility to deliver for our community and to show leadership.

Together with all the councillors elected, I am determined to meet the challenges facing our Shire and to make our Shire a more attractive place to do business, live and work.

Thank you very much.
Councillor Mary-Ann Brown

GRAMPIANS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

DUNKELD INFORMATION CENTRE
The Annual Christmas Function and AGM will be on Thursday 10 November beginning at 6.00pm at the Community Centre. In appreciation of the ongoing commitment of volunteers, the committee will provide a two course meal. Family and friends are most welcome to attend at their own cost of $20 per head. BYO drinks.

DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC
STREET STALL
Many thanks to all who supplied goods for the street stall and to Prestonholme Nursery for the seedlings.

Thanks to Denis for arranging the raffle with goods donated by: Henty Estate (wine); Pierpoint Wines; Hamilton Farm Supplies; Landmark; Repco; the Botanical Motel; Permewans and the Ladybug Nursery.
A huge THANK YOU.

Raffle Winners – 1st Trevor Flinn
                 2nd Cecilia Myers
                 3rd June Cashman
                 4th Wally Allen
                 5th Iris Field

Total funds raised from the stall and raffle were $1206.40.
Many thanks to all who supported us. Also many thanks to three anonymous donations.

MEETING
The next ordinary meeting for the Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Inc will be held on Monday 28 November 2016 at the Dunkeld Community Centre – Green Room – at 8.00pm.

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SEA CHANGE GARAGE SALE
52 GLASS STREET, DUNKELD
SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER
We are asking for expressions of interest from outside vendors who may be interested in a group sale.

We have an unmade road reserve out front, Macarthur St, so adequate room for all – Car boot sales etc.

If interested please contact Bob or Nola Napier on 0459 399 522.

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Hamilton Library
25 November 6.00pm

Don Watson
Free Author talk

Watson was born in Warragul in the Gippsland region of Victoria, and grew up on a farm in nearby Korumburra. He took his undergraduate degree at La Trobe University and a PhD at Monash University and was for ten years an academic historian.

He wrote three books on Australian history before turning his hand to TV and the stage. For several years he combined writing political satire for the actor Max Gillies with political speeches for the then Premier of Victoria, John Cain.

In 1992 he became Prime Minister of Australia Paul Keating’s speech-writer and adviser and his best-selling account of those years, Recollections of a Bleeding Heart: A Portrait of Paul Keating PM, won both The Age Book of the Year and non-fiction Prizes, the Courier Mail Book of the Year, the National Biography Award and the Australian Literary Studies Association's Book of the Year.

In addition to regular books, articles and essays, in recent years he has also written feature films, including The Man Who Sued God, starring Billy Connolly and Judy Davis, and Passion, a film about Percy Grainger starring Richard Roxburgh.

His 2001 Quarterly Essay Rabbit Syndrome: Australia and America won the inaugural Alfred Deakin Prize in the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards. Death Sentence, his book about the decay of public language, was also a best seller and won the Australian Booksellers Association Book of the Year. Watson’s Dictionary of Weasel Words was published in 2004 and continued to encourage readers to renounce what he perceives to be meaningless corporate and government jargon that is spreading throughout Australia, and to embrace meaningful, precise language. More recently, Watson contributed the preface to a selection of Mark Twain’s writings, The Wayward Tourist.

American Journeys is a narrative of modern America from Watson’s travels in the United States following Hurricane Katrina. It was published by Knopf in 2008 and won both The Age Book of the Year non-fiction and Book of the Year awards. It also won the 2008 Walkley Award for the best non-fiction book.

In 2014 The Bush: Travels in the Heart of Australia was published to critical acclaim for its content and for the beauty and effectiveness of Watson’s writing. It is a combination of personal and family memoir, travelogue, history, natural history and reflection in which Watson invites readers to ponder the bush and its place in the story of Australia and Australians, both Indigenous and post-1788 arrivals and their descendants, those of the past and those of today.

ALL OPTIONS BEING EXPLORED FOR HERITAGE LISTED OAK TREE

Council has engaged a number of experts to provide advice and options for treatment of a damaged tree in the Hamilton Botanic Gardens.

The large oak tree (Quercus Robur), which is located near the toilet block and close to the Thompson Street and French Street gates, has been identified as being largest of its kind in Victoria. The tree has suffered a large split in the fork near the base of the main trunk heading down towards the base of the tree. The split has affected two large boughs, both of which contain considerable weight of leaves and timber.

Council CEO Michael Tudball says is a disappointing situation.

“It really would be a shame for us to lose a tree of this significance in the Gardens, particularly given its location and the beautiful canopy it provides. Unfortunately, the reality is that these trees do have a lifespan and the strong winds and wet weather we have experienced recently have not helped.

“At this stage, we are receiving and considering advice from a number of different experts, including Heritage Victoria, about options for treatment of the tree. The options at this time involve a number of actions, including further cabling works, propping up the boughs, removal of the boughs and ultimately removal of the tree altogether” Mr Tudball said.

“While our preference is of course to try and save the tree, public safety has to be our number one priority”.

Portable toilets have today been placed in the Gardens (to the north of the rotunda) as the toilet block remains barricaded off due to its proximity to the damaged tree. Temporary fencing has been installed and it is anticipated the area will be off limits to the public for a number of weeks.

“We ask that all visitors to the gardens please abide by the safety measures currently in place in this area. There will be some remedial works being under taken in the next few days so it’s very important that people stay well away from this part of the gardens while these works are being carried out” Mr Tudball said.

