2015 WHAT’S COMING UP

DECEMBER 2015

Tue 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.
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.
Fri 11 Students’ Social Service Christmas Stall.
Mon 14 School Concert rehearsals. Students will be bussed to the Dunkeld Community Centre during the day at different intervals. Lunch and snacks required as per a normal school day. Could students please remember to bring their recorders.
School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre commencing at 7.00pm. Students need to be at the Community Centre dressed in costumes ready to perform at 6.45pm. GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY.
Wed 16 Final school assembly for 2015, commencing at 2.55pm in the school hall. 2016 School leaders will be announced.
Thurs 17 Whole School Excursion to Port Fairy (Picnic Day). Full school summer uniform including black shoes or boots.
Fri 18 Whole School End of Year Party at school (at lunchtime).

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

JANUARY 2016

Thurs 21 Collection and payment for students’ 2016 Book Boxes at school from 9.30am to 2.30pm.
Fri 22 Collection and payment for students’ 2016 Book Boxes at school from 9.30am to 2.30pm.
Tues 26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Australia Day celebrations in the Dunkeld Memorial Park.

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

Fri 11 Dec School Council Dinner at Café 109 – 6.30pm.
Tues 23 Feb School Council Meeting No 9 – 7.30pm.
Tues 22 Mar School Council Meeting No 1 2016 – 7.30pm

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

We are into December, and it is again the season where people allow themselves to be that little bit happier. The approaching last day of the school year and the promise of lazy summer days have a seemingly positive effect on our mood. The joy of Christmas, the Boxing Day Test and maybe a week at the beach... or somewhere a bit different is within our grasp and it is wonderful.

Many people have been giving to our school in many different ways throughout the year. Parents and volunteers have helped our children and our school in many different ways. Members of our School Council and sub-committees have given so much time. People involved in working bees this year have helped to make our school look neat and tidy for most of the time. Our Parents and Friends Association have again contributed significantly to our school this year. All those wonderful volunteers who support the SAKG program, to them we are indebted.

Our association with the Grampians Cricket Club continues to be a positive one, and I am thankful for their quietly carried out contributions. Thank you Terrie Nicholson and Helen Trahar for dedicating yourselves to the tasks asked of you. Gaylene Raymond keeps me on track and supports my ambitions for our school and I am lucky. There are parents and friends who recognise the good things we do and who promote our school with their positive communication throughout our community and beyond. We are grateful to you for giving us fuel to continue to want to do better. There are teachers who go beyond their responsibilities and the children are the beneficiaries and I am thankful for those good and passionate people.

To all of you, a safe and enjoyable Christmas and holiday season.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The final Special Assembly was held on Wednesday 25 November, including a performance by the Dunkeld Kindergarten students.

The following students were acknowledged (for the month of November) as having gotten better in relation to learning and development at our school, in ways big or small – “You don’t have to be the best at anything; rather your task is to get better at everything.”

Significant Achievement: Tom Kent, Emily McNaughton, Thomas Calvert, Maddi Calvert (x2), Flynn Darroch, Lillian Glazebrook, Bonnie Jackson, Georgia Adams (x2), Lucy Fraser, Taylor Haley (x2), Amyt Haley, Myles Haley, Emily Featherston (x2), Laura Featherston (x2), Sebastian Arons, Ben Potter, Charlie Adams, Sarah Symes, Brodie Reynolds, Bonnie Jackson, Alisha Cross, Hamish Darroch, Jemima Ross, Amelia Jackson, Olive Jackson, Thomas Gordon, Claudia Cochran, Drew Hassett, Zander Mibus,


STUDENT LEADERS 2016

The 2016 Student Leaders will be announced at the final assembly of the year on Wednesday 16 December, which will commence at 2.55pm in the school hall.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Graduation Ceremony held on Friday 4 December was a tremendous celebration to recognise our Year 6 students completing their Primary School education. This success was due to the Year 5 families’ hard work in organising the meal and the decorations (royalty theme) in the school hall and on the walkway. The Year 5 parents were applauded for their courage to try something different in the form of ‘canapés on the deck’.

Thank you to all who assisted with preparation and on the evening ensuring that the 2015 graduating class had a very enjoyable evening. Official guests for the evening included Miss Cecilia Myers, Mr Simon Cullinan, Mrs Karen Kent, Mrs Penny Fraser, Mr and Mrs Tony Williams, Mr and Mrs Vic Lynch.

The Year 6 Awards for 2015 were as follows:

- School Council Dux Award
- School Council Citizenship Award
- Macgugan Family Diligence/Achievement Award
- Glenthompson Community Association Award
- Leadership Award (Glenthompson Friends of the RSL)

The Year 6 Awards for 2015 were as follows:

- Principal’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Prize Joshua Hill
- Williams Family Sports Scholarship Jessica Field
- Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarship Jessica Field

THANK YOU MORNING TEA – THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

The Dunkeld Consolidated School would like to invite all the helpers and volunteers that may have assisted in any way at the school during the year to a ‘Thank You’ Morning Tea on Thursday 10 December commencing at 11.00am.

CHRISTMAS REINDEER

This year the Western District Health Service (WDHS) initiated a new Community Christmas Art Project, providing kindergartens, primary schools and WDHS aged care facilities with free-standing Christmas figures to decorate and display.

Year 1 and 2 students have been busily decorating a timber reindeer figure, which will be displayed in the Handbury Courtyard at the Hamilton Base Hospital on Tuesday 8 December. An official ceremony, including Christmas carols, will be held to celebrate the occasion.

Four students will attend these special celebrations on behalf of the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

ACTIVITY WEEK

The last week of school is being planned as an Activity Week with all classes involved at different stages of the week. At times the students will be working in multi-age groups and will rotate through activities which may include art, Christmas craft, indoor and outdoor games, music and dance as well as a Tabloid Sport and a movie afternoon.

MYSTERY GIFTS

To help celebrate Christmas and the end of the school year, we are going to enjoy a Mystery Gift activity in each classroom.

Please send a wrapped Christmas gift to school worth no more than $5.00 and suitable for both boys and girls. Please keep it a secret from your own child!

On the last day of school these gifts will be opened and your child will receive a different gift to take home. To receive a gift your child will need to bring one to put under the Christmas tree.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PARTY – 18 DECEMBER

On Friday 18 December, we will be having an end-of-year party at lunchtime. It would be great to have a variety of savoury and sweet foods for the children to enjoy.

The children in Prep to Year 3 are to bring savoury food (e.g. sandwiches, sausage rolls, party pies, cocktail saus, chips/Twisties, dips and biscuits/vegie sticks) and the children in Years 4 to 6 are to bring sweet food (e.g. fairy bread, chocolate balls, sweet biscuits, fruit platter). Each child is to bring a VERY SMALL plate of food to share as this cuts down on wastage. Could all food that needs to be hot please be delivered (already heated) to the school at 12.00pm.

PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION – Tara’s Music School

As previously advised, private music tuition by ‘Tara’s Music School’ will be available to students in Years 3 to 6 in 2016, which will commence in the first week of February. Jody
Stephens will contact families direct with regards to the 2016 schedule. Tuition is available in singing, keyboard, guitar, recorder, ukulele and music theory.

**SCHOOL RUGBY JUMPER ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED**

School rugby jumper orders have arrived! Payment is required upon collection of your order.

**MRS MAC’S MUSOs**
Private music lessons will commence at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Wednesday and Thursday in early February. Mrs Macgugan will contact parents personally at the end of January regarding times.

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**BOOK LIST REQUISITES 2016**

This year your child’s required book/requisites etc will be ordered by the school through OfficeMax. Parents may collect and pay for their book boxes, for the relevant year level, from the school from 9.30am to 2.30pm on the following days - Thursday 21 January and Friday 22 January. The office is awaiting confirmation from the supplier but the cost per student will be in the vicinity of $35.00 per student. Once the amounts are confirmed a note will be sent home with the students.

**AUSTRALIA DAY – 26 JANUARY 2016**

Students are encouraged to participate in the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Tuesday 26 January 2016 commencing at 8.00am at the Dunkeld Memorial Park. School Captains are to attend wearing full school uniform. Other students may wear neat, casual dress.

**RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES - 2016**

The first day for all students next year will be Thursday 28 January 2016. Staff will return officially on Wednesday 27 January. Prep children will have a four day week during summer, staying home each Wednesday during the month of February. Miss Annabelle Forbes will contact Prep families to arrange times for one on one interviews during February 2016.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS AND DATES**

**SCHOOL CONCERT REHEARSALS**

On Monday 14 December, the whole school will be bussed at various intervals throughout the day to the Dunkeld Community Centre for their concert item rehearsals. Could students please remember to bring their recorder. The students will need to bring a packed lunch box with snacks and water as per a normal school day. They will not need their costumes; these will only be worn to the concert on Monday night. Please complete and return the attached Permission Form by Thursday 10 December.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT – 14 DECEMBER**

The annual school concert will be held on Monday 14 December commencing at 7.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre, ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION.

