

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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OFF AND RACING IN PREPARATION FOR THE DUNKELD RACES 2017

Dunkeld Races featuring the William Thomson Cup, Saturday 18 November.

Activity at the racecourse has amped up a notch or two in the last month as the Dunkeld Racing Club prepares for the 2017 cup day event. Perfect grass growing conditions have seen mowers and trimmers pushed to their limits as the committee works hard to prepare the course for this year's race meeting.



Throughout the year, the volunteer committee put in many hours managing the seasonal program to have the course ready for race day. This year the Club has put major efforts into the track, with a substantial over sowing program completed over the Autumn.

Aerating the track.

Racing Victoria has recently completed the installation of a new plastic 'safety' running rail, which brings the track up to current standards for rider and horse safety. Other works completed this year include the installation of two new ticket selling outlets, more improvements to the power grid and some ongoing work to the horse swabbing stall.



Early morning irrigation also showing new rail.

The Dunkeld Racing Club relies on community support and sponsorship to run the race day and we thank the local community and businesses for their generosity over the last year, which helps to make it such a successful day in the Victorian Country Racing Calendar.

This community spirit is appreciated by the Dunkeld Race Club Committee, which takes pride in being able to include local community groups where possible to help with running of the day.

The Club is particularly grateful this year for the work that the Dunkeld Museum has put into collating the history of the Club and looks forward to being able to showcase a portion of this on race day.

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 prior to 12 midday 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.

Edward Blackwell, President, Dunkeld Racing Club



Set at the foot of picturesque Mount Abrupt, the Dunkeld Cup is a day that brings family, friends and communities together.

This unique race day is one of the most popular in Country Victoria, and appropriately was awarded the best racing event of the year in 2008, 2009 and in 2016. Dunkeld Cup Day is built on a tradition of grass roots racing as well as hosting entertainment to suit all ages.

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DONATIONS

Bernie Shanahan	\$33
Anonymous	\$20
Jenny Bade	\$10

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

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

3 rd Week	Sunday	November 19	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	November 26	10.30am	Mass at Saint Mary's Church, Hamilton (no Assembly of Word and Communion in Dunkeld)

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 19	Anglican	
November 26	Uniting	Robyn McConachie

Everyone is very welcome.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Sunday November 26 Lunch at 1.00pm

Mrs Robyn McConachie will be leading our Service after our lunch.

We supply soup and savouries and you bring cake.

We hope you will be able to join us for lunch and the Service.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

We will hold a pre-Christmas service on Sunday afternoon 10 December at 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome and afternoon tea will follow.

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
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DUNKELD ART GROUP

The Dunkeld Art Group is primarily a group of like minded people who have a love of physical expression in the form of artwork. Established just over a year ago, the group utilizes the wonderful art-space that is Off The Rails.

As a way to share our passion with the community, as well as add to the offerings available to locals and visitors on the Dunkeld races weekend, it was decided to hold our very first Art Market.

Please meet the members of our group that will be exhibiting and selling on the day:

Linda Clark is a contemporary gold and silversmith using responsibly sourced precious and semi-precious gemstones in her jewellery. Linda draws inspiration from the natural environment in her designs using traditional techniques to create one-of-a-kind pieces. A broad range of her work will be available at the art market.



Greg Gardener is a Photo Restorer and Freelance Photographer with a passion for photography and has been an apprentice in this craft for many years.

This apprenticeship has been a labour of love for him starting out with a brownie star flash when he was about 12 and progressed from there.

"Restoration is something I started when my Mum sent me some very old family photographs and I just decided to have ago and tried to fix them up, that was back in 1995 when I was getting into family genealogy and computers, and the rest is history."



Eleni Rivers is a professional artist, teacher and community arts worker with a MA in Arts and Consciousness from JFK University, Berkeley CA. Central to all her work is the

relationship between creativity, the environment, community and personal journey.

Reisha Johnston has worked in a variety of mediums: textiles; digital art; coloured pencil; printmaking and acrylics and describes herself as a colourist at heart. Her inspiration is derived from gardens, nature, small dogs, music, people and birds.



Keryn Gordon is an avid lover of textile art and photography. Through her use of colour, pattern, design and composition, Keryn has extended her focus to watercolour where her natural landscape and love of birds have featured.



recycled materials whenever possible.

Dale Johnston's work is mainly decorative and functional furniture and sculpture including tables, mirrors, rusty flowers and garden ornaments such as bird baths etc. Dale likes to work with a mixture of metal, glass and wood and uses

Vicki Kearney has experimented in many mediums, including acrylic and colour pencil. Her latest watercolour works have been inspired by a recent visit to Prague where she was able to explore colour, shape and composition in more detail.



Pauline Yule will be showcasing her unique handcrafted origami and beaded jewellery and life-sized bird sculptures inspired by the natural environment.

David Baker, a recent arrival in Dunkeld and owner/artist of gallery, Planet Zoo, will be offering acrylic and watercolour paintings inspired by his ongoing fascination with the local mountains.