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DUNKELD RED CROSS
With thanks to Clare and the Dunkeld Consolidated School children and helpers, dozens of sausage rolls were made and dispatched, to raise funds for the general work of the Red Cross.

Betty Lacy took nine more beanies to the Warnambool Hospital and now the members are also knitting ‘Trauma Teddies’ for hospitals. The specified pattern is available from Bek Kay.

An amount of $700.00 raised by the Group during the year has been sent to Head office.

No delegate was able to attend the Zone meeting in Port Fairy on Tuesday 8th November at Port Fairy.

Remembrance Day 11th November, members are to take two plates to the RSL Room by 10.30am.

At our October meeting, Betty Lacy won the raffle and memorabilia was brought from the Karabeal Red Cross, which operated during WW2.

The Christmas Break-up lunch will be at Izzy’s Cafe Dunkeld on Thursday 24 November at midday. Please let Jenny Cook know if you are coming - phone 0408 139 552.

We look forward to another successful and enjoyable year in 2017 and welcome new members. The call on Red Cross worldwide is increasing all the time.

Iris Field, Secretary

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016
The AGM of the Dunkeld Progress Association will be held on Monday 5 December 2016 at 8 pm in the Green Room, Dunkeld Community Centre.

Why would you think about being involved in the Progress Association?

In the last 12 months, the Progress Association has been involved in a broad range of activities including:

- Provision of advice to local government about Dunkeld;
- Auspicing the Three Peaks Festival, Discover Dunkeld and the Dunkeld Garden Club;
- Co-ordination of the program for the visit of the Great Victorian Bike Ride to Dunkeld;
- Support of Off the Rails Group in the renovation and leasing of the Dunkeld Railway Station;
- Support of the Santa competition;
- Australia Day celebrations, in conjunction with the Dunkeld Lions Club;
- Presenting Dunkeld’s views in regard to the Grampians Peak Trail;
- Lobbying for the construction of the Dunkeld-Mount Sturgeon loop trail;
- Putting in a submission for funding for portable shade structures.

Through the Progress Association, there is an opportunity to meet a great variety of people in Dunkeld and more importantly, to make a difference to your community.

The Progress Association meets about eight times a year, usually on the 4th Monday of the month. The office bearer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please think about being involved. If you are interested and have any questions, please ring me on 0412 528 176.

Mary-Ann Brown, President

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE
Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 21 November commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

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

November Guest Speaker: Mr Barry Ladd from Hamilton gave an interesting and informative presentation about bottles, bottle collecting and pot lids on Monday night at the Museum. He had a large array of items on display which the audience were invited to look at more closely. The designs on the pot lids were exquisite and very detailed.

 Visitors: This week the Dunkeld Museum will be hosting visitors from the Wimmera Lodge in Horsham.

Town Walk Signs: A “Crowd Funding” site has been established through the Dunkeld & District Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) and the community is invited to donate online to the Museum’s Town Walk project. Please visit the following website: https://www.communities.bendigobank.com.au/ and then click on the following links:

- Explore Projects
- Dunkeld History Town Walks Sign
- Pledge Now
- To make a pledge, you will need an account. Sign up here. (Please follow the steps to create an account).

Donations may also be made in person at the Bendigo Bank – 633 108 145911962. Thank you for supporting and helping the Dunkeld Museum restore our historic town walk signs so we may continue to showcase our proud history.

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

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

- Sunday 13 Nov Joyce Gordon & Heathar Funk
- Sunday 20 Nov Wally & Carol Allen

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.
Unique opportunity for the Greater Hamilton region to grow your business digitally

A FREE pilot program offering free digital advice and conducting free digital health checks for business will be launched by the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Southern Grampians Shire and the Hamilton District Skills Centre commencing at 11.00am on Thursday 10 November at 103 Gray St Hamilton.

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) will be in Hamilton to launch its free digital health check to businesses and encourage all those interested in a career in Games Development, Visual Effects (VFX) and Screen & Media to come and visit at the AIE Mobile Studio 103 Gray St Hamilton on Wednesday 9 November, 1.00pm – 5.00pm, Thursday 10 November, 9.00am – 5.00pm and Friday 11 November 9.00am – 1.00pm.

AIE Graduates will be in Hamilton for two weeks at 103 Gray St from 9 – 11 and 14 – 17 November. The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) www.aie.edu.au is Australia’s most awarded 3D Animation, Game Design and Visual Effects (VFX) educator. Created as a not-for-profit organisation to grow the creative digital sector, AIE continues to innovate by creating industry partnerships, forming alliances with secondary high schools through auspicing arrangements and delivering programs that support and promote the development of new and small businesses within the Games Development, VFX and Screen & Media domains.

AIE is thrilled to contribute to the digital development and growth of the Greater Hamilton region. The AIE together with its Incubator Graduates and the South Grampians Shire are running a pilot program to assist business owners in the district to understand and plan for their digital business needs. Through this program businesses can access support and acquire the necessary services to build economic growth, through digital technologies, in the Greater Hamilton region. AIE aims to build new skills that will help shape your digital future and raise awareness of the digital opportunities available to your business. AIE offers training programs which support local schools and businesses to develop their digital business strategies.

Come and learn how digital technologies will help build new skills and shape the business culture in your region over the next few years. AIE can support your business with a digital strategy that may incorporate a social media plan, a website presence, a mobile application, an online financial tool and or an email marketing plan that your business may require. For those in the agricultural sector come along and understand how digital applications can be incorporated into your farming practices.

