2015 WHAT’S COMING UP

NOVEMBER 2015
Mon 23 Dunkeld Scholarship interviews for Year 6 students.
Wed 25 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9.00am to 3.20pm. Parent Information session in the School Kitchen at 1.30pm.
   MARC Library.
   SPECIAL ASSEMBLY commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall. The Dunkeld Kindergarten students will be performing an item.
Thurs 26 Year 6 students to prepare and share a “thank you” lunch for all staff. Kitchen Friends are not required to assist today.
Fri 27 School Review panel.

DECEMBER 2015
Wed 2 MARC Library – last visit for 2015. All MARC library books to be returned by this date.
Thurs 3 Prep students will be working in the SAKG Kitchen. A family member from all Prep families is most welcome to attend.
   Last SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes for 2015.
Fri 4 Year 6 Graduation dinner, ceremony and concert.
Tues 8 Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2016.
   Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2016. Kinder students attend school all day from 9.00am to 3.25pm.
   P & F Association’s Christmas dinner at Café 109 commencing at 6.30pm. Bring along a Kris Kringle gift.
Wed 9 Hour of Code – for more information go to https://code.org/
Thurs 10 “Thank You” Morning Tea for all the helpers and volunteers commencing at 11.00am.
   Cleaning up and packing up in the Kitchen and Garden in preparation for 2016.
Fri 11 Students’ Social Service Christmas Stall.
Mon 14 School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre commencing at 7.00pm.
Thurs 17 Whole School Excursion to Port Fairy (Picnic Day).
Fri 18 Whole School End of Year Party at school (at lunchtime).
   LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
Sun 20 Dunkeld & District Community Christmas Carols at Saint Patrick’s Church, Dunkeld commencing at 7.30pm.
   A collection for the ‘Christmas Bowl Appeal’ will be conducted on the night.

JANUARY 2016
Tues 26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Australia Day celebrations in the Dunkeld Memorial Park.
Wed 27 FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 for teachers.
   Thurs 28 FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 for students.

2015 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

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SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL

The students’ Social Service Christmas Stall will be held on Friday 11 December. Students may commence bringing in donated gifts (preferably wrapped in clear or coloured cellophane paper) for the stall.

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FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Dunkeld & District Community Carols permission form – please return by Friday 27 November
School Procedures for the Bushfire Season (Bushfire At-Risk Register)
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

T20 BLAST
Mr James Stephens and Mr Paul Jeffreys supervised the boys and girls teams at Pedrina Park, Hamilton last Friday, 13th November. The girls went through to the next round after being undefeated in the three games they played. Well done to the girls who went on to win their way through to the regional final (on Tuesday 17 November) of the second round only to be beaten by last year’s winners. It was exciting back here at school as Mr Stephens kept us informed of the progress throughout the day. The boys narrowly missed advancing through to the second round with 1 win and 1 loss during the first round.

HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY
A huge crowd of supporters came to watch the Athletics Carnival last week. The children enjoyed their day even though the heat was a little testing for some. The program ran perfectly for the day and the setting looked wonderful, especially with the umbrellas and marquees set out on the grounds. Thank you to all of those who helped us in setting up at the beginning of the day, running events and packing up at the end of the day.

LAWN BOWLS
The Year 3 to 6 children enjoyed the bowling program run by Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring and Mrs Naomie Phillips over the last five weeks. The Dunkeld Bowling Club was supportive also with several members of the club taking part in supervising the activities. We thank those people sincerely. This program, including equipment, bus travel and employment was funded by the ‘Sporting Schools’ program.

SCHOOL REVIEW
A considerable amount of data has now been collected from the teachers, children and families of our school. This will go together with data from other sources (NAPLAN, AusVELS, student and parent surveys) while looking at our past achievements, and areas where we could do better. Thank you to those who gave us further information through the School Review document sent home recently. This Friday (27 November), the independent reviewer will spend the day at our school before taking all information gathered for consideration in making recommendations for our next strategic plan.

MUSIC TUITION
Please be advised that private music tuition by ‘Tara’s Music School’ will be available to students in Years 3 to 6 in 2016. Students will have the choice of – singing, keyboard, guitar, recorder, ukulele and music theory. Application forms are available from the front office.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
A Special Assembly will be held this Wednesday 25 November commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall. The Dunkeld Kindergarten students will be performing an item at this assembly.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Year 6 students, accompanied by staff members Mrs Jane Higgins and Mrs Terrie Nicholson, attended the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch’s Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in the Memorial Park. School Captains, Jessica Field and Miranda McIntyre, laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Students then joined RSL members and visitors in the Henry Leech RSL Room for a delicious morning tea kindly provided by the Dunkeld Red Cross members.

HOUR OF CODE
Computers are everywhere, but fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. Good news is we’re on our way to change this. If you’ve heard about the Hour of Code before, you might know it made history. More than 100 million students have tried an Hour of Code.

With the Hour of Code, computer science has been on homepages of Google, MSN, Yahoo! and Disney. Over 100 partners joined together to support this movement. Last year, every Apple Store in the world hosted an Hour of Code and even President Obama wrote his first line of code as part of the campaign for coding in schools!

This year, Dunkeld Consolidated School is taking part in this exciting event! Students across the whole school have feversishly been learning the skill of coding through apps, coding sites and ‘unplugged’ activities in the classroom. On Wednesday 9 December, all students will be partaking in an Hour of Code to promote the benefit of Computer Science and its value for future learning. Students will be doing this with other children all around the world, at the same time. You can even code yourself at code.org if you want to see what the fuss is about!

James Stephens, Year 3/4 Teacher

SCIENCE – How does our school change over time?
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because they had placed them for their own annual championship. Each hole was hard in its own way, some having narrow fairways and others had bunkers in front of the greens. We weren’t successful in winning, but enjoyed the challenge and met some other young golfers.

By Joshua Gordon, Year 5

MILO T20 BLAST
On Friday 13 November, the Grade 5/6 students travelled to Pedrina Park to play T20 Blast Cricket. The boys and girls were in separate teams, playing against other schools. There were eight players in a team and each student was paired off to bat and bowl.