Could parents please have students at the Community Centre, dressed in costumes ready to perform, at 6.45pm. Due to OH&S issues, once students and siblings are inside the Community Centre they must remain inside with their parents as the outside areas are out of bounds.

Thank you 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 One 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, neat casual clothes. We will have a collection on the night, proceeds will go towards the Christmas Bowl Appeal, helping needy families in the world.

**SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL**

This will be held this Friday 11 December. The aim of the Social Service Program is to get the children thinking about other people less fortunate than themselves, their circumstances and their environment. The funds raised from the three stalls (Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Christmas) is combined, and the senior students discuss and decide where they would like to donate the money.

We are hoping that through this program, the students become more aware of people outside their own lives, it will expand the students’ horizons, and get them thinking about larger community and global events. Of course all this can’t happen without your support! We are very grateful for the many donations of gifts that have been sent in this year, and we hope that you in turn have been very pleased to receive a gift from your child – one that we can assure you, was very carefully chosen, just for you! For not only do these stalls provide a community value, they also help the children learn about decision making, spending, budgeting, transactions, handling change and interaction with others.

Of course it wouldn’t run so smoothly without the fantastic parental support each time, and if you would like to help us with this stall, we’d love to see you there – from 9.00am Friday.

Thank you again for your tremendous support this year, you have helped to educate our children in many ways.
Lisa McIntyre, Naomie Phillips and Ally Gordon

**P & F NEWS**

Christmas Dinner: A reminder that the P & F Association’s Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday 8 December at Café 109 at 6:30pm. Please bring along a Kris Kringle gift up to the value of $10.

Thank You: On behalf of the Parents and Friends executive I would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards our efforts this year. We have been involved in a variety of fundraising ventures in which the profits have directly benefited all the children of the school. (A full report will be provided before the AGM next year outlining our fundraising). Your support in 2015 has been greatly appreciated.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very safe and happy summer holiday!
Karen Kent, President, P and F Association

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

From the Kitchen ...

**Year 6 and Staff Lunch**: Our Year 6 students, 7 in total, prepared and served lunch to 14 staff members for the last kitchen session of their primary school years. A very proud moment for me as I watched them take pride in preparation, presentation and serving as a way to say thank you to the staff who have played a large part of their primary school years. Well done Year 6 and congratulations to you all.
Preps Prepare and Share: Last Thursday 3 December our final session in the kitchen for 2015 we invited the Chefs in Prep to experience the Garden program.

Our very enthusiastic chefs together with Mrs Gilbert and a lovely group of adults, helped the students, harvest, mix and beat, shred and bake. Almost all of the students tasted what had been created and it was great seeing the Preps have a go at all things new.

Our menu for the day was: Baby Potato, Silverbeet and Rosemary Pizza, Garden Harvest Impossible Quiche, Watermelon and Grape Skewers and Orange Juice Jelly.

Clean up Session: All are welcome at 9.00am this Thursday 10 December to help clean out the kitchen in preparation for 2016. If you can give any time during the morning, half an hour - 3 hours, whatever you are able, I would be very grateful. Thank you.

Many Thanks... To our dear friends of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. I thank you for a year of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing with our students and myself in 2015. You have contributed to a world of learning for our children, the science and chemistry of gardening and cooking, history, geography and culture as they study cuisines and various resources, numeracy skills as they weigh and measure, mix ratios, collect and compare data and literacy as they read and follow recipes and labelling on pantry items. Hands on learning in growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing together.

Thank you to Mr John Fraser, who most weeks arrives with a bucket of beautiful produce from his home garden to share with us.

Thank you to Vicki Kearney who each fortnight is patient with me as I submit articles for the newsletter whilst forgetting the date. A wonderful community service for us all...thanks, Vicki.

Thank you to Ann Howard our SAKG Co-ordinator for all of the support, mentorship and encouragement that she gives throughout the year. Thank you to Lisa McIntyre and her fantastic team who grow and harvest and help supply our kitchen to help provide good food education for us all.

Thank you to Mr Paul Jeffreys, all of the staff along with the School Council who support us in making the SAKG program part of the curriculum in our lovely school.

Thank you to Terrie Nicholson and Gaylene Raymond for handling funds, photocopying, answering many questions, making lists and checking all things twice. You are both very appreciated.

I encourage any parent, family member and members of our community to volunteer as a Friend of the Kitchen Garden program, you may get as much out of doing this as the students do, and we cannot succeed without you.

Happy preparing and sharing together over the holiday season.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

From the Garden...

I cannot believe that we have had our last garden lessons for the year, where has that time gone?! Looking back on the year, though it was an extremely dry one, many activities, events and excursions were held, many plants grown and harvested and most exciting of all – our fruit trees are looking fantastic and are covered with fruit, and we’ve (or some of us!) have already gorged ourselves on the cherries.

Unfortunately though, (not from lack of trying), we don’t have any plant presents to send home for Christmas this year.

Initially we sowed an assortment of herbs, but germination was extremely poor, so we then sowed sunflower seeds. They at least germinated, but something was eating them as fast as they grew. Tapping the pot one day we found the culprits – earwigs. So the miserable specimens that survived that attack were planted throughout the school garden last Thursday. But we won’t hold our breath...

Every year, over the summer holidays, we ask families for their help to check the chooks and keep an eye on the plants (water). We’ll draw up a roster and we hope many families will be able to help, as that will make the task very easy for everyone. We ask that you nominate days that suit you and your family best, and now, thanks to the Southern Grampians Shire Council’s Sustainability Grant, the irrigation system that our magnificent team of Friends have helped install, watering’s a breeze! (A note is attached to this newsletter.)

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TAEKWONDO

On Sunday 8 November, Charlie Adams (Year 3) and Jasmine Crawford (Year 2) participated in a Taekwondo tournament at Palace Martial Arts, Hamilton. Charlie received bronze in forms and bronze in High Kick. Jasmine competed in forms and was awarded with a bronze. They both did their best, well done!

DUNKELD SWIMMING LESSONS

Dunkeld Swimming Lessons will start on MONDAY 28 DECEMBER 2015. Class lists will be finalised just prior to Christmas and published on our NEW FACEBOOK PAGE - www.facebook.com/dunkeldswim. If you could please ensure you check this page in the days prior for your child’s lesson time. We will also display lists at Café 109 and Dunkeld General Store. Alternatively you can contact us on 5573 3265 (Jen) or 0417 312 089 (Lea).

Thank you.

Jen and Lea McArthur
The Dunkeld Pastoral Company conservation team are very excited to announce the arrival of two litters of eastern quolls at their wildlife enclosure at the Mount Sturgeon property.

Eastern quolls were once very abundant in the Dunkeld area, however are now extinct on mainland Australia, with the last confirmed sighting in 1963. The quolls are present in Tasmania but numbers are declining there. Dunkeld Pastoral Company is part of a breeding program called the Eastern Quoll Mainland Recovery Team.

The eastern quolls scientific name is *Dasyurus viverrinus*. This means “ferret-like hairy-tail”. Eastern quolls are a carnivorous marsupial that that have spots on their fawn or black coats, but not on their tails. They have sharp claws and teeth and eat insects, lizards and small mammals such as rats and mice.

One male and one female require names, so it’s over to the children of Dunkeld to help out!

To help identify when the quolls were born, we switch initials every year. In 2015, we need the babies to have names starting with the letter ‘K’.

Write down your ideas, together with your name, address and age and either post to:

Eastern Quoll Naming Competition
PO Box 50
DUNKELD VIC 3294
Or email: marketing@royalmail.com.au

The winner will have a chance to meet the babies. Winning names will be announced in the first newsletter of 2016.

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Christmas Quolls

YOUR CHANCE TO NAME NEW ARRIVALS

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.”

DONATIONS

Bernie Shanahan $33
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

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STRONG WINDS CAUSE HAVOC

Wednesday 25th November saw extremely powerful wind gusts cause damage over much of Dunkeld and surrounds. With many large gum tree limbs brought down in the storm. There was damage to fences, power lines and roofing.

Westerly to North-Westerly winds were very strong throughout the day but gusts reaching in excess of 100km’s per hour around 4.00pm caused most of the damage.

Capping on top of the "Myers Wall" was damaged by a falling limb with the winds also causing damage to advertising signage atop Café 109.