If the pilot program is successful, this will pave the way for the Greater Hamilton region to develop a strong local digital eco-system and a pathway for developing a more digitally connected community, an economy that can respond to the business opportunities accessible in the digital arena and can help promote new products and digital services for the community.

How will this work?
Initially the pilot program will see the AIE Incubator Graduates conduct a FREE digital health check of your business by administering a digital business needs analysis. The analysis will inform local business owners of what technological solutions can be implemented to improve their business and assist in solving any current or future business requirements.

Once all the digital health checks are completed, the pilot teams will come back to each participating business with recommendations on a digital strategy that will provide solutions for issues or opportunities identified.

We want to speak with businesses in Agriculture, Tourism, Retail, Health and any other sector or type of business that may require assistance with their digital strategy. The process would be more effective if businesses can provide basic business information to inform the discussion such as a marketing plan and a list of existing digital assets for their business.

For more information contact:
Laurie Costabile, AIE, Head of School, Melbourne Campus Email: lauriec@aie.edu.au or Phone: 0409 332 283
OR Hugh Koch, Manager Economic Development and Tourism, Southern Grampians Shire Email: hkoch@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or Phone: 5573 0238

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

What is the significance of the ‘red poppy’ for Australians? The Red Poppy has special significance for Australians. Worn on Remembrance Day (11 November) each year, the red poppies were among the first to flower in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium in the First World War. In soldiers’ folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground.

In England in 1919, the British Legion sought an emblem that would honour the dead and help the living. The Red Poppy was adopted as that emblem and since then has been accepted as the Emblem of Remembrance.

The League adopted the idea in 1921, announcing: “The Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia and other Returned Soldiers Organisations throughout the British Empire and Allied Countries have passed resolutions at their international conventions to recognise the Poppy of Flanders’ Fields as the international memorial flower to be worn on the anniversary of Armistice Day.”

Australians wear a Red Poppy on Remembrance Day for three reasons. Firstly, in memory of the sacred dead who rest in Flanders’ Fields. Secondly, to keep alive the memories of the sacred cause for which they laid down their lives; and thirdly, as a bond of esteem and affection between the soldiers of all Allied nations and in respect for France, our common battleground.

Today, cloth poppies are sold on, or around, 11 November each year. They are an exact replica in size and colour of the poppies that bloom in Flanders’ Fields. The RSL sells millions of red cloth poppies with proceeds going towards raising funds for welfare work.

**Unsung Stories: A Special Exhibition:** In Vietnam, 1966, a small group of Australian soldiers battled their way into the history books at Long Tan. Theirs is not the only remarkable story of bravery from that year. The latest exhibition at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum (NVVM), Unsung Stories features the little-known story of Private John Densley and his mother Christina, flown by the Australian Government to her son’s bedside in Saigon when a sniper’s bullet nearly took his life, and the tragic tale of Private Errol Noack, controversially, the first conscript soldier to die. In October, Australia Post honoured Vietnam Veterans with a series of stamps and collectors’ products created with the support of the NVVM to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. The Museum is now proud to present an exhibition of the original documents and artefacts behind these products. The exhibition will run from 19 October 2016 to April 2017 at the NVVM, 25 Veterans Drive, Newhaven. Normal entry fee applies. For further information phone 5956 6400 or visit their website: www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org

**Remembrance Ride for Motorcyclists:** The Remembrance Ride for Motorcyclists will be leaving from the Numurkah Memorial Park at 9.00am on Sunday 27 November 2016. This event is organised by the Numurkah Rotary Club and the Numurkah RSL Sub-Branch. Australian Rotary Health and the RSL are raising funds to support research into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder affecting service and ex-service personnel and their families. All proceeds to support this project. Riders will visit and learn about three significant memorials, have morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided upon making a tax-deductable donation of $25.00. Total distance is less than 300kms from Numurkah to Numurkah and travel is through beautiful country. Pre-registration is preferred in order to assist with catering - please contact Mr John Watson on 0419 116 807 for further information.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES OF PAST REMEMBRANCE DAYS**

Many years ago Dunkeld Red Cross members decided to invite our Returned Service men and women to lunch in the RSL Hall after the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph. Invitations were posted out to Henry Leech, Peter Armitage, Bill Richie, Bob Napier, Adam Kent, Bill Walker, John Myers, Hugh Webster, Derek Morse, Peter Cameron, Aaron Trotter, Murdoch Templeton, Betty McLeod, Shirley Simpson, Coral Templeton, Ian Macgugan, Fifi O’Shannessy and Lorna Bowker.

The RSL Hall looked lovely with the long table adorned with flowers. All enjoyed a three course lunch (hot containers were collected from household ovens close to the hall). Peter Armitage was heard to say, “I’ll always support Red Cross as long as you feed me.” We enjoyed when he came as our guest speaker at an annual Red Cross meeting. We heard of his time hiding in a hay stack as German soldiers walked past searching for him and his mates. He told us of more scary moments of war experiences, which he turned into adventures.