The boys won two games and lost one and the girls won all three games and proceeded into the Grand Final. In the Grand Final we versed Hamilton North and won. We were very happy that we won and excited to go to the Regionals on Tuesday. The boys unfortunately didn’t make it to the final, but still had a great day.

On Tuesday 17 November, the girls went to Regional Finals. We managed to win every game and get into the grand final again. Sadly we lost against last year’s National winners, West Warmambool. We had a fantastic day and had a celebration after, pulling in such a great effort.

By Jessica Field and Miranda McIntyre, Year 6

HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS
Please find listed below the Age Champions for the recent House Athletics Sports:

Athletics Sports:
- 6 yrs: Grace Potter, Maxi Graham
- 7 yrs: Bonnie Jackson, Hamish Darroch
- 8 yrs: Maddi Calvert, Lachie Phillips
- 9 yrs: India Ross, Thomas Calvert
- 10 yrs: Natalie Featherston, Ben Potter
- 11 yrs: Miranda McIntyre, Vincent Hut
- 12/13 yrs: Jessica Field, Liam Fenwick

Listed below are the new records that were set at the House Athletics Sports:

Grace Potter, Sturgeon – 6 years Girls: High Jump 92cm
Long Distance 43.22s
Maddi Calvert, Wannon – 8 yrs Girls: High Jump 101cm
Thomas Calvert, Wannon – 9 years Boys: Shot Put 7.85m
Ben Potter, Sturgeon – 10 years Boys: Shot Put 9.40m

Congratulations to all these competitors for achieving these new records!

FINAL RESULTS:

1st WANNON 630 points
2nd STURGEON 618 points

GROUND MAINTENANCE AND MOWING ROSTER
Mr Ben Kelly has kindly taken on the role of co-ordinator for the Grounds Maintenance and Mowing Roster – thanks Ben! If you are able to assist on this roster, could you please contact Ben on 0419 355 533.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS AND DATES
GRADE 6 GRADUATION on Friday 4 December
All our Grade 6 students are busy practising for their concert after the dinner on Friday 4 December. Costumes have been sorted. Please encourage your son/daughter to learn their play lines so that our team effort will achieve the best performance; some students need some extra input at the moment. There will be a dress rehearsal with the school as an audience next Thursday 3 December at 10.00am. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact me on 5577 2277 and leave a message.

Many thanks for your support.
Heather Macgugan

COMMUNITY CAROLS on Sunday 20 December
All our students (Prep – Year 6) are invited to participate in the annual Community Carols at Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church, Martin Street, Dunkeld on Sunday night 20 December, commencing at 7.30pm sharp. The Prep/Year 1 students will be involved in singing with the older students and the Grades 2-6 will play some instrumental items on the night. The students are encouraged to wear something ‘Christmassy’ i.e. no school uniform, new casual clothes. We will have a collection on the night, proceeds will go towards the Christmas Bowl Appeal, helping needy families in the world. If your children are able to participate on the night, could you please complete and return the slip by Friday 27 November.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT on Monday 14 December
The school concert will be held on Monday 14 December commencing at 7.00pm at the Community Centre. All our students have been very busy practising. Please encourage your child/children to practise their instruments and learn their play lines. A list of costume requirements for individual grades will be sent home next week in the students’ diaries.

SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL
This is a wonderfully exciting time of year, especially if you’re young, or young at heart! Our Christmas Stall is always a good fun stall, as it is not directed to anyone in particular (as the Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls are), and so the children can buy presents for whoever they want (sometimes even themselves!).

These Social Service stalls are held through the year as a way of raising money to send to charities and worthy causes decided upon by the senior students. We want the children to understand the importance of helping those less fortunate than themselves, and also feel the joy of giving a present to someone special. As part of their role as seniors, the Grade 6 students will be taking an active part in the preparation and running of the stall, (but please, we will still need your adult help to collect, sort and price the presents, and oversee the trading).

To keep it affordable for the children, the donated presents sell for prices between 50 cents and $3.00, so please bear that in mind when selecting presents to donate. A raffle is also held (50 cents per ticket), and is great fun for the students to be a part of. Raffle items are chosen by the adult helpers, from the presents donated. If you can help us help them on the morning of Friday 11 December (from approximately 9.00am) – we would really appreciate it!

P & F NEWS
CHRISTMAS DINNER: With the end of year fast approaching, it gives us a great opportunity to meet on a social basis and reflect the fantastic work that the Parents and Friends Association have done this year. You are invited to come along to our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 8 December at Café 109 at 6:30pm. Please bring along a Kris Kringle gift up to the value of $10. Please RSVP by Friday 4 December to Ally Gordon or Karen Kent. Love to see you there!!

Ally Gordon, Secretary, P & F Association

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)
From the Kitchen...

What did you learn today that you did not know before? We discussed learning new ‘things’ in the kitchen. Students were asked to think of other words and they managed: technique, strategy, ideas and skills. Before we shared our lunch together the students shared their new findings. I learnt how to make dumplings. I learnt not to touch the tray when it comes out of the oven. I learnt that we had to do lots of chopping first to make this dish. I learnt that I do not want to be a butcher after cutting the raw chicken. I learnt a new type of mushroom – ‘shiitake’. I learnt that you need to butter a lot of bread for 4 dishes of bread and butter pudding.

Our Year 3 and 4 children prepared and shared the following menu, and we served our Vanilla and Fig Ice-Cream made last time to accompany our dessert … delicious!

Yoghurt Paprika and Lemon Marinated Chicken Skewers, using Mr Fraser’s Lemons. Chihuahua Rice, steaming our rice in the rice cookers. Pork, Shiitake and Water Chestnut Dumplings, using our bamboo steamers and our dried chillies in the dipping sauce. Bread and Butter Pudding and Vanilla and Fig Ice-Cream. Our lunch was most enjoyable.
We brought one into our lesson, and discussed what was causing this, and what was happening to the rabbit. We presume that the rabbits are dying from either myxomatosis or calicivirus, two diseases introduced to Australia to help control rabbit populations. We looked at what was happening to the carcass; and we saw many insects crawling through it, feeding and laying eggs. This dead rabbit had become a major food source to many different species. On average, it takes about 8 days for a rabbit carcass to “disappear”, through scavenging of insects and larger species (birds, foxes etc), and decomposition, so by the 8th day very little remains. What the scavengers haven’t eaten has been taken into the soil by weather (sun, rain and wind) and microbial activity, where it will feed the very small species, and plants. It’s a wonderful world.