Emergency services were called to assist affected properties and residents and the shire were kept busy removing dangerous debris from roadways and walk-ways.

The clean-up continued well into the following week.

Anglican and Uniting Church Picnic at Stony Crossing

Last Sunday, the first in Advent, Father Mathew celebrated holy communion for about fifty people from the Hamilton District in the Stony Crossing on Wannon River Road. It was an idyllic setting in the midst of tall red gums, and amazing to look at the large circle of communicants of all ages, even including a couple of horses within the clearing. We were delighted to have a small contingent of Pony Club riders, and another mixed group of cricketers. The weather was kind, the food and fellowship great.

I would like to thank all those who came to make it such a special event, especially for Father Mathew's last Sunday with us – for the moment – and in particular, Heather Macgugan for leading us in song with her guitar, Robin and Tim Jackson for bringing the all-important portaloo, and Elisabeth and Bruce Cuming for bringing the gazebo, and water for the horses. The Wannon is spectacularly dry at the present.

Judy Trompf

Santa Claus is coming to town! Let’s get jolly

Christmas is fast approaching and this year Dunkeld Progress Association and Discover Dunkeld invite all residents to get jolly and join in the annual front garden Christmas display competition. This year there are two categories, each for $100 cash prize.

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’s 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.
7314 Glenelg Highway, Dunkeld 3294
(Past the Penshurst Rd., heading to Hamilton)

Christmas SALE
December 1st to 17th

Shop will be CLOSED from 17th December and will RE-OPEN on the 1st February. (Open during January by appointment)

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS
For further details ring Margie Dore on ph 5577 2322

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The Bakery will be closed for a CHRISTMAS break starting from Monday 21st of December and will reopen on Monday 28th of December.

Phone: 5577 2663
A Visit to the OTHER Dunkeld
AN ACCOUNT BY PETER FLINN

On a cold, misty day in late October, having driven through the most spectacular autumn countryside I have ever seen, I pulled up at the Manse, adjacent to the marvellous and ancient Dunkeld Cathedral, in Perthshire, Scotland. Welcomed by the Cathedral's Minister, Rev Fraser Penny, who participated in the 150th anniversary celebrations of Dunkeld Consolidated School in 2006, I spent two wonderful days in the other Dunkeld as the guest of Fraser and his wife Susan. A ghostly picture of Rev Fraser Penny on top of Dunsinane Hill.

I was particularly keen to visit the new Dunkeld Community Archive, where visitors can search for information on local history. Fraser had told me a couple of years ago that the red-gum box, containing various historic photos and other artefacts from our own (former) Dunkeld School No 183, had been transferred from the Royal School of Dunkeld to the Archive for safe keeping. This box was part of the famous exchange of flags, letters and memorabilia between the two schools in 1910, 105 years ago. A similar box, made of Dunkeld larch wood, with its Scottish contents, resides in our own Dunkeld Museum. Autumn colours - along the Royal Deeside (i.e. beside the River Dee, west of Aberdeen, near Balmoral Castle - the route I took from Aberdeen to Dunkeld via Braemar and the Spittal of Glen shee.

I had first seen the red-gum box and its contents when I visited the Royal School of Dunkeld in 2005, and was amazed to see the wonderful old photos, letters and other items from a bygone age. However it was concerning that this precious material was not being stored in ideal conditions, so when advised that it was now all in the new Archive, I was greatly relieved.

I was introduced to one of the volunteers at the Archive, retired Colonel the Hon. David Arbuthnott. David had done much of the cataloguing in the Archive and was very helpful. He had the red-gum box ready for me to inspect, but when I checked the contents I was horrified to notice that the various 1910 photos and other documents that I had briefly seen before were missing. Another volunteer, who had children at the school, offered to make an appointment for me to see the Head Teacher, Kim Ramsay, who also happens to be an expatriate Australian.

Next day, I duly walked through the mist and fog to the Royal School of Dunkeld, which incidentally will celebrate its 450th anniversary in 2017 (we cannot compete with that!) The school was founded in 1567 in the name of King James VI of Scotland, the infant son of the famous (or infamous, depending on your point of view) Mary Queen of Scots. James later became King James I of England.

Kim listened to my concerns, which I put as diplomatically as I could, not wanting to make any accusations of neglect in caring for the Australian historic items. She then referred me to Maggie, the outgoing and enthusiastic school janitor. I had met Maggie in 2005; she has worked there for many years. Maggie initially said that all the material had been transferred to the Archive, but suddenly had a thought, and disappeared for a few moments to check out a cupboard somewhere. She then triumphantly returned with a large envelope, which thankfully contained all the missing items. I was delighted!

Much to the wonder of various teachers, we spread out the photos and documents on a large table in the staff-room, and Maggie photocopied a number of items for me. That envelope contained a treasure trove, which would be of tremendous interest to our local historians. There were photos of Dunkeld and the Grampians, looking very different to today, Dunkeld Light Horse soldiers, the Mt Abrupt quarry, winners of the 1905 Talbot Challenge Cup (in rifle shooting, I believe), and of course photos of Dunkeld schoolchildren from 1910.

Also of interest were several envelopes, containing leaves from different Eucalyptus species, from trees in the school grounds. The writing on the envelopes, clearly that of the then Headmaster, Mr E.E. Allen, included an invitation to “crush the leaves between the fingers to get perfume”. These envelopes were still unopened, and I resisted the temptation to do so, but was pretty sure than any trace of Eucalyptus odour would be gone after 105 years! The headmaster of Dunkeld School No 183, Victoria, in 1910 - Mr E.E. Allen

The document accompanying the Australian flag and red-gum box, dated 15th April 1910, states:

“The Dunkeld School Board of Advice No 211, Victoria, Australia sends a hearty greeting to the boys and girls of Dunkeld, Scotland. The Board rejoices that your flag will float over the Victorian Dunkeld School, and prizes this proof of kinship and loyalty. It trusts that you may have much happiness and grow to be worthy sons and daughters of our great Empire on which the sun never sets.”

The document was signed by John McLaughlin, Chairman; James Payne, Correspondent; and Members Thos. Ballinger, John Cameron and John Womersley.

I wonder what these gentlemen would have made of the new flag presented to our school in 2006 by Fraser Penny - it was the Saltire (or St Andrew's Cross), not the Union Jack!

There was also an interesting exchange of letters between the

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headmasters of the two schools in 1967, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the Scottish Dunkeld School. The headmaster here at the time was Mr Tom Woodford.

![Plaque on redgum box sent to Dunkeld, Scotland in 1910](image)

After perusing all this history, I gently suggested to Maggie that the elusive envelope should really be transferred to the Community Archive to be stored with the red-gum box. She readily agreed, and quickly obtained Kim's permission. I casually suggested that I would be walking back to the Manse past the Archive, and offered to take the envelope with me. Again, that was agreed, and I wasted no time depositing it safely in the Archive. David Arbuthnott, who was not there that day, later sent me an e-mail conveying his appreciation and stating that every item had been duly catalogued and stored with the others.

Mission accomplished!

I am happy to show the photocopies I obtained to anyone who is interested. It may also be worthwhile some time to obtain scanned copies of relevant items from Dunkeld, Scotland. Meanwhile, anyone who plans to visit Scotland in future is welcome to visit the Dunkeld Community Archive to look at the originals. You never know what you might find. When I mentioned to David that a cousin of my mother's served under the command of Major the Marquis of Tullibardine (the eldest son of the Duke of Atholl) in the Scottish Horse during the Boer War, David pulled down an enormous book which contained the register of all men who served in the Scottish Horse, prepared at the Duke's residence at Blair Atholl, just near Dunkeld in the early 1900s. Sure enough, I found the name of Sapper Harry Vick, my mother's first cousin, from Harcourt, Victoria.

It needs to be pointed out that there is interest from the Royal School of Dunkeld in having some form of contact with Dunkeld Consolidated School in the lead-up to the planned celebrations of their 450th anniversary, probably around June 2017. It would be great if the old relationship between the two schools could again be renewed.

By the way, I was instructed to pass on fraternal greetings to the members of the Grampians Golf Club from Dave and Sheila McDougall, stalwart members of the Dunkeld and Birnam Golf Club, who have visited our Dunkeld several times.

Finally, speaking of Birnam, I wonder how many remember Shakespeare's Macbeth? Birnam is a village on the opposite side of the River Tay to Dunkeld, where a sole surviving oak tree still stands in what was the famous Birnam Wood. In the "Scottish Play", the witches prophesy that "Macbeth shall never vanquished be, until Great Birnam wood to high Dunsinane Hill shall come against him". Of course, Malcolm's army used oak branches as camouflage to move on Macbeth's castle on Dunsinane Hill, and he was defeated.
Over the last three months numerous contractors have been at work restoring and renovating the building by addressing areas of rising damp, replacing render, restoring plasterwork, removing lead-based paint, and replacing broken doors and windows.