**A Happy Memory**

Years ago, before noisy log trucks thundered past the Cenotaph, John Smith brought the school children to the service. The Templeton twins, Sophie and Ellie (their first year), were escorted by a Grade 6 boy to lay their flowers at the Cenotaph. During the service Peter Armitage was addressing the children. The twins listed to every word, as Peter said, “If you are with someone, and they want you to do something that you know is wrong, then don’t you do it! You be your own man.” (I wonder if Sophie and Ellie remember?)
Another Special Memory
Many years later Peter was not well. We sent him a card from the Red Cross members. I enclosed a letter to tell him I remembered his speech of long years ago when the twins listened to his every word, when he advised them to “be your own man”. Two days later the phone rang – it was Peter, so moved that I had remembered his advice to the children, and so full of thanks for my letter.

Some memories are happy and some are sad. Dorothy Blanch

FROM THE LION’S DEN
Last newsletter I mentioned the partnership that Lions have gone in for the distribution of the emergency toiletry packs. Over the years Lions have taken on causes suggested by others or they need the backing of a large organisation to reach a successful conclusion. One of the best that Lions became involved in is sight health. At the 1921 Lions convention in Chicago, Helen Keller asked the Lions to become “Knights for the Blind”. Lions have since made sight health a priority and millions of people have benefited in that time. Who knows the next great idea could come for this area. I think the Lion who suggested having her as a guest speaker should be congratulated as well.

(Keller, Helen Adams (1880-1968) American social worker, who overcame the loss of sight, hearing and speech, yet achieved distinction as a lecturer and scholar. Illness rendered her blind and deaf at the age of nineteen months, and later she became dumb. In Anne Sullivan, who taught her to speak within a month at the age of seven, she had a dedicated teacher, and Helen Keller’s ability was such that she obtained a degree in 1904 and mastered several languages. She also lectured worldwide and worked for the relief of the handicapped.)

Work at the Church
Many of you would be aware of the work being carried out at the Dunkeld Catholic Church, new roof, new concrete paths, toilets, shed and gardens, and cracks in the wall repaired. At our recent parish meeting it was suggested that the lighting had to be improved and our priest had previously suggested that we purchase a chandelier, but the parish voted it down.

"Why do you oppose the buying of a chandelier?” he asked. “Well”, said the spokesman, “first, no one can spell it, so how can we order it? Second, even if we got it, no one knows how to play it. And third, what we really need is more light.”

INTERIM LANDSCAPE OVERLAY IN PLACE FOR HARMAN’S VALLEY

An Interim Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) to the Harman’s Valley area has been gazetted into the Southern Grampians Planning Scheme by the Minister for Planning.

This Interim Overlay will apply until 31 October, 2018

The Overlay requires a permit for all buildings and works unless exempted under the schedule: As defined in case law “works” includes any works altering the topography of the land.

All buildings will require a permit and must address the decision guidelines to this schedule.

Removal of dry stone fencing also requires a permit application that addresses the decision guidelines.

A permit is not required for:

- A farm access track that does not change the topography of the land; and
- The construction of a post and wire fence

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Michael Tudball has advised the Minister that long term protection of this area will be considered by the new Council as early as possible.

“The Harman’s Valley is an area of scientific and cultural significance that includes major tourism attractions.

Council has been asked to decide whether it intends to implement a permanent SLO on the area.

“Council has not budgeted for this work in 2016/17 and will reconsider its program with the new Council setting its strategic direction in the first months of its inception.

The full Schedule to the SLO which explains when a permit is required, what exemptions there are and the decision guidelines is available to view at www.stghgrampians.vic.gov.au
DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB

LADIES PENNANT
On Friday 21 October, our ladies travelled to Dartmoor expecting to be washed out, however the skies were clear and play commenced. In the first half, Dartmoor was far too strong. After lunch, our ladies came out and displayed their talents, pegging Dartmoor back. The matriarch of Dunkeld Bowls – Elaine – had the wisdom to try long ends with great success resulting in Dartmoor only scoring 1 point after lunch on her rink. At the end of the day our ladies went down by 8 shots, a very commendable effort indeed.

On the 28th our ladies hosted Heywood, in a rather different game our girls comprehensively won one rink and lost the other almost as comprehensively. Thankfully the winning group was 4 shots in the positive, giving Dunkeld a well deserved win. The ladies are still competitive and will continue to push most teams. Next week we play away at Penshurst, another tough game, but our girls are up to it. Good luck ladies!

SATURDAY SOCIAL BOWLS
It is pleasing to see 12 players take to the rinks for a very enjoyable afternoons bowling. To make things more interesting DUNKELD GENERAL STORE and CAFE 109 BAR & BISTRO have put forward a $40 voucher as the social bowls prize on the Saturdays that the pennant is at home. This sponsorship is highly valued and the club thank the sponsors for their support. This week Heather Mac and Skeeta played off for the trophy, with Heather prevailing. She did mention later that she and Kohn enjoyed the winnings at Café 109.

To increase the continued involvement in the social bowls an incentive has been introduced, this being points allocated for attendance and rankings on attendance, winnings / placement and at the end of the year a bonus prize will be awarded. So, all you social bowlers, get along and enjoy the hospitality. Beginners and visitors are more than welcome.

It was also a good time to welcome our new recruit from Ballan, Stephen (Tangles) Tingate – (apologies if the spelling is incorrect). Hopefully Tangles enjoys his time with us and it would be indeed something wonderful if he played as well as the other famous Tangles.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY (a Peter MacLean initiative)
On the Saturdays that Dunkeld play pennant at home and the social bowls occur, an evening meal / BBQ will follow, (about 6.00pm.ish). Players, partners and family are welcomed to enjoy this new concept, making use of our new BBQ facility (The Uncle Brian’s Bar & Bistro). This will hopefully widen the social functions for members and visitors. A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the catering.