SAGK Friends – Thank You Lunch: Last Thursday the Grade 5/6 students helped us prepare a delicious canapé lunch to share with the volunteer “Friends” who help us in the kitchen and garden. It was a small way of us being able to say “thank you” for their help, support, advice, patience, advice and good humour on Thursdays, and throughout the year. It was to be held under shady umbrellas in the garden, but the wind and sun became too strong, so we enjoyed a wonderful feast underneath the cricket shelter.

And while we were sitting, the Friends were asked to contribute their thoughts and ideas on the running of the program – what worked well, what areas needed some work, and for any ideas they had to add to improve on the program - because we value their experiences and opinions, and we know this program would not be so successful without them. The ideas have been collated now, and many will become the backbone of the program next year. We want to make this program as informative, enjoyable and rewarding for our volunteer Friends, as it is for the students they help. Again, thank you to the many Friends and students that helped us with this lunch, and to our Friends for coming, and for providing us with valuable feedback.

Ann Howard, Clare Kennedy, Lisa McIntyre

SAGK Friends – “Thank You” Canapé Lunch Menu:
Broadbean Dip and Cucumber Rounds
Egg and Lettuce Cups
Frittata of Harvested Potatoes and Thyme
Lamb Meatballs with Tzatziki
Asianslaw with Poached Chicken
Arancini
Cherry Tomato, Bocconcini and Basil
Scones with Jam and Cream

Created by Year 5 and 6 Students (with a little bit of help from our Friends)

DUNKELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE POSTER COMPETITION
The Dunkeld Consolidated School students once again participated in the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade’s annual poster competition. This year the Prep to Year 2 theme was “Dialeting 000” and the Year 3 to 6 theme was “Know Your Fire Plan”.

Prizes, in the form of book vouchers, were presented to the winners in each grade by Brigade Captain Michael Gordon, during last week’s assembly. The winners were as follows:

Prep: Edie Jackson, winner and Louis Lazzari, Honourable Mention
Year 1: Hayden Phillips, winner and Lucy Fraser, Honourable Mention
Year 2: Pippa Williamson, winner and Alexander Prentice, honourable mention
Year 3: Anna Rennie, winner and Thomas Calvert, Honourable Mention
Year 4: Ben Potter, winner and Natalie Featherston, Honourable Mention
Year 5: Anna Schurmann, winner and Lucy Calvert, Honourable Mention
Year 6: Vincent Huf, winner and Miranda McIntyre, Honourable Mention

As our school is listed on the DET’s Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR), we sincerely appreciate the valuable support from the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade and the educational awareness that this activity promotes.
Following consultation with the Progress Association and other community members, VicRoads is going to install two pedestrian islands in Parker Street - one will be at the corner of Parker Street at the Royal Mail Hotel and Cafe 109 and the other pedestrian island will be installed at the corner of Parker Street, near Sterling Street. Work is scheduled to commence and be completed in the week from 16 to 20 November 2015.

The image below shows the location of these pedestrian islands.

In addition, the speed limit will be reduced to 50 km/h at the corner near the Royal Mail Hotel. The Progress Association is very pleased to see the reduction in the speed limit as this was an issue which was raised some years ago, unsuccessfully.

Mary-Ann Brown, President
Dunkeld Progress Association

DONATIONS
Roger and Mary Burger $50
Liz Myers $50

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.”
DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN

Santa will visit the streets of Dunkeld on Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December commencing at 7:00pm.

*Out of town children are welcome to wait at the Post Office end of the Memorial Park.*

*Grandparents are welcome to ring Heather and she will make sure that Santa knows that grandchildren are visiting.*

Many thanks to the Dunkeld & District Lions Club; Melissa and Adrian Field from the Dunkeld General Store; Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade; Victoria State Emergency Service – Dunkeld Unit; Kerri and Alan Jones, who all make this community event possible.

Enquires – Heather Hampton 5577 2240

Tracey Kruger has released her new children's book and 2016 calendar, you can find these at the Dunkeld General store and other district locations.

Contact Tracey:
website: www.shearinginvictoriaswesterndistrict.com
Phone: 0427735208

'Vernis in Victoria's Western District' is also still available - $60

Give a uniquely local gift this Christmas.

My Landscape

2016 calendar
Dunkeld Races 2015

The 2015 Dunkeld Races featuring the Royal Mail Hotel William Thomson Cup this year attracted 9200 punters to see Diamond Duke take out the feature race, in an outstanding run from the back of the field.

The biggest meet that the Dunkeld Racing Club has seen in the past five years, saw a well behaved crowd revel in the perfect weather, and the day go off without incident.

"Using our package sales as a guide we had an idea that the crowd would be up and were able to put measures in place to ensure that everything ran smoothly on the day," said Club President Edward Blackwell.

The Fashions on the Field was hotly contested, with an unprecedented quality and number of entries making the decision very hard for the judging panel.

With industry insiders commenting that the quality of entrants matched those seen at Flemington during Melbourne Cup week, it was great to see Portland’s Peta Bell take out the ‘Lady of the Day’ and Jamieson Hunter, also of Portland, take out ‘Gent of the Day’. Both were hotly contested by runners-up Elizabeth Hogan and Chris Burt-Allen respectively, both from Melbourne.

The event is the culmination of a lot of hard work by DRC volunteers, who work tirelessly year long to stage this unprecedented country racing event, at a one meet a year club.

‘Every year we work tirelessly behind the scenes to stay ahead of the eight ball when it comes to racing industry standards and meeting crowd expectations, a lot goes into ensuring that there are no hiccups on the day when it comes to adherence and ticking all of the boxes,” said Mr Blackwell.