Dunkeld Art Group
ART MARKET
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th
November
9.30am – 4.00pm
at
Off The Rails
(Old Railway Station)
Cnr. Skene & Stirling Streets, Dunkeld

For further information or enquiries contact
Vicki On 0421 232518



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*We will be CLOSED Saturday
18 November re-opening on
Sunday 19 November at 9am*

ALSO

*We will be CLOSED Saturday 2
December & Sunday 3
December (for family wedding)
re-opening on Monday 4
December at 9am*

OTHERWISE

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

DUNKELD RACES RESEARCH



We have been working with and for the Dunkeld Racing Club sorting and compiling archival material on Dunkeld Races meetings. There is a lot of material, but some gaps we'd really like to fill.

We would really appreciate help from the community in unearthing photos of the following horses, which were cup winners in the years listed - a photo of the horse or of it at the finish line is wanted. We would copy the photo for the archives and return it to you. If you can help, please email the museum: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com or phone Heather Funk: 5577 2407.

1936 – Third Star; 1937 – Star of the Mist; 1938 – Amharic; 1939 – Myton; 1940 – Myton; 1941 – La Chelone; 1949 – Koombalah; 1950 – dead heat: Karroong & Somers; 1951 Burhan Chief; 1952 – Better Law; 1953 – Brown Ben; 1954 – Brutal; 1955 – Miss Quaker; 1956 – Royal Sirius; 1957 – Black Knight; 1958 – Tarawera; 1959 – Saintly Fire; 1960 – Camber; 1963 – Padlock; 1964 – Great Darragh; 1965 – Atout Star; 1966 – Ivan's Hope; 1967 – Tarcombe; 1968 – Gala Tan; 1969 – Big Valley; 1970 – Bevisann; 1972 – Gay Desmond; 1973 – Roman Challenge; 1976 – Macluen; 1997 – Clear Springs & Grey Demon; 1999 – Another Chance; 2007 – Bottle; 2008 – Key Symbol; 2009 – Hurricane Charley; 2016 – Sorcerer.

GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 7.30pm

This is a planning meeting. Museum members and non-members are invited to attend and contribute to short and long-term planning ideas and strategies to help the Dunkeld Museum flourish as a vital resource in our community.

The Museum is open on Sundays and Thursdays, 1-5pm. Admission is \$7.50. No admission is charged to current members.

Contact the Museum: email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com

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Museum Duty

Nov 19th: Bill Funk, Rex Beveridge
Nov 26th: Kay Leyshon, Helena Flinn, Trevor Flinn
Dec 3rd: Joyce Gordon, Beryl Gordon
Dec 10th: Kerren Collins, Lyn Collins

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE INC

Sometimes I wonder how many of the Dunkeld Community understand who our committee are, and what we do.

The committee manages the Dunkeld Caravan Park, the Salt Creek walk, Memorial Park and are also responsible to oversee the Arboretum.

Our resources are stretched to the limit most times, both in manpower and in finance.

Running a caravan park entails being responsible 24/7 for our patrons. We are lucky to have an excellent caretaker, Gary Wall who takes over the day to day management.

We are appointed as a statutory committee for three years and are responsible to the regulations that DWELPI change from time to time.

Many of us have been on the committee for its entire fifteen year life. John Smith has been President, while I have been Secretary/Treasurer, for the same period.

Some of our members (nine in total) have also served for the committee's life. Joy Darroch, Herman Jansen are two stalwarts, while the "fresh blood" Frank Raymond, Brian

Matthews, Simon Macgugan, Ian Macgugan, Barry Lowe and Wendy Trotter-Prust (also assistant Treasurer) make up the committee. From a Secretary's perspective, it is a great committee always supportive giving time and support generously.

Flood Relief We are still working with the Flood Recovery Section of the Southern Grampians Shire Council. We have presented what I believe is a well documented account with costings, of the flood and the damage caused. We will meet with the Flood Recovery Committee in a fortnight, for them to assess our claims and perhaps get some funding. We have documented damage at over \$20,000.

Memorial Park The plaques, recently unveiled, have had some surface damage and this may have to be repaired. This is still being resolved but once again the Myers family are involved in this work. Many, many thanks for their outstanding generosity. We would also like to see some work done around the Memorial precinct, but that is in the pipeline.

Caravan Park After a very disappointing and lengthy period trade is picking up and we have had a busy period lately. Daniel Crisp helped out with the caretaking while Gary was on leave and we thank him for his fortnight's work. The garden area, in front of the barbecue area, has been given a stone "mulch" topping and will be planted out shortly. It enhances our park greatly. Thanks to Gary who spread the stone. Wendy and I carted it.

Salt Creek We await word on both the possible boardwalk replacement, and the repaired bridge. Control of weeds has been carried out by John Smith just lately.

We wish Smithy all the best, as he undergoes medical treatment over the next seven weeks. It is a difficult time for him. Good luck John!

John Prust, Secretary/Treasurer, DPLCI

RED CROSS NEWS

There was a good roll up for Remembrance Day and thank you to the members who again provided morning tea to the locals and visitors.



The Zone Meeting will have been and gone (Tuesday) by the time this issue comes out, so a report will be in the next newsletter.