In the next few weeks the building will be connected to services, the concrete floor will be polished, a kitchenette and accessible toilet will be installed and all surfaces will be prepared and painted in heritage colours.

Last Thursday Jean Parsons (Community Building Program Manager) and Sebastian Constantino (Project Manager) from VicTrack organised a site meeting with the architect, Andrew Davidson, and Nigel the builder.

Members of Off the Rails Dunkeld and the Dunkeld Progress Association were invited to join the group as they conducted a walkthrough to inspect the progress of works.

Sebastian announced that the project was progressing well and that there was every chance that the works would be completed by mid December.

Andrew Davidson spoke briefly about his idea to install a decorative splash back that would feature an image from the Dunkeld Museum’s photographic collection of the Dunkeld Railway Station c1880.

There were also some discussions concerning the relative merits of various paving materials.

Off the Rails Dunkeld, is an incorporated group comprising of artists, small business people and supporters who are passionate about developing the old Dunkeld station into a vibrant artistic hub that offers artist residencies, retreats and workshop space to encourage and support community involvement in the arts.

We are currently in the process of developing our 2016/2017 program, which will be officially launched at the opening and handover of the space in early February next year.

If you are interested in jumping aboard, Off the Rails Dunkeld, welcomes everyone. Consider becoming a member, a friend or a volunteer (or all three). Talk to us about running a workshop to share your skills and engage the community.

In the mean time why not visit the Off the Rails Dunkeld Facebook page and becoming a virtual friend.

Off the Rails Dunkeld would like to take this opportunity to thank VicTrack, the Dunkeld Progress Association, Southern Grampians Shire; Trudy Rickard Heritage advisor; the Dunkeld Museum; as well as all past donors, volunteers, and friends for their continued support and encouragement. We look forward to working with you all again in 2016.

Trevor Flinn (Chair OTR Dunkeld)
email: otrdunkeld@gmail.com Phone: 0400 152 545 or 5577 2624.

Are you interested in running a creative workshop at Off the Rails Dunkeld?
Are you passionate about sharing your skills and engaging the community as well as visitors to the region?
If so we’d love to talk to you about your ideas and help make them happen.
Expressions of interest are now open to artists, creative practitioners, and members of the community to run workshops in one of Dunkeld’s most historic buildings.
Email your proposal, idea or query to: otrdunkeld@gmail.com

DUNKELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

By the time you read this, fire restrictions for Southern Grampians Shire will have been in force for about a week. The official fire danger period began at 1.00am on Monday 30 November and will continue until 1 May 2016, but can be lifted before that if weather conditions permit. The commencement date is the earliest for many years, and reflects the second failed spring in a row and one of the driest Octobers on record, when my rain gauge recorded only 4.5mm for the month.

The introduction of fire restrictions means that NO burning off can now be done without a written permit.
Everyone is also urged to carefully check that any recent burns are completely out, due to the ongoing dry weather. Sometimes tree roots, for example, can quietly burn underground for several weeks, only to appear again during hot, windy weather.

The wind on Wednesday 25 November was very gusty, with gusts recorded at well over 80 km/hour, causing raised dust and several trees to be brought down around Dunkeld. This was the day of the horrific fires in South Australia, closely following other serious fires near Esperance in Western Australia. Dunkeld's CFA tanker joined with others to form a strike team from this area and travelled to the SA fire area to assist in mopping up operations. Our tanker returned safely on 29th November.
It is expected that Dunkeld and other local Brigades will commence annual roadside burning operations to reduce fuel in the near future. Details will be advertised in the Hamilton Spectator as usual, and on the day of specific burns, notice will be broadcast (in the case of Serra Group) during radio skeds at 12.40pm on VHF channel 11.

It should be noted that CFA radio channels are progressively being changed from analogue to digital frequencies. This means that when analogue is finally discarded, traditional CFA listening sets will no longer work. However limited numbers of new digital scanners, which can also receive on analogue, are starting to become available - initially to Brigade members only. Hopefully they will be available for purchase by the general public during 2016.

Meanwhile, many Groups in District 5 are already operating on digital channels. For example, Dundas Group now operates on channel 394, which is also linked to channel 409 for the Victoria Valley/Mirranatwa area. Mount Rouse Group operates on channel 405. However, Westmere Group, immediately to our east, will continue to operate on analogue channel 202 for this fire season, and DELWP will do the same (their command channel remains 146). The VicFire despatch channel is now on digital channel 505, but can still be heard on analogue channel 53. Meanwhile Serra Group will continue to utilise the “link” system installed on Cherrymount, near Glenthompson, which is fixed on analogue channel 11 as it has been for many years.

The use of these various channels during fire incidents may prove challenging this summer, but we will do our best to ensure that those with existing listening sets are aware of what is happening.

Captain Mike Gordon and all Brigade members wish the Dunkeld and district community a safe and fire-free summer, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Peter Flinn

DUNKELD RED CROSS

The year ended on a happy (and noisy) note with a delicious Christmas lunch at Café 109 for about 16 members. Thank you to Mal and Staff.

Some of the work of Red Cross:
• There were 340 French Red Cross volunteers ‘on the ground’ helping survivors of the attacks on Paris.
• Lebanese Red Cross dispatched 60 responders & 12 ambulances to assist after recent terrorism in Beirut.
• Red Cross shops throughout Australia rescue 450 tonnes of clothing from landfill and ‘employ’ 4,500 volunteers. The proceeds go towards clean water; emergency services; Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander support programs; healthy breakfasts for thousands of Aussie children; daily telephone calls to isolated Aussies to check if they are OK… Now that Hamilton has closed, our nearest Red Cross shop is in Warrnambool.
• Red Cross supports the homeless; victims of domestic violence; provides accommodation for people from remote areas seeking medical treatment.

The amounts raised by the Dunkeld Branch help in some small way with some of the above projects.

Our correspondent, Dorothy Blanch, sends cards to those in the local area who are bereaved and those recovering from illness. At the same time, she cares for her husband Bob who has disabilities.

Thank you for giving in 2015 and enjoy a safe Christmas.
The Shire and residents did a great job to get the clean-up job happening quite quickly.

You are always very grateful for the help and assistance you receive. I would like to thank Barry Lowe, Peter Day and Russ Macgugan for helping out at a collision. Barry Lowe also helped out when a truck became bogged. Yes you read it right, bogged off Martin Street. Thanks, Barry!

It’s been a busy time lately. Two collisions lately at intersections – Hamilton-Chatsworth Road at the Five Ways and Glenelg Highway at the Penshurst-Dunkeld Road. It was a touch ironic that the Dunkeld SES and CFA were scheduled to conduct a training exercise that night using the ‘jaws of life’. Without the use of ‘jaws of life’, the ambulance wouldn’t have been in a position to get the driver out of the car for medical treatment.

The CFA provided excellent support for the incident and both SES and CFA volunteers still turned up later that night for the training exercise. There is a saying that you perform how you train and the commitment by volunteers to their training certainly pays off.

Our local community should feel happy that they are well served by a terrific group of people in our local SES and CFA who responded to both incidents in a timely and professional way.

I would offer that it was more ‘good luck’ that prevented serious injury in the first place. Either collision could have easily been fatal. The lesson should be for us to remain alert whilst driving, because whilst your own driving can be okay, someone else might fail to give way.

The Dunkeld Races - an amazing logistical achievement through so much hard work of so many volunteers. I would love to see a time lapse video of the way that everything comes together, of how 9000 plus people arrive, enjoy and then disperse. It’s a tribute to all you volunteers who put in huge hours and I hope you enjoyed some well-earned rest. The crowd was large and well behaved.

Over the past 12 months a lot of damage has been caused along the Victoria Point Road, Bullawin Road, and Middleton’s Crossing Road. This has consisted of a person deliberately driving a vehicle into road signs and white guideposts and knocking them down. I am pleased to say that a young man is now assisting Police with their enquiries in relation to this matter. The Shire is compiling an account of their costs associated with the repair of the damage.

I mentioned in my last news item that I had raised an ongoing issue of International Tourists being ignorant of road laws in the area. I received a reply from the Assistant Commissioner Traffic and obviously, it’s a complicated issue which will be ongoing for some time. I am compiling local data of incidents, collisions, speeding, etc that I come across and sending these to the Assistant Commissioner Traffic. Hopefully, this may foster some improvement in this area of road safety;
particularly relevant for Dunkeld as a popular tourist destination.