Whilst the Dunkeld Races attract sponsorship from afar, and bring a huge amount of outside revenue for the town, it is the local traders and community groups who are at the core of support for the club.

‘The event is a perfect example of what hard work and the support of a strong community can achieve year on year,” said Mr Blackwell.

The Dunkeld Racing Club would like to acknowledge and thank the following Dunkeld and district businesses, clubs and families, for their help and support in bringing the event together: the Royal Mail Hotel, the Myers Family, the Blackwell and Ross Families, the Dunkeld and District Community Bank, the Southern Grampians Cottages, the Grampians Retreat, A & K Jones Building and Earthmoving, Bucks Building, Café 109, Cochran Ag Transport, Grampians Cricket Club, Dunkeld Tennis Club, Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club and Dunkeld Lions Club.

Check out #dunkeldraces for photos of the big day, including an online gallery at the Warrnambool Standard newspaper www.standard.net.au

Club stalwart and former President Henry Leech OAM, with current President Edward Blackwell

David, Richard & Murray Fry chatting to Craig Collins on the Members enclosure fence.
The Frys have a family reunion at the races each year and Craig and Dale’s dad was the Clerk of the course for many years.

Peter McDonald
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For further details ring Margie Dore on ph 5577 2322
FROM THE LIONS DEN

I could really wax lyrical about what has happened over the past few months in the area, with festivals, cricket carnivals, sculpture exhibitions, photographic displays and the list goes on. But it was all capped off with the successful (once again) Dunkeld Races. The Lions congratulate the Race Committee on another great day, and God chipped in with perfect weather. Thank you and congratulations.

International night
We will be holding another international night next year. It will be in February and will be on France. We had already picked out the country before the recent bombings in Paris but it will be a nice way to show support. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

At the Dunkeld races I was at one of the gates directing the parking. Also quite a few pedestrians came through the gate. My Dad told me once, ‘If you are talking it means that you are not listening’, well I wasn’t talking, when two young ladies walked by talking and I heard one say, “I’m glad my boyfriend isn’t perfect, I love to nag”.

(I think that girl should try and live by the old Hinchey saying ‘money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail’ and for the boyfriend, that other Hinchey saying -

Please support the French night in February.

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park  Gary has had a very busy weekend. The Park looked a treat and I am sure everyone enjoyed their stay. Well done Gary. The month of November has been great.

The new office is progressing well. We hope to have the building on site by the end of the year.

Sawmill  A barbecue has been installed at the Sawmill. It saves us shifting one to the mill when we need it. It is available for anyone to use. All you need to take is a gas cylinder and rubbish bag. It is a pleasant place to have a get together.

Strachan’s Hut needs to be completed. We are bricking the chimney on Sunday 22nd November. Some minor finishing touches need to be completed. We hope the hut will give many visitors shelter as the old hut did for many years.

Thank you to Roger Napier for donating a bed for the old hut at the sawmill. All we need is a small old stove and small table to complete the hut.

John Smith  President
GARDEN
NOTES –
NOVEMBER

As we look like having well below average rainfall this summer, some thoughts on watering. This can be one of the least understood aspects of gardening. Will your hose reach that new garden bed or will a larger hose on new pipes be required? Check and clean watering systems and sprinklers, repair or replace broken hoses or fittings, remove weeds and begin to apply mulch around plants. Mulch can be a wide range of materials, either organic or inorganic eg straw or hay, compost, sugar cane leaves or tops, forest litter, old sawdust (not too thick) or wood shavings, old bark chips or wood chips, spent mushroom compost, coarse sand or fine gravel, scoria or crushed bluestone or quartz and many others. Before applying mulch, remove weeds, lightly cultivate the soil, apply a small quantity of complete fertiliser (not around native plants) or Blood and Bone, this will help to compensate for any nitrogen loss as the mulch starts to decompose. You will find that mulching your plants will reduce water use quite significantly as well as keeping roots cool and helping to suppress weed growth.

As we have said before, the aim of watering is to encourage plant roots to grow down into the soil chasing water, therefore deep watering of established plants, say once a week is ideal. Younger and smaller plants may require more frequent watering as will potted plants. The best time to water is either early morning or evening as this is the time that plants can best use the water. Don’t forget that a hose laying in the sun can heat up the water in it, so be sure to “run off” any hot water before applying it to your garden during the heat of the day.

If using salty bore or creek water, make sure that you know its’ salt level before applying it to your plants. 500 parts per million is safe for most plants, some hardy ones can tolerate up to 1500ppm. A useful test is to try the water on beans, if they survive so will anything else. Also if the water is okay to drink, then it is okay for your garden. By not using fine sprinklers during windy weather, you will reduce water wastage.

Vegetable plantings can now proceed with very little danger of frost damage. The removal of spent blooms (dead heading) on your roses will increase the number of flowers produced.

Happy Gardening! Stephen Hughan

109 Parker Street, Dunkeld, VIC 3294
Ph (03) 5577 2288

Christmas Parties
Available at Café 109.
Book early to avoid disappointment, December dates filling quickly.

Take-away available & Fully Licenced

Bookings Welcome

Keep an eye out on Facebook for all our summer happenings.
OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2015

The Progress Association AGM will be held on Monday 23 November 2015 at 8.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre.

The Progress Association has a wide brief, dealing with the Shire on behalf of the community, in areas such as infrastructure [footpaths, roads, walking tracks] and community services. We also auspice the Three Peaks Festival, Discover Dunkeld and Lost in Sculpture. In conjunction with the Lions Club, we organise the Australia Day celebrations.

Think about making a difference in your community and come along to the Annual General Meeting. Our community needs your support.

Mary-Ann Brown, President

Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group

We are a Dunkeld & District Community Group working towards the support and resettlement of refugees and asylum seekers.

Food Drive

We ask for donations of non-perishable foods that we can pass on to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Melbourne, who will then distribute items to those who need them. Our Bendigo Bank has very kindly offered support by being the caretaker of the box of kindness. Grateful thanks to our Bendigo Bank.