MACARTHUR FOURS
A Dunkeld team of Iven, Peter, Frank and Gary, represented our club in this well conducted event in good sunny conditions. Four games of 10 ends were played with our boys winning three games to finish just out of the placings doing themselves and their club credit in play and sportsmanship.

MEN’S PENNANT
On 22 October we were visited by Hamilton in the third round of the Pennant, In very cold and windy conditions our enthusiastic group got up to win by 8 shots. The team led by Gus, won by 3 after picking up three in the second last end. Syd's team claimed a draw thanks to some magnificent, consistent bowling by skipper Syd and ably supported by Cloud. Despite being 3 shots down with two ends to play, Shanks and his merry men, well led by “Boxy”, and with Col Parker giving great support, picked up a five and followed it up with two more on the last end giving Dunkeld an eight point win overall. Three out of three!!! and sitting second on the ladder.

Monty won the “Resting Toucher” and to top it off, won the raffle (needless to say he was hoping to be on a winning streak when he got home!!? 3 out of 3).

We thank the suppliers of the meat tray – Adrian and Melissa at The Dunkeld General Store for their support. President Shanks, (who is never short of a word) proudly welcomed past players and Life Members, John and Alison Overall, a nice touch and appreciated by John and Alison.

On the 29th we ventured to Balmoral for the fourth round of Pennant. In warm and good conditions we were unable to overcome Balmoral, who ran out winners by about 10 shots. Next week is the bye and on the 12/11/16 we will meet Portland RSL in the early start game.

COMING EVENTS
Members are advised to watch the Events Noticeboard in the Club.

22/02/2017 Dunkeld Pairs
4/03/2017 The M. A. Templeton Memorial 21UP
11 or 25/03/2017 B Grade Championships
18/03/2017 The Stuart Darroch day
29/04/2017 Dunkeld Fours
10/06/2017 Dunkeld Triples

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer

GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Highlights: Champion players from the club Joe Sutherland and Mac Cuming achieved their 150th game milestone last week. Peter Lazzari (pictured with son Mark), became part of a famous weekend for father/son combinations. Others in action were Russell, Zach and Ryan Burgess; Debbie, Greg and Thomas Millard; Stephen, Lachie and Jessica Field; Darren and Josh Gordon; Geoff and Ben Potter and Chris and Amelia Barry.
Our Thursday junior training nights have become a huge gathering of cricket lovers. From the in2 Cricket program coordinated by Geoff Potter with 35 enthusiastic youngsters, through to the 30 Under 12 and 14 players and into the U15 girls and U16 boys, over 70 children and parents get to experience quality coaching and support from the club and the facilities on offer. Hopefully there is a future Australians player in the midst of all this.

A Grade: The bowlers struggled to find a line and length against an amazing onslaught from Charlie Nield (164) and fell by 40 runs to Macarthur. Heinrich Joyce 96, Greg Millard 72 and Joe Sutherland 35. Probably one of the first times in many years our fielding was poor, so back to basics this week.

B Grade: Despite having a tough task in getting 11 players on the field and playing last years A Grade team St Mary’s the very young and very old Pumas competed well to eventually go down by about 80 runs. Mitch Beulke 3/35 and Ben Potter 2/3, Andrew Boal 71.

C Grade: Played out a thrilling tie with St Andrew’s, Russell Macgugan 55, Stephen Field 54, Darren Gordon 25, Josh Mawson, Jack Kruger, Russell Burgess and Dylan Mooney all 2 wickets each. Previous game lost by 24 runs to Tahara - Stephen Field 106*, Jack Kruger 24, Brett Matthews 2 wickets, Jack Kruger 3 wickets.

Women: lost by 4 runs to Coleraine. Trylene Phillips and Sarah McIntyre 2 wickets each.

U16: No game.

U14: v Pigeon Ponds lost by 50 runs to Pigeon Ponds, Magnus Howells 2 wickets.

U12: Zac Burgess and Josh Gordon both retired and Charlie Field 2 wickets.

U15: Girls (pictured) lost to College by 40 runs. Amelia Barry 26* and 3 wickets, Jess Field 24* and 2 wickets, Miranda McIntyre 22*.

All results and wraps, photos etc can be viewed on the Grampians Facebook page and for all players and parents full results scoresheets, other club details are available on Grampians Team app.

Mary Simpson Competition where district clubs send three competitors. This year was won by Terang Golf Club. Photo shows from L-R: Mary Fenech, President presenting trophies to two Terang team members with Sue Morse, Captain on right.

Venita Mibus and Pam Howell were winners of a pairs match play knock out competition called the Isabel Anderson trophy.

Mary Fenech presenting Pam Howell with the Judith Howard trophy for the best individual score on the Mary Simpson day. Pam was thrilled because she had never won it before.

The club ran a very successful Hole in One day with the amazing prize of a Volvo car put forward by Hamilton Automotive (previously Lakeside Motors). Here club captains Craig Williamson and Sue Morse are busy checking all the finished cards from the 120 competitors. The car wasn’t won but there is always next year.

Grampians Golf Club Dunkeld 2016 Champions -. Heather Macgugan B Grade - Martina Whelan - A Grade, Greg Millard - A Grade and Peter Hayes - B Grade.

Club events are winding down for summer. Annual General Meeting is coming up with changeover of Presidents from Martina Whelan to Greg Millard and presentation of annual trophies.