Last call for the **Christmas Lunch** - to be held at The Old Bakery from 12 noon on **Thursday 23 November**. Please ring Helena if able to attend, on 5577 2216 or Iris on 5574 0202.

Secretary, Iris Field

DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP INC

Many THANKS to all who contributed to the November 4 Street Stall, \$1400 was raised. The winner of the raffle was Heather Macgugan.

THANK YOU to all for mowing and clean up at the Arboretum – a huge job! Well done.

The **next general meeting** will be held on **Monday 27 November 2017** at the Dunkeld Community Centre at **8.00pm**.

ALL WELCOME.

Heather Hampton, Secretary



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Standing crops and cereals also considered.

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Enquiries to Eirenclare Farms

Will Conheady 0428 528 836

Edward Conheady 0428 528 834

Grampians National Park Access Update

November 3rd 2017

From time to time the Grampians National Park may have temporary closures in place to address damage caused by storms, floods and bushfires. Regular maintenance programs, pest plant and animal programs and major construction projects may also require temporary closures. Prior to heading out into the park, always check for any closures on the list below. Check in at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre, 2.5km south of Halls Gap township; check for other related publications online at: <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampiansnational-park>, call 131963 or ask at an accredited Visitor Information Centre.

Closed Day Visitor Sites

- Golton Gorge Picnic area
- Ngamadjidj

Car Park Closed Roads and Tracks

- Floods have caused washouts and damage on many roads and tracks.

Closures in place

- Some seasonal closures will not open November Long Weekend due to repairs pending
- Please refer to the weekly road report for detailed information.

Closed Campgrounds

- First Wannon Hikers Camp (GPT Redevelopment)
- Troopers Creek Campground (GPT Redevelopment) • Coppermine Bush Camps (GPT Redevelopment)
- Dispersed Bush Camping is currently not permitted in the Northern Grampians
- Briggs Bluff Hiker Campsite GR 294 055 & Mt Difficult Hiker Campsite GR 284 030 (consolidation)

Closed Walking Tracks

- Golton Gorge walking track (Redevelopment planned)
- Ngamadjidj walking track (Redevelopment planned) • Mt Stapylton Loop (Pohlner rd to Summit East section – redevelopment planned)
- Mt Difficult walking track (from Troopers Ck campground See realignment notes)
- Major Mitchell Plateau (GPT Redevelopment works) • Longpoint East Hikers camp to Plantation Campground/Boroka Lookout (fire and GPT redevelopment works required) Rock Climbing Access • Main Wall (Summerday Valley) (closed - fire damage and cultural heritage redevelopment pending)

Walking Track Realignments

Recently, Mt Difficult (Gar) & Briggs Bluff Overnight Walk reopened with modifications. Start from Beehive Falls car park instead of Troopers creek campground (which has closed) or Mt Difficult Rd/Longpoint Fireline. Longpoint East and Longpoint West hiker camps are open. Notify use via Trip Intention Forms. See GNP Overnight Walking Information sheet for details. Download walk information at: <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampiansnational-park>

GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

Stage 2 planning and on ground works are underway on what will be one of Victoria's iconic long distance walks. Existing sections of trail are being upgraded: • Chatauqua Peak summit works under construction. Access summit via Bullaces Glen only • Major Mitchell Plateau (Mt William

through to Jimmy Creek and Kalymna Falls access to Plateau) Closed until Late December • Mt Difficult East Escarpment re-development (Briggs Bluff area – Longpoint East – Boroka lookout) • Machinery in operation, please respect closures. Upcoming Projects: (Dates to be Confirmed) • Mt Stapylton re-development (Summit access) • Briggs Bluff to Mt Difficult • Mt Abrupt re-development Recent Re-openings: • Mt Sturgeon • Lake Wartook Lookout

Further Information For updates on the many camping, walking and driving opportunities in the park, call into Brambuk, the National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap, visit a local Visitor Information Centre or call Parks Victoria on 13 19 63.

OFF THE RAILS



Art Market this weekend!

Off the Rails is looking forward to the **Dunkeld Art Group Art Market** which is happening this weekend! A great opportunity to meet local artists and artisans and discover all kinds of locally made artworks including paintings, photography, jewellery, textiles, metal sculpture and more **Saturday 18 November and Sunday 19 November 9.30am - 4.00pm.**

COMING UP

OTR Bizarre!

Venture down to the old Dunkeld railway station on **Saturday the 2nd of December** to experience the inaugural **OTR Christmas Bazaar**: an evening of fun and festivities featuring pop up art/craft stalls and live demonstrations. This all ages, end of year get together is an opportunity to get crafty and create your own unique Christmas gift, or pick up something locally produced by one of our creative vendors.

All visitors are encouraged to wear suitably festive attire for the chance to win the **Annual Festy Top Award**.

The night will also feature an open mic stage so bring along your banjo or kazoo and join in the fun. The sensational **Carol Ng** will be kicking things off by performing Christmas favourites on her ukulele!

Save the date: Saturday 2 December. Doors open at 5.00pm. Refreshments available from the OTR bar, plus sausage sizzle, turkey raffle and no fireworks HOORAY.