A bit of change around Dunkeld - traffic islands and a new speed zone of 50km/hour. It's been interesting to hear the various comments about the new works. I'm going to monitor how the changes impact on the traffic flow within the Dunkeld CBD. I would advise you to take a bit of extra care in this area because not everyone is familiar with the changes. If anyone has any particular concerns, or other concerns, feel free to discuss them with me.

I've been informed through VicRoads that the infamous section of highway outside the Dunkeld Service Station is also due to have work done to repair it beginning in December. This was originally planned for in June, so keep your fingers crossed that it goes ahead this time.

From the far reaches of Mirranatwa, to the plains of Karabeal, to the windy hilltops above Glenthropm, the patient red gums of Victoria Valley, the gentle country of Woodhouse, Panyyabyr, Strathmore, Croxton East, Moutajup, Warrayure, Nareeb, Glenthropm, Dunkeld. Wherever you live in this most beautiful part of the world, may you, and your families enjoy a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Thank you for your support and help this year and hopefully together we can continue to make our community a wonderful place in which to live.

Best Wishes,
Bruce McNaughton, Leading Senior Constable
Dunkeld Police Station Ph: 5577 2260

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! Stacking, selling and ordering Steigen socks - blister free guarantee - great for running, all sports, specialised pilates, work and school.

Be Well - Wellness Coaching always available by appointment. Start thinking about 'where to for 2016' - have yourself some goals that just seem way too unreachable - give me a call and let's see how we can reach them together.

Be Food - Food Coaching available by appointment. Stocking, selling and ordering Your Inspiration At Home products - all natural, preservative free, Australian made herbs and spices in flavour combinations from around the world.

Contact Erin Parker today for assistance on any of the above! iwillbe.lovethelifeyoulive@gmail.com
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DUNKELD SWIMMING LESSONS
Dunkeld Swimming Lessons will start on MONDAY 28 DECEMBER 2015. Class lists will be finalised just prior to Christmas and published on our NEW FACEBOOK PAGE www.facebook.com/dunkeldswim. If you could please ensure you check this page in the days prior for your child's lesson time. We will also display lists at Cafe 109 and Dunkeld General Store. Alternatively you can contact us on 5573 3265 (Jen) or 0417 312 089 (Lea).
Thank you.
Jen and Lea McArthur
DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

Annual Christmas Dinner and Guest Speaker on Monday 7 December: A reminder that 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 dinner 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.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs Janet Witham from Halls Gap, who will be speaking about Mr Daniel Sullivan, a pioneer botanist of the Grampians. Daniel was a botanist and a teacher at Moyston State School number 1263 (for approximately 27 years) and he discovered many new varieties of wildflowers in the Grampians (some of whom are named after him). He died on 2 June 1895 in Moyston.

Private Hugh Munro, service number 416, 8th Light Horse:
Ms Donna Herbert from Adelaide, recently forwarded some photos and information about her grandfather (father of Mrs Joan Dunbar, Hamilton), Private Hugh Munro 8th Light Horse Regiment. Hugh was ‘adopted’ by sheep farmer Mr Angus McArthur when he was approximately 16 years of age and lived at ‘Rose Bank’, Victoria Valley. The following article about the ‘Wannon Recruiting Van’ appeared in the Warmambool Standard, Thursday 28 June 1917:

In the presence of a group of interested spectators the Wannon recruiting van, in charge of Sergeant Major Davis and Trooper H. Munro, set out on its errand from the town hall on Tuesday shortly after three o'clock (writes the “Hamilton Spectator”). The recruiting organiser for Wannon (Mr S. L. Officer) called on the Mayor (Cr W. Moore) to wish the venture success, and in doing so he later said that while he wished the recruiting agents every success in their undertaking, he regretted that it was necessary to go to this extent in order to get men to realise their duty to King and country.

He congratulated the men in charge of the van, whom he knew would do their very best to obtain recruits Cr McLuckie endorsed the Mayor’s remarks. The conveyance comprised a covered-in vehicle, on the sides of which was the appeal: “Wannon Recruiting Scheme. Enlist and give the boys a spell,” while the Union Jack occupied a prominent position. The body work was done by Messrs A. Greed and Son, Mr Greed also giving a donation towards the van. After negotiating the main streets of the town, the van set out en route for Penshurst.

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

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

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 13 Dec Bill and Fay Gordon
Sunday 20 Dec Beryl Gordon and Joyce Gordon
Sunday 27 Dec Terrie Nicholson and Barbara Dohle
Friday 1 Jan Brian and Julie Hermann
Sunday 3 Jan Bek Kay (10am-1pm), Jeff Nagorcka and Rex Beveridge (1pm-5pm)
Sunday 10 Jan Helena Flinn and Trevor Flinn
Sunday 17 Jan Tony Williams and John Kay
Sunday 24 Jan Wendy Williams and David Gordon
Tuesday 26 Jan Joyce Gordon and Heather Funk
Sunday 31 Jan Jenny Cook and Katrina Weatherly
Sunday 7 Feb Wally and Carol Allen

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

The Dunkeld Museum Committee would like to sincerely thank our members, volunteers and the Dunkeld and district community for their valuable support, help and assistance throughout 2015. We wish you all a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, prosperity and happiness.

Mobile Library

Currently visiting Dunkeld every Thursday fortnight 11.30am - 1.30pm in the carpark behind the Community Centre.

Scheduled date for Dunkeld is December 17th.

Scheduled date for Mirranatwa is December 10th.

Phone: 5573 0470

The Mobile will not operate on Extreme and Code Red Fire Declared days

Christmas stock in store

- Christmas hampers available.
- Christmas hams from Bouchiers Butchers, Mortlake.

**Order ASAP** (From 500g, with bone in or boneless)

Merry Christmas to all and a safe and happy new year.

- Closed Christmas Day
- Open Boxing Day – see shop window....

Monday to Friday 6:00am – 5:30pm    Saturdays 7:00am – 4:30pm    Sundays 7:00am – 3:00pm

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The Anglican Parish of Hamilton welcomes you to our Christmas services 2015

Christ Church Hamilton

Saturday 12 December 4.00pm:
Pets and Carols
Bring your pets on a leash or in a cage for a blessing and enjoy the Christmas story dramatised, along with Christmas Carols.

Sunday 20 December 7.30pm:
Lessons and Carols
This is our traditional Anglican Carol service. Readings from the Bible lead up to the birth of the Christ Child, while in between the readings we sing an array of Carols. It is a wonderful event for everyone.

Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve 10.30pm:
Sung Eucharist

Friday 25 December Christmas Day 10.30am:

All Saints’ Penshurst
Christmas Eve 5.00pm: Eucharist

St Mary’s Dunkeld
Christmas Day 11.00am: Eucharist

St Mark’s Cavendish
Christmas Day 9.00am: Eucharist

St Peter’s Glenthompson
Christmas Day 9.00am: Eucharist
109 Parker Street, Dunkeld, VIC 3294
Ph (03) 5577 2288

Trading as Normal on all days, except:
CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE from 4pm
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
CLOSED NEW YEARS EVE from 4pm

Thank you for your support
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Christmas DOING IT COUNTRY STYLE.
FINDING NATURE

The last session for 2015 will take place on Roger and Dianne Napier’s property, where woodland birds will be the focus. We’ll identify existing bird populations and discuss the planning of the surrounding landscape to encourage and support future diverse bird populations. Everyone, of every age is welcome to attend. BYO meal for a BBQ to finish. If you have them, bring binoculars, note pad, field guide and appropriate gear for the prevailing weather.

I’d like to take time to thank Gabrielle Lanman for her insight, initiative and work in producing this wonderful learning concept “FINDING Nature”. Many topics have been covered and guest speakers have presented, and it has given participants a sound base to begin recognising and understanding what is living in their own local environment. Gab, together with Bill Weatherly (who has cheerfully and knowledgeably lead us through each Friday) has done a fantastic job, and we thank and congratulate them both.

Finding Nature – Friday 11 December, 5.30pm, 3078 Victoria Point Road, Moutajup.
Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235

Community Fox Control Program - "GRAMPIANS ARK" & "GRAMPIANS TO GRASSLANDS"

CONGRATULATIONS AND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU! – to all those people that participated in any way, to control fox numbers in this area, this year. Your participation and efforts have meant that there are less foxes in our landscape, a fact which benefits everyone. With sheep and lamb prices as they currently are, many people will be very pleased about the low fox numbers. You should be very proud of this, you’ve provided a great community service and program. With everyone working together, we are making a difference.