A group of beginner golfers have shown an interest in learning the game and are currently being managed by Sue Morse with help from others. More information on practice days is available on the Community Face Book site.

Cheers, Kerren Collins

LANDCARE NEWS

GHOMA Grants – Two families will be undertaking environmental work next year, thanks to the CMA grants. Some individual red gum plantings supported by blocks of indigenous scrubby, shrubby plants will happen in Mirranatwa, and a waterway will be fenced and vegetated.
with indigenous plants in the Bushy Creek Catchment. Three families are finishing their projects for this year, so we thank the GHCMA for their continued support of our area.

**Worst Weed of the Week** – the award goes to ... The South African Weed Orchid (Disa bracteata). It’s rearing its ugly (really is ugly!) head now. Originating from South Africa, it was brought to Australia as an interesting orchid. Seen mostly along roadsides, bushland & unstocked paddocks. Millions of talcum powder like seeds are produced, and fly through the air, or stick to passers bys and animals. Control – this time of year, best method is to dig & remove. Best tool – a screwdriver! You need to get all the bulbs, or it will grow again next year. Alternatively, pull off the flowering head carefully (to reduce seed spread). Can paint with glyphosate. Put plants in a plastic bag, in the sun to kill them, then in the bin. Why not grab a friend & a thermos, and spend an hour weeding?

**Bat Night** – a great night was held, led by Yvonne Ingeme, who presented an informative and very interesting talk. We then stepped outside the Victoria Valley Hall kitchen door, and within 10 minutes her bat detector had identified 6 different species of bat flying around us. Did you know? Micro bats can weigh up to 5 grams (a 5 cent piece) and eat 500 mosquitoes every night?! It’s worth looking after them!

**Fox Control** - For those participating in the Grampians Ark Fox baiting program, (and in fact all those with a 1080 endorsed ACUP) you will have received in the mail some pamphlets relating to the new form of control – PAPP. This is now available for us to use, remember an antidote is available – but only through vets, and you need to get to the vet within half an hour.

Nature. We will then head to the Victoria Valley Hall for tea, and hear from Lyn Dohle (daughter of Barbara and John Dohle) who currently works on Kangaroo Island in South Australia. Lyn will speak on her work, in particular a program they are currently working on, involving cat monitoring on the island.

Where – meet at the Lewis’ gate – Victoria Valley Road, west side, just before the golf course (I’ll have a sign up).

When - Friday 11 November at 5.30pm.

Cost – Free, part of our Finding Nature program, generously funded by the Norman Wittenhall Foundation.

Please RSVP for catering.

**Friday 2 December** – walk with Dr Bryan Hayward, renowned butterfly expert. Time and location to be confirmed!!

Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235  advancel@bigpond.com
We will be open 7am – 12 noon on Saturday 12th November
Hope everyone has a great day…

Monday to Friday 6:30am – 5:30pm  Saturdays 7:00am – 4:30pm  Sundays 7:30am – 3:00pm (may vary)
SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal...

Last week, we had a special assembly to celebrate 28 years of service to our school given by Gaylene Raymond. Each class presented an item dedicated to Gaylene and the whole assembly, from the Prep children through to Year 5/6 was warmly delivered. I suspect that Gaylene would have been touched. It was lovely to see Dee-Anne Gerring and Shelley Darroch at the assembly, along with Gaylene’s husband, Frank. Also attending were all principals who served at the school during Gaylene’s tenure; Mr Pat Gleeson, Mr John Smith and Mr Tony Williams and I sincerely thank them for their efforts to attend. I would like to wish Gaylene and Frank a long and happy retirement together.

JUNIOR EUROVISION SCHOOL CONCERT

On Tuesday my school had a concert. I had lots of fun. I did not want to go home because I had too much fun. By Phoebe Ross, Prep

On Tuesday we went to the Dunkeld Hall and we were first. I did Stop Right Now with everyone and then Frere Jacques. By Heidi Burger, Prep

Yesterday we had a special concert. Our country was France so we dressed up as French people and wore a beret. For France we sang Frere Jacques. By Bonnie Peters, Prep

On Tuesday 18 October, we had a school concert. At the start of the concert the whole school sang Stop Right Now and some Grade 6’s were dressed up as the Spice Girls. Clare asked us about France, and then the Preps sang Frere Jacques. After that, Clare asked us about Italy. The Grade 1’s sang their Italian song followed by Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes in Italian. Grade 2’s did their Taiko drumming and sang We Will Rock You. The Grade 3’s performed Boot Scootin’ Boogie, a line dance. They were America. Our performance was for Brazil. At the start we pretended to play panpipes to panpipe music. We glued straws together to make the panpipes. After we finished playing, we put them down and sang We Go To Rio. We had to move and dance while singing. At the end we did the Samba. The Grade 5 and 6’s did Indian dancing to the song Jai Ho. I thought their performance was the best. The whole school sang Try Everything. At the end it looked like America had won but then they realised that they Preps score (6.98) was upside down so Mr Jeffreys flipped it around to make 9.98 so they won! We all knew it was just a joke to make the audience laugh. By Fingal Jackson, Year 4

I slowly inched my way onto the stage, I can’t believe this is happening. I anxiously waited for the music to start as unnerving thoughts rushed through my head. We had been waiting for so long for this; we were just standing there at the Dunkeld Community Centre waiting to say Namaste, as we were going to begin our Indian dance to an Indian song, Jai Ho. My eyes scanned the crowd and then I saw them, I saw my parents; my dad was making me laugh to myself. What if I laughed during the performance? The exited vibe of the crowd made me even more nervous. “Poff” feathers were everywhere; I grabbed the feather boa and ran. I stood there, waiting for the unnerving moment when Stop (Spice girls) would start. After Stop I sat down as my nerves rapidly imploded. Clare our entertainer introduced each different performance with facts, as time went by my nerves came flooding back. I watched performances about France, Italy, Japan, American and Brazil. Oh no. Me next …

By Isabel Hanson, Year 6

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

On Tuesday 18 October, Miss Forbes and the Prep classroom hosted Miss Yi (Lulu) Huang an international student studying Early Childhood Education at RMIT Bundoora Campus.