RSVP by 25 November for catering purposes...or just turn up! email: otrdunkeld@gmail.com or

Call Trevor: 0400 152 545 or Marty: 0428 141 599

OTR AGM

Come on down for the OTR Annual General Meeting, at 9.00am on Saturday 9 December and hear what we've been up to. Join the committee, become a member, or mount a coup. All welcome.

VARIETY CONCERT FOR THE BANYAN TREE

On Sunday afternoon, we held a Variety Concert in the Hamilton Uniting Church to raise funds for Tom Sutherland at the Banyan Tree. The Concert was wonderful with an excellent line-up of artists. Melissa Field was the lucky winner of one of the Raffle prizes. We raised \$1,432.00 which will be a great help to the poor in the Trivandrum area of India.

Thank you to those locals who came to support and enjoy a lovely afternoon of entertainment.

Heather Napier

Grants for shade now available

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is encouraging sports clubs, not-for-profit organisations and community groups across the Lowan electorate to take advantage of the third and final round of the Community Shade Grants Program which is now open.

Ms Kealy said funding was available in three bands:

- Band 1: up to \$5,000
- Band 2: \$5,000 to \$20,000
- Band 3: \$20,000 - \$50,000

Applicants are only able to apply for one grant.

"The program provides funding to build new shade structures, repair or replace existing shade structures, create natural shade by planting trees, purchase a portable shade or a combination of options," Ms Kealy said.

"There are a number of community organisations in the Lowan electorate that could put additional shade structures to good use," she said.

The two stage application process involves:

1. Expression of Interest
2. Full application (shortlisted applicants only)

For more information about the program contact the Department of Health & Human Services Shade Grant Program on 1300 547 596 or email shade.grants@dhhs.vic.gov.au.

Applications close at 5 pm on Thursday 30 November 2017.



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DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2017-2108 is due by 31 January 2018. Renew your membership before 22 December 2017 to enter the draw to win a new release Hyundai i30! 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. Application forms for new members are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.



SHOW YOU REMEMBER
ON THE 11th OF NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch's Remembrance Day service was well attended on Saturday 11 November with visitors to our town taking the opportunity to attend the service, along with many community members. President, Mr Terry Noble, led the commemorative service at the

Cenotaph where several organisations and individuals respectfully laid colourful wreaths, bouquets and red poppies. Terry made reference to the Battle of Beersheba, which was heroically fought on 31 October 1917. The historic charge was made by the 4th Light Horse Brigade.



The Dunkeld Red Cross members kindly provided a delicious morning tea in the Henry Leech Room following the service.

A sincere thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. Thank you also to Adrian and Melissa Field, Dunkeld General Store and Malcolm Russell, Café 109 for allowing us to sell poppies through their businesses. Your support is always greatly appreciated. Funds raised are used to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and Allied defence forces and their dependents when in need. For more information please visit:



<http://www.anzacappeal.com.au/>

This year also commemorated the service of Australia's peacekeepers. Australian service men and women have been in the field as peacekeepers continuously since September 1947, serving in more than 50 multinational operations over the past 70 years.

Shrine of Remembrance Medal:

The 2017 recipient was Mr Steven Bloxham. Described as a 'breath of fresh air' for the RSL in the Western District, Mr Steven Bloxham was announced as the 2017 Shrine of Remembrance Medal recipient in a special presentation following the Remembrance Day Service.



Nominated by his local MP, Richard Riordan, Member for Polwarth, Mr Bloxham's outstanding achievements in promoting the contribution of veterans in his community were recognised. Mr Bloxham was credited as being the driving force behind a number of initiatives that had elevated the

honouring of service men and women from the Terang area and the surrounds.

Among his many accomplishments was the establishment of a museum at the RSL in Terang. Mr Bloxham worked tirelessly to research and amass memorabilia and information from local ex-servicemen and their families, so that their stories were appropriately recognised, ensuring that their contributions are not forgotten.

As well as being a repository of local service history, the museum has become a centre for learning, offering programs for local school groups, engaging students so they can understand more about Australia's war history. Mr Bloxham was also instrumental in reviving the Anzac Day Dawn Services in both Terang and nearby Noorat, where he assisted locals there in accessing a community grant to create a memorial garden and install a flagpole.

DUNKELD TOURISM ASSOCIATION

A very successful AGM and Christmas Dinner was attended by over 60 volunteers and partners on Thursday 9 November.

A new committee comprising of Herman Jansen, Corinne Smith, Vicki Kearney, Brian Herman, Venita Mibus, Teresa McLeod, Linda Clark and Marcia Macgugan were nominated and accepted. Executive roles will be nominated from within the committee at the next **general meeting on Wednesday, 13 December at 5.00pm** at the Visitor Information Centre.

Guest speakers for the night included Cr Mary-Ann Brown, Mayor of the Shire of Southern Grampians, and Council's, Economic Development and Tourism Manager, Hugh Koch, who enlightened the volunteers of the progress of The Grampians Peak Trail especially in relation to the Dunkeld Walk/Loop.

Retiring Volunteers: Judy Warne; Kay Russell; Barbara Dohle; Jill Gardner; Gaye Beveridge and Pat Learmonth were thanked for their many years of support and service to the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre and presented with tokens of appreciation.