Landowners, residents and visitors pleased be advised that the current fox baiting pulse finishes on Saturday 6 December 2015. It covers the Mirranatwa, Vic Valley, Karabeal, Moutajup, Warrayure, Lake Linlithgow, Croxton, Dunkeld, Woodhouse and Glenthompson areas.

Please return your “Bait Take Data Sheet” to Kelly & Henson, and Glenthompson areas.

NEW FOX BAIT TAKE DETAILS AFTER THE LAST BAITING PULSE.

We took this opportunity to ask Simon how he fits the baiting program in with his own day to day activities.

“I lay and check the baits every Wednesday, during lambing time, as that’s when I’m going around checking the sheep anyway - the baits are laid near the sheep. I’ve only got 9 stations, so that’s not too hard. Later on in the year, I’ll move to a Friday afternoon to do the bait rounds. I just make it a routine, but I keep it flexible – sometimes I need to do it one day either side. Stations are also on the neighbour’s property. They were losing 6 lambs a night, then I started laying baits for them, and it dropped to only 1 lamb per week.

“It takes me one hour to do a run, no more. I check the sheep and water at the same time. Or I’ll do it while feeding. I take the clipboard with the data sheet, pen, a container of new baits, and a screw top container for old baits. I also have 3 dogs that go with me. I was worried during the first year, but now I’m confident the dogs are safe. Some of the stations have been in the same place for 3 years, so I easily remember where they are. I watch out when the dogs are working in the paddock, but because I know where the stations are, I keep them clear of that area. I take the used baits (in the screw top container), back to the chemical shed. They are locked in there until I dig the regulation sized hole, and bury them.

“We produce wool, and we lamb in September/October. I also breed our own rams. So protection of our lambs is a huge consideration. We have 13 neighbours and they are generally happy about the program. To notify them all about baiting times, I send text messages out, have verbal contact and send some letters. Most of my neighbours want to know my bait take results”.

Some of Simon’s thoughts and musings:
- He likes using the sausage shaped de-fox baits. They smell nicer and don’t seem to decompose as quickly in wet weather, as the fox-off baits do;
- There are 2 bait stations in his “Lake Paddock”, it’s very stony and full of rabbits. The myxomatosis came through (as it does every year) and this year there were dead rabbit carcasses everywhere. Normally the foxes would clean them up…. So is that a sign that there are less foxes around?;
- Do foxes urinate around stations, to mark territory, then take the bait and die? Does that scent then draw other foxes to the site? Because, at some stations, the bait is always taken.

Simon is a great advocate for the Grampians To Grasslands Fox Control Program. He has participated constantly, and is seeing and reaping the economic benefits of less foxes in his landscape. And there is no doubt too, when you see Simon with his dogs, that he would never take risks to place them in...
Witnessing legal documents – Where do you find a Justice of the Peace? There are JP’s in your area, however they may not always be available. To alleviate this problem, Hamilton based JP’s have established a ‘Document Signing Centre’ and the service is free. It covers a range of legal requirements, i.e. Affidavits, Sworn Statements, Statutory Declarations or Certified True Copies of documents.

The service starts on Tuesday 8 December and will continue weekly at the Hamilton Library and an appointment is not needed. Available times and days are:

- Tuesdays between 10.00am and 12.00pm
- Thursdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm

The Signing Centre has links to the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices and the Department of Justice and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hamilton Inc as a Community Service project and Southern Grampians Shire Council.

For more information contact Rotarian Mr Bob Penny JP on 55 711 823 or rotaryhamilton9780@gmail.com

DOCUMENT SIGNING CENTRE

Often people when trying to locate a Justice of the Peace, have difficulty in finding where they are, usually at the JP’s home or a business address. In Dunkeld there are a number of JP’s listed in the Dept of Justice web site. Nonetheless, they will be times when a local resident may need a JP and the local one’s are not available, in this case the client can simply go to the Hamilton Library on specified days and times and a duty JP will be available.

No appointment is necessary. One of the purposes of a Document Signing Centre (DSC) is not to take the role away from local JP’s, but to act as support, as many JP’s, in recent times, are reluctant to receive strangers in their home, whereas in a Council Library in structured arrangements is seen as a far better service.

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

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FROM THE LIONS DEN

This is the last newsletter for this year, the Lions would like to thank you for your support and wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe new year. This year the Lions are again supporting Santa when he comes to Dunkeld and Glenthompson, and thank you to all his helpers that each year bring a little cheer to the two towns.

At our last dinner meeting the Lions presented a sporting award to Brad Mawson for his contribution to sport in the time he has been at Dunkeld, particularly with his work he does with Auskick, and teaching tennis to the young brigade. At the presentation his sporting involvement and achievements were listed, and it is very impressive. (He won the best and fairest award at most clubs he played with, or was a member of the state football team, a great achievement). But even more impressive is that he has gone from being a paid player, to now giving back to the sport by developing the skills of the kids. Thank you Brad and well done, and also thank you to Tess and family for supporting him over the years.

It has been decided that the French Night will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday 2 March. This year we are going to limit the numbers to help with catering so please get your numbers in early. Full details will be in the newsletter next year.

Married Men
I was speaking to a man about the story in the last newsletter about the girl that had the not so perfect boyfriend. The man, a highly respected man in the community told me about a saying of his family; “If it wasn’t for marriage, men would go through life thinking they were perfect.”

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD PUBLIC LAND'S COMMITTEE

Caravan Park  Another successful year is coming to an end. Our small Caravan Park boosts the economy of Dunkeld with over 5000 visitors a year. A great credit to Gary and Mavis for all their efficiency and work, and his helpers too, Norm and Kaye.

We hope the new office and living area will soon be on site. The footings will go in next week. Another similar building will be joined on next year to make a residence. These buildings are built by students at Hamilton Skills Centre. 

Salt Creek  We have left it too late to remove the woody weeds this year. I would not expect anyone to work in the long grass. Hopefully we will do this in autumn after the break in weather.

Memorial Park  The Shire men are to be congratulated on their work at our Park. It looks great and is very well used. We are pleased with the positive comment about the cubby that was donated by the Hamilton Skills Centre. As soon as we can get some finance, the playground will be looked at.

Sawmill  A very busy year for us. Strachan’s Hut is now complete and will be enjoyed by many campers. The area is an ideal place to have a picnics or gathering. Some seating and tables are there. The barbecue is available to use free of charge. All we ask is for you provide a gas cylinder and bring a bag to collect any rubbish.

On behalf of the Public Land’s Committee I would like to thank Vicki for her work with the newsletter. It helps us keep you informed. I would also like to thank all who have helped us with our projects. We hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas and a safe holiday.

John Smith, President

CAN DUNKELD RECLAIM A SCULPTURE?

The recent ‘Lost in Sculpture’ weekend saw huge support for the idea of increasing the number of sculptural artworks in and around Dunkeld. The winning sculpture will soon be installed outside our new Community Centre, and the buzz has continued with many people commenting on, and falling in love with, Michael Shiell’s ‘Fool’s Vessel’, which is still in situ down beside Salt Creek. Made of reclaimed fencing wire, it hangs amongst the trees as an evocative spirit of the place, and seems to be quite a talking-point amongst the community.

Already some people have pledged donations in the hope that we can buy it, and the artist Michael Shiell has agreed to offer us a special deal of $3000 for it, which is $1000 less than the original asking price.

If we could get enough people to provide $10 each it would only take 300 people to secure it for Dunkeld.

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Year 6 and Staff Lunch
Our Year 6 students, 7 in total, prepared and served lunch to 14 staff members for the last kitchen session of their primary school years. A very proud moment for me as I watched them take pride in preparation, presentation and serving as a way to say thank you to the staff who have played a large part of their primary school years. Well done Year 6 and congratulations to you all.

Many Thanks…
To our dear friends of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. I thank you for a year of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing with our students and myself in 2015. You have contributed to a world of learning for our children, the science and chemistry of gardening and cooking, history, geography and culture as they study cuisines and various resources, numeracy skills as they weigh and measure, mix ratios, collect and compare data and literacy as they read and follow recipes and labelling on pantry items. Hands on learning in growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing together.

Thank you to Mr John Fraser, who most weeks arrives with a bucket of beautiful produce from his home garden to share with us.

Thank you to Vicki Kearney who each fortnight is patient with me as I submit articles for the newsletter whilst forgetting the date. A wonderful community service for us all… thanks, Vicki.

Thank you to Ann Howard our SAKG Co-ordinator for all of the support, mentorship and encouragement that she gives throughout the year. Thank you to Lisa McIntyre and her fantastic team who grow and harvest and help supply our kitchen to help provide good food education for us all.