Items can be left in the box provided inside the bank.

Suggested items may include:
- Healthy breakfast cereals
- Dried fruits, nuts and seeds
- Long life milk
- Healthy snack foods
- Tinned fish, tomatoes, corn, lentils, beans
- Small jars of honey
- Tea, Coffee
- Detergent

Thank you to the Dunkeld Racing Committee for granting permission for our representatives to rattle tins outside the Dunkeld Races. All donations given have been passed onto the Asylum Seeker Support Centre. We thank you for your support.

We extend a warm welcome to you who wish to offer encouragement and support and to receive further information. Please phone Clare Kennedy 0427 823 308 or email ckcatering@bigpond.com. We invite you to join and share on our Facebook page - Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group.

Planned Activity Group partners with the Community

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT DUNKELD 28 OCTOBER

WDHS Planned Activity Group (PAG) were successful in applying for funding from Southern Grampians Shire Council to hold a Community Seniors Event.

50 people attended a concert hosted by Planned Activity Group ‘Celebrating Communities’ concert in Dunkeld Community Centre.

A variety of musical entertainment, singing and participation was presented. Dunkeld Consolidated School children and Footprints in the Custard were highlights of the event. Intergenerational participation and impromptu acts added much laughter and frivolity.

The benefits of strength training and cost effective tools from the home were demonstrated and well received. During afternoon tea, provided by Dunkeld Delights, participants had the privilege of viewing Dunkeld’s ‘Lost in Sculpture’ exhibition.

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Items for two raffles were donated by PAGs members and Dunkeld Senior Citizens, and lucky tickets were drawn throughout the program.

A fabulous afternoon of music and entertainment was had by all.

I thank our generous community and all who supported PAG in supporting this wonderful event – Senior members of our small communities certainly gained through your willing hearts and hands.

BRENDA UEBERGANG, WDHS PAG Manager

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DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

Early Membership Renewal: 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. 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 application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353. If you join or renew your 2016 membership before 31 December 2015, you will automatically be eligible to win a trip for two people travelling Gold Service from Darwin to Adelaide on the Ghan and includes required accommodation and connecting flights at both ends.

Remembrance Day: This year 11 November marked the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–1918). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute’s silence at 11.00am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch’s Remembrance Day Service was held at the Cenotaph in the Memorial Park and was led by President, Mr Terry Noble. Please find listed below an excerpt from the Requiem:

Today groups of people will gather in the tomb of the unknown soldier at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, there they will have laid flowers of remembrance for a father, brother, son, or husband who has died. I know also today, many people will walk past the eternal flame and the Roll of Honour and will have run their fingers over the loved ones now etched in bronze forever in this wall, no words spoken, just silence and reflection of love and grief. As a nation we will not forget the depth we owe to these fellow Australians and we must never forget the responsibility we have to their families. Our nation will continue to ask our sons and daughters to risk everything for the sake of others and sadly our roll of honour will continue to grow, so today is the day our nation and its citizens will renew a pledge, a pledge that is seldom spoke but will never be forgotten or broken.

They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them. Lest We Forget.

Lily Graham, Miranda McIntyre, Jessica Field

The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to sincerely thank the Dunkeld Red Cross members for providing a delicious and sumptuous morning tea in the Henry Leech RSL Room following the service.

The RSL would also like to acknowledge and thank the following: Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch members who volunteered their time to sell poppies for this year’s Poppy Appeal; the general community for supporting the RSL by purchasing a poppy; Adrian and Melissa Field, Dunkeld General Store; the Phillips family, Dunkeld Delights and Malcolm Russell, Café 109 for allowing us to sell poppies through their businesses and Mrs Margie Diver from Only Ewe for her helpful support. All your assistance was greatly appreciated by our sub-branch!

Fallen Diggers Inc: Australia’s involvement in The Great War is well documented. The courage and endeavours that Australian troops showed is still regarded with the highest esteem in villages, towns and cities of Northern France and Belgium. Many Australians have been making the pilgrimage to the Somme and Flanders to retrace a past family member’s footsteps, and many more will continue to do so over these years of the centenary and beyond.

Fallen Diggers Inc is a registered not-for-profit charity which is tirelessly working to research all aspects of Australian troops’ involvement from The Great War through to modern conflicts.

Fallen Diggers works closely with Brigadier Chris Appleton of the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG), Brigadier Phil Winter of the ANZAC Centenary Commission, and the Unrecovered War Casualty Unit. Recently, Fallen Diggers, through the efforts of research historian Andrew Pittaway and myself, President Dennis Frank, have successfully named 10 graves of Australian soldiers from The Great War who’s headstones were inscribed ‘Known unto God’ for almost 100 years.

Once approval is given, through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), Fallen Diggers then attempts to locate family members of those soldiers and the family are deeply moved that their relative, whom they thought was missing in the fields, has a known burial place with their name to be engraved on their headstone. This is quite a fulfilling and moving experience for Fallen Diggers and unveiling ceremonies are held gravestside where family are invited to attend as guests of Fallen Diggers.

We currently have another 30 cases before the CWGC, and our goal is to find as many of the 18,278 Australian soldiers that are missing, or name as many graves that are currently ‘Known unto God’ on the Western Front as possible. Another research project that Fallen Diggers is undertaking is that of the 1916 - Battle of Pozieres. The fields surrounding this small...
village in the Somme area of northern France are where more Australians still lay almost 100 years after the battle, more than any other battlefield anywhere in the world.

After 18 months of tirelessly researching military maps, diaries, documents and Red Cross files, the team has identified important archaeological sites and would now like to send a small team to France to use non-invasive searching technologies to identify and confirm these sites.

These sites such as trenches, machine gun pits, forward operation points, mustering stations, etc are all relevant to the Australian personnel that fought and died there and need to be confirmed so Australians can identify with their relatives that they have read or heard about through the generations.

To do this work, Fallen Diggers rely on volunteer researchers and our partner Archaeologists work pro-bono, however field surveys do come with costs such as travel, accommodation, equipment and vehicle hire, meals etc which we require help with.