We would also like to further acknowledge the years of service by our members that have passed away in 2017: Iven Field; Pat Taubert and Joy Clarke.

Many thanks to Izzy's Mountain View Cafe for catering for the event, the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

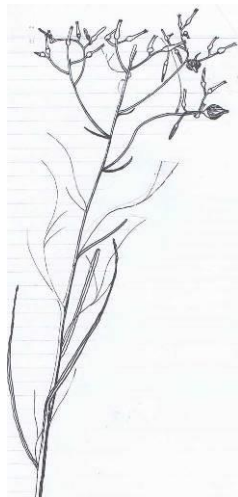
We sincerely thank all of our volunteers for their support and effort in helping to keep the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre a fully accredited centre: ensuring quality care and expert information to the many tourists that visit our wonderful town each year.

The Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre is one of few small town centres that have remained accredited as we are able to ensure service and opening hours to visitors 364 days a year (we have Christmas Day off) from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Don't forget to visit our Souvenir and Gift shop for your special Christmas gifts. All efforts are made to stock locally made or Australian made items.

We have recently extended our range of beautiful and unique cards from local artists and photographers as well as our range of wooden items to include Australian animal puzzles and Christmas decorations.

Silver Linings by Marion Colton



Aren't the Cotton Fireweeds, growing in a large community facing Salt Creek, spectacular this year? To me, they are like clouds of silver dancing in the gentle breeze. This silvered effect is from the soft, white, downy hairs covering the stems and the backs of the leaves. Sometimes they are not loved by farmers for they can be toxic to stock, but here they make a magnificent display.

This species is known botanically as *Senecio quadridentatus*, from the *Asteraceae* family. "Senox" comes from the Latin word for "old man", referring here to the silky white hairs on the seeds, as I learned from Joan Semmens' book, "Bush Seasons". I

must look more closely at the seeds in December or January, for in her painting they look very attractive.

I am continually learning some new aspect of "familiar" plants, which is wonderful. I've been aware of the tiny, slender flower heads, green, with minute tufts of yellow at the tips. Recently though, I discovered a different fat, rounded flower head which ended in a point. Unlike the slender green calyces of the other flowers, this flower head was a shiny, dull claret with a green base and tip. These much fatter, rounded buds were not on every plant, yet the occasionally appeared amongst the others. I wonder are the two different buds male and female?

LANDCARE NEWS

Grampians Ark & Grampians to Grasslands – the next fox baiting pulse runs from **Monday 25th September to Sunday 26th November 2017**. Your baits can be collected from Kelly's in Dunkeld. As you lay them, please remember to write down how many baits you laid, and how many were taken, over how many bait stations. Congratulations to all those that have done *anything* to help reduce our fox population, with everyone doing something, a great result is being achieved. It's so true, if everyone helps a little, it's amazing what can be achieved.

Rabbits – One of our group members has very generously arranged for the use of a fumigator for use in rabbit control. Please contact me if you are interested.

September – November – our spring bioblitz – cameras, song meters to be placed on five farms – **interested in helping?** – then please get in touch.

Friday 17th November – "How can I create an environment for woodland birds?" A relaxed, informal walk through properties, discussing plant & bird species and techniques to support both. 5.30pm, 2425 Dunkeld Blackwood Road, followed by dinner at Café 109 (at own expense). Please RSVP by Thursday 16th Nov.

Monday 27th November - Yarns on farms – 1pm – Ryan Jones GHCMA Indigenous NRM Officer - an informative and relaxed event, to learn about Aboriginal Culture and Heritage, more details to come soon!

13 and 14th April 2018 Red Gum Festival in Cavendish – **how are your tree photos going?!!** What beautiful stunning weather we've had to take photos in!!

Samantha Middleton has been producing the inspiring "Celebrating Red Gums' Community Connection" newsletter for 12 months now. Visit the Facebook page and view the

inspiring work she has written and collated from many contributors.

<https://www.facebook.com/CelebratingRedGums/>

A new website has been created to support the Festival - please visit <http://cavendishredgumfestival.com/>

For further information, or to RSVP for any event, just ring or email me. **Most events are free, thanks to our "Finding Nature" program**

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DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION POOL GROUP

Thanks to those who have put up their hand to form a "Friends of Dunkeld Pool" group to help give feedback to Council and develop ideas for the pool. We need more! If anyone else is keen, please text me on 0459 774 624 or email dunkeldprogress@gmail.com

COMMUNITY PLAN

We are seeking all Dunkeld groups/associations/organisations to nominate their top 3 priorities for the next 5 years. This information will assist in developing the Community Plan and put your projects on the radar of government and potential for funding. Naomi Turner of Utilis will be getting in contact with group's presidents etc. Alternatively email priorities to dunkeldprogress@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

DUNKELD POOL PARTY

5.00pm onwards Friday 22 DECEMBER 2017

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION AGM

27 November 2017 at 7.00pm at the Green Room, Dunkeld Community Centre.

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3 PEAKS FESTIVAL FUN

We were again delighted to sponsor and be part of the recent '3 Peaks festival'. The chilly conditions did little to deter a huge crowd attending the day at the beautiful Dunkeld gardens. Live music, entertainment, market stalls and children's activities, made for a great day of fun. We helped with the children's wrist bands, which was a hive of activity. Great to see so many happy faces, all eager to be part of this wonderful day.