Pastor Sunday Sula Lasa, from Uganda, accompanied by Mr Jim Hewett from Dunkeld, spoke with the Year 3 to 6 students on Friday 21 October about the development of African Action International’s self-sustaining projects to assist and empower families and communities to rise up above poverty to achieve their life goals. African Action has active projects in Sudan. Long term projects are being developed by building and equipping schools for the education of children who have a disability or are living in poverty. Pastor Sula mentioned the extreme hardships experienced by poverty-stricken families, including the long distances many of these children have to walk to school and how early in the morning they have to leave home to arrive at their destination.

MR ROSS HORNIBROOK - RETIREMENT

Mr Ross Hornibrook commenced work with Mr Graham Kelly from Sturgeon Motors, Dunkeld as the Mirranatwa School Bus driver in mid-1997. Mr Peter Pickering from Swan Hill Bus Lines purchased Sturgeon...
Motors in 1999 and Ross commenced work with this business in October 1999. Ross only recently retired as a school bus driver in September 2016. Ross completed 19 years of dedicated service on the Mirranatwa School Bus Run and indicated that he thoroughly enjoyed his time as a bus driver.

On behalf of all the students, parents, staff and Principals of the Dunkeld Consolidated School of the past 19 years we would like to sincerely thank Mr Ross Hornibrook for his safe driving record and dedicated service to his important role as bus driver.

Swan Hill Bus Lines have appointed Mr Neil Scott from Dunkeld as the replacement driver.

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

**THE GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE – SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER**
As part of the festivities, the School is hosting a fantastic fundraiser event - Stretch and Relax Yoga!!

Join the riders and internationally known Frank Jesse, Senior Iyengar Yoga Teacher from Griffins Hill Retreat Dunkeld for a 1 hour yoga session on Sunday 27 November 3.00pm to 4.00pm at the school among the shady trees south of the playground. Frank will help you stretch out and relax and get ready for the week to come. $10 each - All proceeds will go to the Dunkeld Consolidated School. Following the yoga class Frank will launch the "Back Bend challenge" for 2017 International Day of Yoga and as a "warm up" will do 54 back bends on stage, school students are welcome to join him and show off their flexibility!! Griffins Hill are proud sponsors of the School's SAKG program.

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

*From the Kitchen...*

Thank you so much to all of you for your generosity and community support with our ‘Bake the World a Better Place’ Sausage Roll Drive in our quest for donating funds to the Red Cross. We will present a donation cheque for the sum of $500 to a Dunkeld Red Cross representative at a school assembly in the near future. A very special mention to Sam & Mel from Izzy’s Café who kindly offered to mix the sausage roll mixture in the café using a large mixing machine which made our lives so much easier on the day of the ‘Bake our World a Better Place’...once again ‘People helping People’

Thank you for ordering Sausage Rolls, donating produce and coming in to help with the rolling, mixing and baking. Thank you to the Staff and students from Year 3 – 6 who helped with this community effort, and the ever important thinking of others in times of crisis and need.

Our friends who helped on the day were very impressed with the students’ knowledge of the Red Cross and the good work that they do, sharing many interesting facts.

Year 3 students and friends of the kitchen garden enjoyed a delicious lunch of sausage rolls, chutney, a magnificent salad from the morning’s harvest and a delicious roast carrot dish with fresh herbs, recipe by Jonah Morganti...delicious. *Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen*

**SAKG 2017 CALENDAR**

We have attached an order form to this newsletter for you to order your copy of our first Calendar for the year 2017, including beautiful photos from our kitchen and garden. Special thanks to Annette Huf and Ivory Print for their expertise in making this beautiful calendar. It would be a lovely gift for anyone. The Calendar will also be available to purchase at Only Ewe, Dunkeld Post Office and The Dunkeld General Store in the near future. A huge thank you to these businesses for your support. Limited Copies printed so to secure your copy fill in the order form attached and return with payment to the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

**Red Cross Facts from Year 5 and 6 students**

They make money to give to the poor so they have a house, food and water. They help people with clothes and bedding after floods. $70 will buy 10 metres of piping used to deliver clean water from natural water sources to local village’s water tanks. *Sarah Symes*

By baking and raising money you will be helping people in our local and international communities to access a safe place to stay, a nutritious meal or compensation in times of crisis and isolation. *Ben Potter*

They provide a friend in times of crisis. *Edward Williamson*

The Red Cross was formed in 1914. The motto is The Power of Humanity and the purpose is Humanitarian Aid. The Red Cross began in Australia and is now worldwide. *Will Kent*

Red Cross is working to provide for Aussie kids in disadvantaged areas. It is a charitable non-profit organisation. *Zach Burgess*

By Baking the World a Better Place children will not go to school hungry. *Ella Jackson*

They have 97 million volunteers. *Oliver Fenwick*

They are raising money for wells and fresh water in Africa. *Julia Kelly*

They help remote communities recovering from disasters; they make a difference in the lives of those in need. *Joshua Gordon*
The Grade 1 and 2 students have spent the last three weeks with their Friends, learning how seeds are made. It's such a fascinating process. They are learning terms such as: stigma, anther, pollen, ovule, nectar and pollinator. We have spent the time collecting, observing, drawing and labelling parts of the flower, and watched bees in action as they busily move from flower to flower, collecting pollen for themselves and pollinating the flowers as they go. This symbiotic relationship, between the pollinator and the plants, beneficial to both, is truly awe inspiring, evolution in action.