Thank you to Mr Paul Jeffreys, all of the staff along with the School Council who support us in making the SAKG program part of the curriculum in our lovely school.

Thank you to Terrie Nicholson and Gaylene Raymond for handling funds, photocopying, answering many questions, making lists and checking all things twice. You are both very appreciated.

I encourage any parent, family member and members of our community to volunteer as a Friend of the Kitchen Garden program, you may get as much out of doing this as the students do, and we cannot succeed without you.

Happy preparing and sharing together
over the holiday season.

Clare Kennedy
SAKG Kitchen Specialist

CHANGES TO POLICY ON PROVISION OF COUNCIL SERVICES ON CODE RED AND EXTREME FIRE DAYS

Council has made changes to its ‘Provision of Council services on Code Red and Extreme fire danger days’ policy.

The amended policy provides for the vast majority of Council services, including outdoor pools, to be available on extreme days; however there are significant service reductions on code red days.

The revised policy was approved last week by Council Interim CEO Bruce Davidson after Council was briefed on the amendments. This policy was referred to the Fire Management Planning Committee (which includes CFA and Emergency services personnel) and is informed by a number of risk assessments. It provides directions for a number of Council services on these fire danger days.

“Total fire Ban, Extreme and Code Red Fire Danger Rated days provide the trigger for changes to the level of service provision from Council. Whilst all services are important, there are many that are ‘non-essential’ and can be deferred to a later time to reduce risk to staff”.

As per the previous policy, there will be limited delivery on code red days as this is the highest rated fire danger day. Under the revised policy, CFA Emergency Public Warnings will be used to determine the safety of providing services in specific areas across the shire on all fire danger rated days. These warnings provide advice regarding actions to take for instance:

- Watch and Act /Warning: An emergency is heading towards you. Conditions are changing and you need to take action now to protect yourself and your family.
- Emergency Warning: You are in imminent danger and need to take action now. You will be impacted; and
- Evacuation: An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.

Council staff will monitor these warnings and may cease services depending on the advice given.

Significant policy amendments from the previous version include:

- Outdoor pools in communities outside Hamilton will be opened subject to the availability of staff and should be staffed locally where possible to reduce the risk of staff travel.
- The Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre (VIC) will be open on Extreme Fire Danger days, subject to the availability of staff and should be staffed locally where possible to reduce the risk of staff travel.
- Home and Community Care (HACC) services will be deferred on Extreme and Code Red Days. Frozen meals will be delivered to meals on wheels clients the day prior, as per arrangements for weekends. Vulnerable clients and those using the personal care service will be closely monitored on Extreme and Code Red days to ascertain their needs.
Council’s Interim CEO Bruce Davidson said:

“"I understand there was acknowledgement at the end of the 2014/2015 summer that we needed to seek further advice about this policy. There has been significant consultation and communication with relevant stakeholders including the CFA and emergency services and we are confident that the policy, as signed off this week, is appropriate and achieves the right balance between community expectations and staff/community safety”.

"It is essential that we provide staff with a safe working environment. All service delivery on extreme days will be subject to staff availability and all Council staff members have the right to stay at home and enact their fire plans on days of high fire danger ratings. As such, no service is guaranteed on these days,” Mr Davidson said.

“Given that there is no guarantee of pools being open (depending on staff availability and possible emergency warnings being issued) Council strongly advises against the use of pools as part of individual fire plans.”

Council is committed to supporting the fire-fighting effort in the region and supports and works closely with CFA and emergency services.

On days rated by the CFA as Extreme Fire Danger, extremely hot, dry and windy conditions are expected. The CFA considers that if a fire starts on these days it will take hold quickly, be unpredictable, uncontrollable and fast moving.

Code Red is the highest fire danger rating and indicates the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire with homes not designed or constructed to withstand fires. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.

Council urges community members to plan for high risk fire days according to their own circumstances, and make decisions about their safety early.

The full details of service provision on extreme and code red days is available on Council’s website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au and further information about the policy can be obtained by calling Council’s Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Ross on 5573 0272.

Café and Tea Garden
We look forward to welcoming you at Dunkeld Delights.
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**GARDEN NOTES – DECEMBER**

Now that your roses have nearly finished their main spring flush of bloom, you should spend some time ‘dead heading’ them i.e. remove the spent flowers by cutting down to a healthy leaf junction. This will ensure plenty of new growth for good summer and autumn flowers.

Main vegetable plants include cabbage, cauliflower, early brussell sprouts and broccoli. You can continue to plant lettuce, beans, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, radish etc. Don’t forget that regular weed control throughout the garden is an important job both for the sake of appearance and as a reduction in hiding places for insect pests.

Last month we looked at water in the garden and how to use it more efficiently. Your indoor plants need special care regarding watering, indeed incorrect (usually too much) water is the most common cause of problems with your house plants.

Basically there are three different groups of house plants, each group having particular water requirements. The first group comprises ferns and palms. These need to be kept moist at all times but not wet. At the other end of the scale are the cacti and succulent group which should be kept dry with just an occasional watering. Most of your other house plants are between these two extremes and should be given a good watering as your potting mix is starting to dry out. Moisture content of your potting mix can be judged by colour, feel and weight. If you do not trust your judgment, small hand held moisture metres can be purchased at your nursery.

December and January are good months to re-pot your house plants if you feel that they have overcrowded their present pots. Use clean, free draining pots of a suitable size and make sure that you only use a premium grade potting mix. Water carefully after the re-potting and avoid placing your plants too close to north or west facing windows to avoid sunburn. Take care with aerosol fly sprays as many are toxic to plant growth.

Don’t forget that your nursery has a wide range of Christmas gifts, why not check them out. Thank you for your interest and support during the year. Season’s greetings to all.

*Stephen Hughan*

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To assist this process, we are asking event organisers from across the region to complete an event notification form to advise us of any upcoming events for consideration as part of this marketing campaign.

Events showcase the diversity and richness of our culture and help to drive the economic prosperity of our region. A strong calendar of events helps to increase the profile of our region, promotes its key attributes and helps build community pride. Not only does it alert residents and visitors to events taking place across Greater Hamilton, but it also aims to raise awareness of and encourage visitors to attend all events and festivals in the region.

Our campaign will include a variety of marketing mediums including TV and radio advertising, print advertising and supporting publications, all integrated with strong digital marketing tools that are aimed at reaching our audiences in Melbourne, regional Victoria and South Australia.

The print component will include the Greater Hamilton Events Guide, which will be available electronically via our website, and distributed to Visitor Information Centre’s across the region, and locally to accommodation, attractions and hospitality providers. It is also used at trade shows, media launches, conferences, regional promotions and in our social media marketing.

If your organisation or group is holding an event or festival between 1 March and 31 August 2016 and would like to be included in this campaign, please contact Council’s Acting Events Marketing and Development Officer, Simone Logan on 5573 0239 no later than close of business on Monday 21 December 2015.
Wishing all the Dunkeld and surrounds community a safe and Merry Christmas from the team at Kelly and Henson.

We will be closed the following dates in December and January:

Friday 25th December for Christmas Day
Saturday 26th December for Boxing Day
Monday 28th December for Boxing Day public Holiday
Friday 1st December for New Year’s Day
Tuesday 26th January for Australia Day

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:

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Kerren Collins wash575@bigpond.com
DUNKELD BOWLS NEWS

MEN’S PENNANT – Dunkeld went to Grangeburn on 21 November to play a twilight game. The format was enjoyed by all, though it was a little chilly as the evening wore on. After a tight tussle, Dunkeld went down in the last few ends. It has been suggested that we host Grangeburn in the return match as a twilight game under lights.

On 28 November we ventured to Penshurst to play on a very good rink in excellent conditions. Again, in a tight game, we came away with second prize. We are so close yet are struggling to get over the line.

LADIES PENNANT – With one game to go, being against Memorial at Portland, the ladies are up against it. Best of luck and remember on your last trip to Portland you came away as victors so a repeat please, to help overcome losses to Penshurst and Macarthur in recent weeks. It has been a tough season but our small band of ladies have taken it up to all of the opponents and showed great fight.

DUNKELD LADIES TRIPLES TOURNAMENT – Will be held on Wednesday 16 December. Entries are going well.

MAJOR EVENT – THE 100 UP – The final was played recently between Geoff (Syd) Hinchcliffe and Uncle Brian Mathews on a warm, sunny morning. After being the “bridesmaid” a few times, Uncle triumphed to finally be the “bride” and claim the title. Well done to both players for making the final and playing a tough but friendly game.

THE MACARTHUR DAY – 6 DECEMBER – A reminder to all that this great day is arriving. If you wish to play, please come along.