AGM HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

The success of another great year at Dunkeld and District **Community Bank®** branch, was discussed at the Bank's Annual General Meeting held at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Wednesday November 8th. Gary Simpson was re-elected for a further term as Chairman of the Board, with James Scholfield and Craig Oliver, re-elected as Board Directors. Shareholders and staff were welcomed, with a special visit from Regional Community Manager, Mark O'Dowd.



PENSHURST PRESENCE POSITIVE

It's hard to believe that 12 months has gone by since Branch Manager, Anna Watson began taking appointments at the Kelly's building in Peshurst. The initiative has been met favourably, with Anna available for customers most Friday's from 10am to 5pm. Should anyone wish to see Anna, please make an appointment by calling the branch on 5577 2488.



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Garden Notes – November

Animal manure is generally easy to obtain in country areas and as a result, people can spread it generally on their gardens. Whilst this is good for many plants, you should avoid using it around Australian or South African native plants, not too much around roses and not at all for root crop vegetables (e.g. carrots, parsnips, onions, beetroot, turnips etc) nor around legume vegetables such as peas and beans.

Root vegetables can produce a lot of leaf growth and little or no root growth; the roots are often forked or split. In the case of legumes, they often fail to germinate and if they do, growth can be yellow and stunted. Legumes like a good application of garden lime or dolomite and superphosphate or a complete fertiliser. If your vegetable patch has been manured for a previous crop and no more added, you should have no problems with root or legume crops.



Frosts will rarely cause problems from November onwards, therefore the full range of summer and autumn vegetables can be planted. Crops which take a while to mature such as tomatoes and the pumpkin groups should be planted not later than the end of November so that harvests can be made before the weather cools down in the mid to late autumn.



November is still a good time to plant summer and autumn flowering annuals such as Petunia, Salvia, Marigold, Snapdragons, Impatiens etc. Also a good time to feed fruit trees, camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons as well as lawns. A lawn growing vigorously will be a lot easier to look after and keep green during the summer months. As soil temperatures rise, don't cut your lawns too low, this will help to prevent the grass drying off.

Mowing, slashing or spraying of excess grass or weed growth around your garden will improve its appearance as well as removing potential fire hazards and habitats for insect pests.

If you plan to re-pot any of your house (indoor) plants, November is a good time. You will need good clean pots of the same size or slightly larger than your present pots and a potting mix of good quality which meets Australian Standard AS3743. Remove plants from pots, time any dead or damaged roots, tease out roots lightly, place into new pots, fill any spaces with potting mix and water well. Do not be tempted to use garden soil; it is rarely suitable for indoor plants.

Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan, Hughan Nursery, Ararat



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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

MAJOR CLUB EVENTS PROPOSED DATES:

20 Feb 2018	The M.A. Templeton Memorial 21 Up
3 March 2018	The 100 Up
6 & 13 January 2018	Club Championships
10 March 2018	B Grade Championships

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

Visiting Macarthur 23/10, Brian M, Steve k, Dan H/C and Gary W attended the Macarthur Fours and came away with 2 wins and a draw, having a great day but no chocolates. Steve K played his first little "upshot" in a tournament with great effect, he seemed rather chuffed.

On Oaks Day, Heather and John Mc, along with Gary, played the Lake Bolac Triples, a long day with 42 ends. Two wins, two losses and a draw. All in all, not a bad days bowls. All parties played very well and enjoyed the very fast rink.

PENNANT

Men's Pennant

On the 21/10, we hosted Hamilton with all the Peaks festival activities in the park next door, however, the festival did not help us "peak", suffering an overall loss by 5 shots. Cloud's team won, Syd's group went down 24/21 and Shanks went down. However, we are still in third place.

On 28/10, we ventured to Balmoral to lose a very tough game. The highlight of the game was Matt Cole, playing his first game and as a "second" absolutely nailed it. It was a very commendable first effort and we look forward to playing Matt after the ladies season ends.

On 4 November we played Portland at Dunkeld, claiming a big scalp, with a narrow 2 shot victory, 79 – 77.

Syd's team, up by one shot, 26–25, with Syd wisely declaring his last end, new skipper Gary ably led his team to a 3 shot win 29-26 and Cloud's team down and in trouble on the last end, being 2 shots down, managed to win the last end with a brilliant shot from Cloud playing onto the Portland bowls and knocking the kitty over to the two waiting Dunkeld "catchers", not enough to win his rink but held the game, down 24-26.

Saturday 11 November, again at home, against Portland RSL, Dunkeld made a great start and was leading at the lunch break however RSL outplayed Dunkeld post lunch to win overall. Syd's team fell away after lunch, Cloud down by 6 shots and Gary up by 2 shots. The day was finished off with a pleasant BBQ and social evening.

No bowls on the 18th and then into Grangeburn on 25 November.

Ladies Pennant

Round 5: We took the long trip to Portland and were happy to get a match win.