Donations make up much of our funding. For further information please visit their website: www.fallendiggers.com.au

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**Be Fit.**

Group Fitness class are on now and we're loving the extra daylight at both ends of the day. For information and timetables for 2016 classes, join the email list or follow us on Facebook. The We Run For Fun group continue to hit the pavement/trails every Thursday morning and have seen new members join this Term, PB's being achieved and new goals being set - we're excited and still loving our running! Stocking, selling and ordering Steigen socks - blister free guarantee - great for running, all sports, specialised pilates, work and school.

**Be Well.**

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**ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

An Ecumenical Christmas Carol service will be held at Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church, Dunkeld on Sunday 20 December at 7.30pm. All welcome.
Dunkeld locals have a long tradition of using their creativity (with lashing of humour and wit) to show just what Santa Claus is getting up to in their front yard. We can’t wait to see what’s in store for Santa Claus this year, and encourage everyone to get involved.

Also this year, there’s a second option which may appeal. We’re encouraging Christmas tragic to show us the full Monty: lights, reindeer, nativity scenes, Christmas trees. Give us the whole shebang! We’re hoping to see some sights that rival Times Square New York or at the very least the Myer shop windows. Our Christmas Cheer prize will go to best decorated house and garden.

Enter either category or both! Entries can be lodged with the Dunkeld General Store and we encourage everyone to share their festive creations on social media via Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #discoverdunkeld #letsgetjolly

Good luck! Competition opens on 1 December and entries must have been lodged by no later than Friday 18 December to be in the running for a prize.

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

Annual Christmas Dinner and Guest Speaker on Monday 7 December: The Dunkeld Museum’s Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday 7 December at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. The cost of the two-course meal will be $25.00 per person. Please bring your own drinks. The school’s Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program will be catering for our meal, which will be a fundraiser for this worthwhile program.

For catering purposes, could you please RSVP by Monday 30 November to Wendy on 5577 2386 or Terrie on 5573 3353 if you wish to attend our Christmas dinner.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs Janet Witham, a founding member of the Halls Gap & Grampians Historical Society. Over the past 35 or so years, Janet has revelled in researching, and learning from others, about the Grampians history. She is constantly reminded that there is so much more to learn about the rich and diverse history of the Grampians.

Janet will be speaking on Daniel Sullivan (1836-1895). In 1867 Sullivan became headmaster of the Moyston School. In his spare time, he began exploring the Grampians closest to his home and became fascinated with the variety of ferns and mosses. Sullivan then wrote to Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, Director of the National Herbarium in Melbourne, for assistance on names and how to identify these plants. Von Mueller encouraged Sullivan to expand his interest in all plants, offering to assist him in collecting and identifying them. So began a close botanical relationship between the two men. Sullivan collected more than 700 Grampians plant specimens, many of which are still held in the National Herbarium.

Guest Speaker Meetings: Our first Guest Speaker Meeting for 2016 will be held on Monday 1 February.

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 18 January 2016 commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Dunkeld Consolidated School: Former teacher, Mrs Lynn Haines (nee Easton), recently visited Dunkeld and the school. Lynn taught at the school during the 1980’s and is now at Nagambie. Lynn would love to hear from any ex-students or staff that may have been at the school while she was a teacher there. Her contact details are as follows - email: ghaines@activ8.net.au or phone: (03) 5794 7230.

Dunkeld & District Community Bank: The Dunkeld Museum Committee would like to sincerely thank the Dunkeld & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank for funding the purchase of a new inkjet printer. The bank’s generous support of community groups is greatly appreciated.

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

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:
Sunday  29 Nov  Wally & Carol Allen
Sunday  6 Dec  Bek Kay (10am – 1pm), Geoff Hinchliffe & Enn O’Neil (1pm – 5pm)

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

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In July, the Andrews Labor Government changed the eligibility requirements for free travel, removing the requirement that a recipient had served overseas at war or in peacekeeping operations. Some 30 eligible veterans have applied, and are now taking advantage of the changes.

Previously, veterans classified as Totally Permanently Incapacitated or Extreme Disablement Adjustment were only eligible for a Public Transport Victoria Free Travel Pass if their injuries were sustained in service overseas. The change means veterans injured in training operations and other incidents will now get the support they deserve.

Some 3488 eligible veterans hold a Free Travel Pass, which can be used on metropolitan train, tram and bus services, V/Line train and coach services throughout regional Victoria, and other public transports services operated under contract with Public Transport Victoria.

Veterans protected us, and it’s our job to protect them. The Andrews Labor Government is committed to giving Victoria’s veterans and their families the help they need to live safe, happy lives.

The Labor Government recently unveiled the Veterans Accommodation Project, which gives Victoria’s veterans facing hardship a chance to find their feet again with emergency accommodation.

The Labor Government’s 2015-16 Victorian Budget provides $400,000 to support the wellbeing of veterans and their families, working with the RSL to safeguard the welfare of the men and women who served our country. In addition, the Budget provides $1 million to host a Vietnam Veterans’ Parade commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

The Victorian Veterans Council is also conducting a community review of the veterans sector, to better understand the problems faced by veterans and their families, and how Victoria can better attend to their needs.

Applicants who are approved for a Free Travel Pass will receive a Myki Card with their photo. Application forms can be found at www.ptv.vic.gov.au

FREE TRAVEL GIVING VETERANS THE SUPPORT THEY DESERVE
An estimated 500 Victorian veterans who were seriously injured on Australian soil during their service are now eligible for free public transport travel passes.
GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB

A huge thank you to all cricket club members for the successful operation of the Tauto Bar at the races. This is the major fundraiser for the club along with the Races clean up and the support of the Dunkeld Racing Club is very much appreciated. Jack Calvert and his merry team were flat chat all day and it was tremendous to see so many new members involved and a great mix of men and women. The clean-up with the Tennis Club the next day was a whirlwind of adults and kids picking up the rubbish and a great team effort.

All our teams are progressing nicely with the junior set up one of the best in any country league around the state and a credit to the great group of volunteers involved.