MEN’S CHAMPIONSHIPS - A reminder to those members wishing to contest this prestigious event staged early in January 2016, please put your names on the entry sheet in the clubhouse.

JACK ATTACK – This has proven to be a huge success with the school kids, with all thoroughly enjoying the four weeks of activities. It was pleasing to see the improvement as the weeks went along. Thanks to all the bowlers who gave of their time to help out.

TWILIGHT BOWLS – Yes folks! It is getting closer. The twilight event will kick off on 29 January 2016. More info in the next newsletter and watch for flyers about town. So, get your teams together and if you cannot raise a team, come along and we will organise teams. Equipment provided for those that need some, along with support and guidance.

BBQ and ENTERTAINMENT AREA – This facility is nearing completion, a lick of paint and a couple of small jobs and it will be up and running. It really does look impressive and shall be a great asset for the club.

FAREWELL – On Friday 20 November, a small gathering of club members held a send off for one of our senior and popular members, Hugh Webster. We wish the Webster’s all the best in their new location at Koroit and hope to see them back here at times.

CONDOLENCES – The Dunkeld Bowls Club is saddened to hear of the passing of Jason McCallum. Our sympathies are extended to the McCallum family at this time of loss.

GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB

So much happening around the club with Milo in2CRICKET drawing to a close and the Under 12’s about to play their final game of the season. A huge thank you to Geoff Potter, Jack Calvert, Anthony Frost, Darren Gordon and Adam Kent along with all the other parent helpers for ensuring our juniors have the best possible opportunities in the district. Visitors from other clubs and around the state consistently comment on just how good this junior set up is and it is acknowledgement for all of those who put so much time in.

Many of our juniors are currently trying out for junior country week squads and one, Lachie Field. recently received the news he had been hoping for with selection in the Victorian U15 team to play in Brisbane in February.

Milestones: Greg Millard showed that age shall not weary him, with a century against Hamilton last round 18 years after his last A Grade century against the same team. Milly also cracked the 6000 run barrier and is leading all comers in the run stakes this season. Heinrich Joyce reached 3000 club runs and Lachie Field joined Lachie McIntyre and Chris Barry on 50 senior games. Isaac Povey made his debut century in B Grade, a great thrill for his whole family present at the time.

A Grade: This mainly very young team continues to astound and after smashing Hamilton last week to lead the one day ladder, bowled the super strong Macarthur team out for 161 and will resume at 3-85 next week in the chase. Duncan Cameron had his best every game with 6/37, Lachie Field 2/30.

B Grade: A big score against Branxholme of 273 with Isaac Povey a century and the ever consistent Lester Wedding another half century both putting their names up for A Grade selection.

C Grade: Against the super strong Pigeon Ponds 81 was always going to be a little light on and despite a welcome back 31 from Drew Coote, there weren’t too many highlights.

Happy Christmas and a safe New Year to all cricketers and their families.

Stephen Field

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GRAMPIANS GOLF CLUB

Women’s Event Winners 2015

**Don Melville Cup** – Club Championship
Winner: Martina Whelan
Runner Up: Libby Lewis

**B Grade Championship**
Winner: Mary Burger
Runner Up: Nikki Parker

**Judith Howard Cup** - Best score during the Mary Simpson Teams Event
Winner: Mary Burger 37pts
Runner Up: Sue Walter

**Gwen Crawford Tray** – Best Aggregate Nett Score, 4 out of 6 cards.
Winner: Mary Burger- 301
Runner Up: Heather Mac- 308

**Captain’s Trophy** – Stableford, Best 3 out of 5 Cards
Winner: Sue Morse – 109
Runner up: Venita Mibus- 96

**H.M. Morton Putting Trophy** – Putting Aggregate, Best 4 out of 6 cards
Winner: Mary Burger – 98
Runner Up: Kerren Collins/Martina Whelan – 99

**Mary Collins Cup** - Eclectic – Handicap
Winner: Martina Whelan – 58.5
Runner Up: Kerren Collins – 60

**Gill Hayes Trophy** – Eclectic – Scratch
Winner: Martina Whelan – 63
Runner Up: Venita Mibus/Kerren Collins – 71

**Joan Young K.O. Singles Trophy** – Handicap Match Play
Winner: Pam Howell
Runner Up: Heather Macgugan on 19th

**Nareeb Nareeb Trophy** – Best scratch score in Championship Rounds.
Winner: Martina Whelan 82
Runner Up: Libby Lewis 84

**Kiltanon Trophy**. Best Nett 2 out of 3 cards in Championships for 60+.
Winner: Venita Mibus 147
Runner Up: Mary Burger/Sue Morse 150

**Isobel Anderson Memorial Tray** – 4BBB K.O. Match Play
Winners: Heather Macgugan/Mary Fenech
Runners Up: Venita Mibus/Sue Morse

**Phyllis Prytz K.O. foursome’s trophy**
Winners: Martina Whelan/Kerren Collins
Runners Up:

**Mereweather Trophy** – Most Reduced HCap for the year
Winner: Venita Mibus – 3 pts
Runners Up: Margy McIntyre/Mary Burger 2.2 pts

**Lovatdale Trophy** – Best 5 out of 7 Nett Scores
Winner: Mary Burger 183
Runner Up: Martina Whelan 181

**Helen Heard Trophy** – Chip-ins
Winner: Mary Burger/Venita Mibus

Venita Mibus and Mary Burger with trophies, both had a good season.

**Iris Dark Tray** - Most Birdies
Winner: Martina Whelan 12
Runner Up: Venita Mibus 6

**Mary Fenech Par 3 Prize** –
3rd – Martina Whelan
9th – Martina Whelan
12th – Venita Mibus
16th – Kerren Collins

**Dallachy Trust Trophy** – Monthly Medal Final
Winner: Mary Burger

**JEF Mann Trophy**: Mixed Pinehurst Foursomes
Winners: Martina Whelan/ Bill Crawford

**Scottish Trophy** – Grampians won

**December Special**
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Silver Spoon
Winner: Sue Morse

Mary Simpson - Teams Event
Winners: Hamilton

Royal Women’s Hospital 4 BBB
Winners: Venita Mibus/Margy McIntyre

Captain v Secretary
Winner: Captain (of course)

Men’s Awards: 2015


B Grade Championship. Donated - Leigh Heard
Winner: Simon Cullinane

B Grade Championship Runner-Up.
Runner-Up: Mark Dore

D.E. Anderson Trophy. (Best Gross 36 holes Qual C’ships.) Donated - Aileen Anderson. Winner: Craig Williamson 154

Gordon Ross Memorial Trophy. (Best Nett Sc, 36 Holes Qual C’ships.) Donated - Golf Club. Winner: Craig Williamson 134 (68 +68)
Runner-Up: Greg Fisher (68 + 70)

M.A.Howard Cup. (Best Gross 27 holes – Men’s Day - Donated - Meg Campbell
Winner: Scott Boschen – 110

Stan Harris Memorial Trophy. (Eclectic – Scratch and Handicap.)


J.E.F. Mann Trophy. (Mixed Canadian Foursomes) Donated - Richard Mann. Winners: Bill Crawford & Martina Whelan - 64 1/2

Bill Crawford Birdie Trophy. Donated - Bill Crawford. Winner: John Sheahan

Reedy Creek Trophy. (2 Rounds, Stableford.) Donated - B. Levinson; Winner: John Sheahan 75 pts.


McCulloch Cup (Stroke- Best Nett score ) Donated - D. McCulloch. Winner: Clive Pinniger nett 59

H.P Vannenan Trophy. (Stroke – Best 3 of 4 nett scores.) Donated - Vanrenan Family. Winner: Bill Crawford - 208

Lovatdale Trophy. (Best 4 of 6 Nett Cards.) Donated - John Fraser. Winner: Rob Smith - 149 pts.


Greg Fisher, club secretary, presenting Cahal McNaughton with the award for best Junior Golfer


Corea Foundation Trophy: Donated - S. Simpson. Winners: Clive & Deb Pinniger & Will Osmond

Warbro Summer Competition: Donated – Derek Morse. Winner: G Simpson

Derek Morse - bar and greens committee, presenter and donor of the Warbro award to Gary Simpson

Eagles Nest Donated by Faye Henry-Davies

Hole in One Donated by Mrs. Shellie Peardon
Many thanks to all of those who took the time to forward articles for the Newsletter this year. It is your contributions that truly make this publication unique and “OURS”.

Thank you to our wonderful local businesses that support the Newsletter through payment for advertising. It is through these regular contributions that we are able to offer free space for community groups to advertise their upcoming events.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Be Safe. Be Happy. Be well. See you next year!

Vicki and Terrie

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