But the following week a game at home against a strong Coleraine team saw both rinks go down and no points to Dunkeld.

Round 7: Against Penshurst, turned into a thrilling match win. With Christine's team finished and one shot down after the 22 ends, a long end on Heather's rink was going to be a challenge as Penshurst had been very good on the long ends ... but Neil pushed the kitty further back towards the ditch and was holding two shots. Anne played the shot of the day, rolling close to kitty and ditch. Two more shots from

Skip Heather and misses from the opposition gave Dunkeld 5 shots and victory in the match, by two shots.

Round 8: We visited Hamilton and a 10 shot win on one rink was enough to cover a 1 shot loss on rink 2. It is noted that Christine's rink has had several 1 shot losses this season, usually as a result of play on the last end. Her team with Beryl and Elizabeth has played very consistently during the season.

This week we "welcome" Casterton and hope to reverse the result of round two. Final game will be against Grangeburn.

At present Dunkeld are third on the Division 3 ladder and with continued good play (and luck) will participate in finals to be held in December.

Other news: The club wishes Elaine McArthur a speedy recovery from her recent illness and looks forward to seeing her back at Social Bowls on Tuesdays.

A Ladies Triples team of Anne, Christine and Heather will be participating in a Tournament at Penshurst this week.

The club welcomes anyone who would like to "have a go" at bowling to contact Heather on 5577 2464 or any member of the club. Club bowls are available and friendly help to learn the basics.

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB 60 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

A function to celebrate 60 years of bowls will be held in conjunction with Presentation day, Sunday 19 May 2018.

We are still looking for members, past and present, who would like to be part of a small committee to organise this event. Those interested please contact Brian or Heather.

TWILIGHT BOWLS ARE COMING UP

More information to follow.

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All the funds raised this year will be directed to Western District Health Service for the \$1.8 million redevelopment of the new cancer and dialysis facility at the Hamilton Base Hospital.

Fox & Lillie had over 40 staff and family participating in the Fun Run on Sunday, including managing directors Jonathan and James Lillie.

The event turned out to be a big success, attracting both locals and the wider communities.



BIG BLOKES BREAKFAST

Attending their first Big Blokes Breakfast, the Prep students share their thoughts on the morning;

At the Big Blokes Breakfast I showed Dad around the school and one of the places was the Garden. I loved the Big Blokes Breakfast. *By Charlie Kelly*

At the breakfast, my Dad had a coffee. After that, I showed him the new classroom. *By Charles Prentice*

At the Big Blokes Breakfast, I had cereal and we had muffins, in it had blueberries and I had a milo. Esther and I showed Dad the garden. We got to carry the chooks. *By Marie McDonald*

I liked showing Dad around the school. For breakfast, I had cornflakes and Dad had a quiche. It was a good Big Blokes Breakfast. *By Max Russell*



HEALESVILLE CAMP – Year 5 and 6 reflections



We went to the Healesville Sanctuary and we went to the birds of prey show. The Barking Owl swept my hair as it glided through the air. After the birds of prey show, we went and looked at the Rock Wallabies. Here is a

fact; there are less than 20 Rock Wallabies in the wild. My favourite animals were the dingos and the Rock Wallabies. *By Rachel Hassett Year 5*

On the second day of being at Ferngully Lodge, we got to do a commando course, zip line, high ropes, low ropes and giant swing. Low ropes was awesome, we did a few balancing ropes courses. High ropes was so scary, we did leap of faith and caterpillar. The commando course was fun going over logs, hopping onto swings, going over cargo nets, jumping on little logs and swinging on ropes. Zip line was the best out of all. It was one of the best days at camp. It was awesome! *By Sarah Symes Year 6*

PUFFING BILLY STEAM ENGINE – HEALESVILLE CAMP

The Year 4 students have written descriptive text about one moment when they were on the Steam Engine;

The forest whooshed past me and steam was everywhere. It filled my nose and was like a fire crackling inside my head. The railway line clattered loudly beneath the train and joy bubbled inside me. *By Amelia Jackson*

As Puffing Billy slowly crawled across the bridge, I was listening to the deafening noises of the engine. The sounds of steam bursting out of the engine, and the wheels grinding against the track, all vibrating in my ears. I could feel my



bottom begging my brain to get off the cold window ledge. *By Campbell Glazebrook*

You could just make out the soft but swift toot. The instant we descended the hill you could feel the gentle air brush your face like a glorious wool blanket. You had to take in the irresistible scenery. It was like it had spread across the Dandenongs like a wild fire. *By Myles Haley*

FELICITY'S HOPE



Felicity's Hope project went very well. Most people participated in the casual clothes and everyone enjoyed the games and barbecue. Everyone in the school thought Felicity's Hope was super successful because the survey results were 100% yes on that

question and we got 100% yes on all the other questions, too. Felicity came to school a couple of weeks ago, and presented us with a thank you plaque. She told us that she reached her goal to climb Mount Piccaninny. At Assembly, we presented Felicity with a cheque for \$4825.00. The Felicity's Hope Project has now finished. Thank you to everyone who supported our project.