A Grade: Picked to finish last this team of youngsters with a sprinkling of experience has continued to astonish knocking off the highly fancied Byaduk on the weekend chasing down 185. Ryan Burgess 1/26 and Lachie Field 2/43 are bowling well beyond their years at this level and with the top order batting of Thomas Millard 25, Stephen Field 58, Heinrich Joyce 47 and Joe Sutherland 29 the Pumas leapt to top place with 201.

B Grade: Chasing only 107 from College CC with Lachie McIntyre 2/15 the most experienced team in the club faltered before the wise stroke play of Jack Calvert, Mark Lazzari, Lester Wedding and Andrew Povey grabbed the reins and collected the points with 116.

C Grade: No game.

U16’s: The game is poised beautifully with the Pumas making 193 on the small Dunkeld School Oval. Daniel Kerber smashed 50, Lachie Field a tidy 38 and Scott Nipress 26 against the strong Hamilton bowling line up.

U14’s: Andrew Huf and his young charges continue to improve and reached their highest score of 165 with Vincent Huff 50 and Magnus Howells 40 the chief run scorers against Hamilton.

U12’s: Strong performances from all players in this age group, with Will Mooney taking 3 wickets as the team plastered the Coleraine bowlers to all parts and then bowled them out cheaply.

Darren Gordon and Adam Kent are continuing to build the skills of this group along with the Grade 3 students preparing for their chance next season.

Church Picnic at Stony Crossing, Dunkeld
Sunday 29 November 2015
10.30am. Service with Fr Mathew Crane, followed by lunch and games.

This is the fifth Sunday of the month so the whole Hamilton Parish is invited, as well as the Uniting Church Dunkeld congregation, the Pony Club and anyone from the Dunkeld community who would like to come.

Bring a chair or rug, a lunch to share and thermos or cold drinks.

How to get there:
- Drive east out of Dunkeld on the Glenelg Highway towards Glenthompson.
- Take the first road to the left (Mahoney’s Lane) and drive to the end.
- Turn left and follow the Wannon River Road to the dried up river bed.
- Cross the bridge and there you are.

Any queries contact Judy Trompf 5577 2414 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277.

SAKG
... from the Kitchen

What did you learn today that you did not know before? We discussed learning new ‘things’ in the kitchen. Students were asked to think of other words and they managed: technique, strategy, ideas and skills. Before we shared our lunch together the students shared their new findings.

I learnt how to make dumplings. I learnt not to touch the tray when it comes out of the oven. I learnt that we had to do lots of chopping first to make this dish. I learnt that I do not want to be a butcher after cutting the raw chicken. I learnt a new type of mushroom ‘shitake’. I learnt that you need to butter a lot of bread for 4 dishes of bread and butter pudding.

Our Year 3 and 4 children prepared and shared the following menu, and we served our Vanilla and Fig Ice-Cream made last time to accompany our dessert … delicious!

Yoghurt Paprika and Lemon Marinated Chicken Skewers, using Mr Fraser’s Lemons. Chihuahua Rice, steaming our rice in the rice cookers. Pork, Shiitake and Water Chestnut Dumplings, using our bamboo steamers and our dried chillies in the dipping sauce. Bread and Butter Pudding and Vanilla and Fig Ice-Cream. Our lunch was most enjoyable.

Can you help with our final fundraising effort for the year?

The SAKG will be catering for the Dunkeld Museum Annual Dinner on Monday evening 7 December at the School. If you are able to provide assistance in food preparation, set up, service or cleaning up, please let me know. You can phone me on 0427 823 308 or leave a message for me at school on 5577 2384, if you are available. Thank you.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2015 – 11.15am to 2.00pm
YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY
Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing lunch for all staff. Kitchen Friends are not required on this day.

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015 – 11.15am to 2.00pm
LAST KITCHEN CLASS FOR 2015

PREP STUDENTS
Jo Aarons
Geraldine Featherston
A family member from ALL Prep families most welcome.

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2015
9.00am to 12.00pm SAKG Kitchen Clean-up Day – all Kitchen Friends very welcome.

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2015 – GARDEN
11.30am – 12.00pm
Grade 2
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Heather Cash, Jane Calvert, Anna Topia, Bev Hampton

12.00pm – 12.30pm
Grade 1
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Heather Cash, Jane Calvert, Anna Topia, Bev Hampton

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Grade 3/4
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Heather Cash, Jane Calvert, Anna Topia, Bev Hampton

2.20pm – 3.20pm
Grade 5/6
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Heather Cash, Jane Calvert, Anna Topia, Bev Hampton

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015 – GARDEN
LAST GARDEN CLASS FOR 2015
11.30am – 12.00pm
Grade 2
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Sarah Crawford, Annette Huf, Debra Fenwick, Priscilla Jury, Paul Callander, Carol Burger

12.00pm – 12.30pm
Grade 1
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Sarah Crawford, Annette Huf, Debra Fenwick, Priscilla Jury, Paul Callander

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Grade 5/6
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Sarah Crawford, Annette Huf, Debra Fenwick, Priscilla Jury, Paul Callander

2.20pm – 3.20pm
Grade 3/4
Trish Symes, Iven Field, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER – GARDEN
General clean-up and tidy-up from 10.00am – please come along if you are able to assist.

Mobile Library
Currently visiting Dunkeld every Thursday fortnight
11.30am - 1.30pm
in the carpark behind the Community Centre.
Scheduled dates for Dunkeld are
December 3rd and 17th.

Scheduled dates for Mirranatwa are
November 26th and December 10th.
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The Mobile will not operate on Extreme and Code Red Fire Declared days.

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DUNKELD RACES 2015

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

The Dunkeld Racing Club’s Ladies Committee are responsible for the organisation and running of the very popular race day event – Fashions on the Field.

The major sponsor of this year’s event was Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, with RB Sellar also sponsoring Lady & Gent of the Day and Mint Ink sponsoring Young Racegoer, Lady & Gent.