The older grades have worked extremely hard, together, to begin mulching under the fruit trees. Fruit trees have a shallow root system, and do not like competition from any plants growing underneath their foliage. We have a fantastic crop of capeweed under the trees, so I asked the children what we should do about it. They came up with the idea of mulching. - as once the sunlight is prevented from hitting the leaves, the plant will die. And this seemed a much easier way of removing the capeweed, compared to digging it out!! So thanks to Adrian Field's donation of newspapers, and the Dunkeld Racing Club's donation of hay, we have begun the mammoth task of mulching the trees. The thing that impressed me was that entire classes have been there, together, and worked so well as a team. It's amazing what can be achieved if everyone does something, a great life lesson?!!

Here we have grade 5/6 helping to put together a wheelbarrow, under Iven's watchful eyes – or were they perhaps studying the bees, moving from flower to flower in the late afternoon sun?!!

There is space in the Memory Garden for some more plants, I wonder if any children would like to bring in plants, or cuttings of plants, from their home gardens? If so, please send them along on Thursday. – it's ideal planting time! Lisa

**DUNKELD & DISTRICT CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Junior Singers required for Christmas Carols at the Dunkeld Community Centre.

If your child/children (Prep - Grade 6) would like to participate in a junior singers group at the Community Carols which will probably be on Sunday 18 December at 7.30pm (to be confirmed) please get in touch with me.

We will have a couple of practices on Sunday 20 November at 4.30 pm and on Sunday 27 November at 4.30pm.

If you are interested and can commit to these two practices please send me a message - 0400 952 716.

Many thanks, Heather Macgugan

**Community Bank AGM**

The Grampians Regional Community Enterprises Limited will conduct their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 November at the Dunkeld Community Centre. All shareholders have been invited to attend, with members of the general public also most welcome.

Re-election of Directors retiring by rotation, re-election of Directors appointed since the last AGM, as well as receipt of the annual report to 30 June 2016, are just some of the items on the agenda.

**Supporting the OTIS Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness**

Breast cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia and it is estimated that 15,934 females and 150 males, equating to 18,084 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2016. A staggering 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed during their lifetime and 8 women die every day from this terrible disease.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to support this we're selling Little Blue Towels for $5 per pack during October and November.

The OTIS Foundation is the beneficiary of the Little Blue Towels initiative. These towels have been collected from hospitals where they have been used to dry sterilised hands. Normally discarded after a single use, they are collected and expertly laundered and packed by Laundry Mates, an enterprise owned and operated by people with disabilities living in or near Echuca, Victoria.

100% of proceeds from the sale of these recycled towels go to the OTIS Foundation who provide a network of retreat accommodation at no cost to those living with the challenges of breast cancer. Each year the OTIS Foundation offers more than 3,000 nights of accommodation to its guests and their families. Your purchase of Little Blue Towels will help the OTIS Foundation to continue its work and expand the number of retreats it offers.

**SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE**

The community bus is available to all seniors (male/female) travelling to Hamilton on a fortnightly basis from Glenthompson and Dunkeld.

If you would like to use this service, contact the HACC Office on 5551 8480 for assessment.

Pick – up is from your home - seats available

If any of our regular clientele are unable to use bus that day, please phone the number above, if not answered leave a message by 8.15am - the driver will be notified.
Mobile Library

Will be visiting Dunkeld every Thursday fortnight

11.30am – 1.30pm
Sterling Street (Community Hall)

Dates for Nov: 17th; Dec: 1st, 15th

MIRRANATWA: Nov: 10th, 24th; Dec: 8th

The Mobile will not operate on Extreme and Code Red Fire Declared days.
Phone: 5573 0470


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

NB: If you wish to change the content/size of your advertisement please email the new version by the relevant closing date.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School will forward invoices and receipt any monies pertaining to advertising in the Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter.

Please send all content to vkearney63@gmail.com or for inquiries ph. Vicki on 0421 232 518.

Please send flyers and photos in a J-PEG or WORD FORMAT and compress photos prior to emailing.

Please be aware that hardcopy (paper) cannot be printed in colour but any colour advertising will be seen in original format on the website: www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

2017 Calendar

We have created a 2017 calendar with a selection of photographs from our Kitchen & Garden program.
Please fill in and return the slip below with payment to purchase your copy.

2017 CALENDAR
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Please complete and return this form to school BY MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2016
Limited Number of Copies Printed

I would like to purchase (please indicate quantity):

☐ 2017 Calendars @ $20.00 per calendar  Amount enclosed: $__________
(Cash or Cheques accepted – please make cheques payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School”)

Name: _____________________________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________

Thank you for supporting the Dunkeld Consolidated School’s Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program