Felicity presented the Year 5/6 students with caps that read FELICITY'S HOPE and on the back AMAZING EFFORT, we were thrilled to get them and Felicity even chose the colours! She also showed us an exercise she has been working on with her physiotherapist to help her balance because she is slightly off balance. We are so lucky to have the Gordon's in our community! We are looking forward to Felicity's next visit in December. *By Emily McNaughton, Lucille Aarons, Tom Kent and Edward Williamson.*

SCULPTURES FOR SENSORY GARDEN - PREP

I made a scarecrow with a pipe and a stick. We needed gloves. I made a face. By Lachie Gordon (photo right)



In Buddies, Monet and I made a flower. It is for the garden. By Yin Vass (photo left)

At Buddies, we made sculptures. I made a unicorn with glitter, it was so sparkly. The

table was sparkly too. It was made out of plasticine. I love my unicorn. By Clementine Blackwell



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

From the Garden ...

We have about 50 Roma tomato plants looking for a good home. Only \$2.00 each – they are the perfect summer tomato!! Get in quick, please don't let them go to the compost heap!!

Unfortunately, devastatingly, we have lost seven of our chooks, as their Chook Palace gates were left open. We presume a fox found them. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - if your children are playing in the garden, keep an eye on them, and check the area before you leave, we have only 3 hens left, and we don't want to lose them.

We love have people of all ages using and enjoying the garden, but please be respectful and mindful when there. The easiest thing for us to do would be to erect a fence and put padlocks on the gates, but is anyone learning anything by doing that? The best way to teach responsibility is lead by example.

Our sincere thanks and massive pats on the back go to Mark Lazzari and Alec McIntyre, who put up a new frame and net over our fruit trees. We are now looking forward to a great harvest, and sharing the fruit.

Having studied flower structure and function a few weeks ago, the Grade 1 students looked at an image of pollen grains taken under an electron microscope – the shapes and diversity of the grains and their pointy spikes was amazing. The children then made pollen traps using white card smeared with Vaseline. They then hung the cards around the garden, and this week we'll see what they've caught! The school year is fast drawing to a close, and we need to begin looking to next year. If you are at all interested in helping in the garden, I would love to hear from you. The children love having their adult Friends help them.

Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235 advancel@bigpond.com

Kitchen roster:

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017 - YEAR PREP	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Melissa McIntyre Kerren Collins Liz Hinchey Alison Howgate
THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2017 - YEAR 1	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Stacey Balkin Carol Burger Christy Lazzari Keri Ross

Garden roster:

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 5/6	Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Bruce McNaughton, Casey Trotter, Jo Aarons
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 3	Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Trish Symes, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Kate Brian
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Trish Symes, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Stacey Balkin,
THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2017	
11.30am 12.30pm Prep & 5/6	Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 4	Sarah Crawford Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Paul Callander, Annette Huf, Carol Burger, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Trish Symes, Amanda Cochran, Carol Burger, Brian Mathews, Annette Huf, Paul Callander, Herman Jansen, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 3	Trish Symes, Carol Burger, Brian Mathews, Annette Huf, Paul Callander, Herman Jansen, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury

FROM THE LIONS DEN

Things club wise have been fairly quiet, but our next work will be assisting with parking at the Dunkeld Races, and our next dinner meeting will be the Governor's visit and it will be held at Cavendish.



At Lake Boga though, things have been busy with the Lions being involved in the restoration of the wartime flying boat base. In 1983 a few Lions having a beer at the local hotel first discussed doing up the base for tourists to visit. Since then they have obtained an aircraft and restored it along with the depot's original secret communications bunker. During the war, 416 aircraft were serviced, repaired, restored, rebuilt or overhauled at the base. More than 5000 people attended the official unveiling of the aircraft at the base recently. See what having a few quiet beers can achieve.

Unless you live on another planet you would know that the press has been giving the Catholic Church a bit of attention lately. I was talking to a priest then other day and he told me a story about how a reporter wanted to interview him.

The reporter from the ABC was sent to interview the priest (an Irishman), but arrived when the priest was hearing confessions. There were many people waiting for their turn and it was obvious that the priest would not be available for some hours. To save time the reporter decided to join the queue. When his time came he entered the confession and spoke to the priest through the grill when the slide was pulled back.

"Father," he said, "I work for the ABC."

"That's the way my friend," encouraged the priest. "It takes courage to make a confession like that".

Don't you love the Irish!

Peter Hinchey





Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program 2018 Calendar

We have created a 2018 calendar with a selection of photographs from our Kitchen and Garden program.

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The Mondays involved are November 20 and 27 and December 4 and 11. If you are interested in your sons/daughters coming along to sing, please send me a text as an expression of interest and to help me print words, music etc. Any queries also to Heather Macgugan 0400 952 716.

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- 14 February
- 28 February
- 14 March
- 28th March



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19	Mon 27 November	Wed 29 November
20	Mon 11 December Last Issue for 2017	Wed 13 December

Please note that we have only TWO more issues of the Dunkeld & District Newsletter for 2017. So anything Christmassy that you would like to share please forward to Vicki Kearney on vkearney63@gmail.com or phone: 0421 232 518.

MIRRANATWA UNITING CHURCH

will hold a pre-Christmas service on
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