One of the heats in “Lady of the Day”

The committee was very happy with the number of entries this year: 25 in the Men’s section; about 30 in the teens section and 90 entries in to the Women’s section, requiring 7 heats and 2 semi-finals.

“Lady of the Day” was won by Peta Bell of Portland (middle) with Elizabeth Hogan (right) of Melbourne, runner-up and Souri Sengdara, (left) also from Melbourne, 3rd.

In the men’s event Jamieson Hunter from Portland was the winner with runner-up Chris Burt-Allan from Melbourne and third place was taken out by Lucas Hussey of Warrnambool.

Local girl, Georgia Gilbert was a finalist in the teen section, pictured here with Anne Gilbert.

Photos supplied by Kerren Collins

DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

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

5th Week Sunday November 29 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion
1st Week Sunday December 6 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion
2nd Week Sunday December 13 Mass followed by CWL Christmas luncheon
3rd Week Sunday December 20 8.30am Mass
Thursday December 24 6.00pm Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service
4th Week Sunday December 27 8.30am Mass

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

November 29 Service and Picnic to follow at the Stoney Crossing (details this newsletter)
December 6 Father Mathew Crane 9.00am Holy Communion

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

Panyabyyr Uniting Church
To be advised.
Café and Tea Garden
We look forward to welcoming you at Dunkeld Delights.
Serving light lunches, coffee and cake daily.
Come in and enjoy our hospitality with beautiful homemade produce.

Christmas is fast approaching so you know what that means?

Dunkeld Delights’ fruit cakes, gingerbreads, chocolate logs and biscuits packs will be available.

Please order your Christmas cakes, cheesecakes, Christmas hampers and more from Shantelle on 0400 744 612.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW

The State Government is undertaking the first complete review of the Local Government Act since it was introduced in 1989. The intention of this review is to create an entirely new Act. It is an opportunity to update the legislation in relation to councils in Victoria, clearly define the powers and roles of councils; and strengthen transparency and accountability of councils to their communities.

Southern Grampians Shire Council will be taking this opportunity to provide feedback on the Act and needs your help!

Council wants your feedback in relation to what communities expect of their councils and what the community believes the appropriate role of councils is. Council will be releasing questions for discussion over the coming weeks on both its Facebook page and Our Say. Topics for discussion will include mayoral elections, voting in elections, community engagement, the role of councils and services provided by councils.

Mayor Cr Peter Dark encourages all residents to get involved in the review. “We often hear a lot of great ideas from people about how we as a council can be doing things better. I invite everyone to take this opportunity to have their say on how things can be improved – not just specifically for the Southern Grampians Shire, but for local government as a whole. What is the role of a council and how can council’s better support their communities? These are the burning questions that need to be reviewed and we’d like to hear what you think” Mayor Dark said.

For more information on the review please go to Council’s website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or to get involved visit www.oursay.org/sthgrampians.
STAGE ONE OF HAMILTON LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT OPEN

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Peter Dark has today officially opened Stage One of the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Redevelopment.

The $2.6 million upgrade includes new sheep pens with concrete floor, extensive roofing, new concreted auctioneer walkways and improved loading and unloading facilities which meet the latest industry standards.

The second stage of the project will see the completion of the overhead roofing across sheep sale yards, more new sheep pens, as well as asphalt of the car park and upgrading of the canteen facilities.

The redevelopment is one of Council’s priority projects and it promises huge economic and social benefits for the Greater Hamilton region. It will also derive operational, structural, environmental and animal welfare benefits and improve OH&S and regional competition. In particular, it will result in a more attractive venue for selling of livestock, harvesting of water reducing reliance on town and bore water and enhanced buildings. It is hoped that sheep throughput numbers will increase as a result.

The Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange is one of Australia’s busiest with approximately one million sheep and 50,000 cattle being sold annually.

Mayor Peter Dark said this has been a project he has been advocating strongly for since joining Council. “Agriculture is the backbone of this Shire. This is a project I’ve been very passionate about because I know how important it is to the future of this region. As a Council, we will continue working hard towards the completion of this project as it promises huge economic and social benefits for the entire Greater Hamilton region”.

Council is currently awaiting the outcome of a funding application for $2 million to the Federal Government National Stronger Regions Fund which will support the redevelopment project being completed in its entirety. This funding will be matched dollar for dollar by Council with the total project cost approximately $6.6 million.
BUYING YOUR NEXT HOME, LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP
So you have been in your current house for a while now and it is no longer the right fit that it once was. Whatever the reason may be, the outcome is still the same. Time to shift!! Now that Spring is here houses go on the market and you become spoilt for choice. Here are a few things to consider when looking to move from one home to another.

~ Find a happy balance of Need vs. Want: you may need 4 bedrooms because of the increasing brood of children but do you have to have the 5 bedroom home because it comes with a hot tub? .....Maybe not.
~ Ask yourself the hard question: Am I going to be financially worse off? You would think that if your home has capital improved in value by $20K since you bought it that you would be better off, but after government fees and charges, solicitors, real estate agents and yes, banks, you may have nothing to show for it. Do your research early so that you know what you are walking into before you’ve signed on the dotted line.
~ Take advantage of your equity. This works for those that have made a dent in their loans. If you can pay off more on your first loan sooner rather than later you may find that not only do you have more to show for your efforts but you may even be able to use your current home as the stepping stone to get into the new place faster.

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3 simple steps are all it takes to make your banking count. Your community matters and here is how you can help:
1. Make an appointment with the staff to talk about your banking needs. If coming to see us is not feasible we can chat about finding an option that is more suitable. We want your business and will do what we can to make the switch as easy for you as possible.
2. Open up some accounts. We won’t offer you things you don’t need. We will however look at your current needs and future goals and discuss with you a plan to put in place to get your funds working for you. We are a full service bank that has the whole kit and caboodle when it comes to products and services so tell us what you want and we will build on that.
3. Community and personal benefits. Tell us about the things that matter to you. The groups and clubs, the charities and big ideas to make our community greater. Being involved means that there are discounts you are privileged to if you want to access them. Plus, by telling us what matters to you we can see if there is a way that we can help.

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