

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN



*Santa will visit the streets of  
Dunkeld on Christmas Eve  
Monday 24 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; Cee Blackwell and Family, who all make this community event possible.

Enquires – Heather Hampton 5577 2240 / 0437 947 951



### ***Santa Competition!!***

Once again, the Dunkeld Progress Association is sponsoring two Christmas competitions – “Best Santa” and “Best Christmas Cheer” (lights, tinsel, glitter!)

\$100.00 prize for the winner of each competition.

To be judged on Saturday 22 December 2018.

Winners announced on 23 December 2018.

Look for posters around town for more information and entry forms. **Please refer to page 16 for an entry form.**



## DONATIONS

Ian and Ann Morris \$50  
George & Jenny Bade \$20  
Dorothy Williams \$20

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.  
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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](mailto:hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Sunday	December 2	11.00am	Mass followed by CWL Lunch (invitation to all families to attend. Small cover charge – please bring a salad to share).
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Sunday	December 9		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Sunday	December 16	8.30am	Mass
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Sunday	December 23	9.00am	Assembly or Word and Communion
	Monday	December 24	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Sunday	December 30	9.00am	Assembly or Word and Communion

### Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

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

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

Enquiries June Cashman 5577 2592 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277

### Pannyabyr Uniting Church

Rev Angie Griffin will be conducting a service at 7.00pm on Christmas Eve (Monday 24 December) in the Pannyabyr Uniting Church. At the conclusion of the service, we shall have a shared light supper. We would be delighted to have you join us at this special time of the year.

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Next service to be advised.

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
26 Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group AGM  Progress Association AGM	27	28 Newsletter Distribution	29 Mobile Library DUNKELD	30	1 Off the Rails AGM and end of year eats and drinks	2
3	4 Community Bus Vic Valley Hall Committee Meeting	5	6 Mobile Library MIRRANATWA  Bushfire Planning Workshop 6.30pm	7	8 Victoria Valley Dance	9
10 Cut Off for LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2018	11	12 Dunkeld Tourism Association Meeting  LAST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR 2018	13 Mobile Library DUNKELD	14 Arboretum, Sawmill and Museum Christmas break-up	15	16
17	18 Community Bus	19	20 Mobile Library MIRRANATWA	21 LAST DAY OF TERM 4	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## 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 (\$40.00 per person) for 2109 is due by 31 January 2019. **Renew your membership before 21 December 2018 to enter the draw to win a new release Hyundai Kona Go!** All financial RSL Victoria members are eligible to win, including members who renew online at: [www.rslrewards.com.au](http://www.rslrewards.com.au)



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, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.

**"Girgarre" - Soldiers Settlers (WW1):** Details of Closer and Soldier Settlers (WW1) both AIF and other Allied Forces who took up land at Stanhope North later named Girgarre. Hardcover book 250 A4 pages \$30.00 plus \$15.00, if postage required. Book also includes Girgarre early history, settlement, businesses and family stories. For enquiries please contact Mr John Crilly, Secretary, Girgarre RSL Sub-Branch on 0437 438 077 or email: [girgarrersl@gmail.com](mailto:girgarrersl@gmail.com)

**World War 1 Images in Colour:** With the recent release of the movie 'They Shall Grow Not Old' by Peter Jackson; Steve Bloxham, President, Terang RSL Sub-Branch has put together a series of photos that he has transformed from black and white to colour. *WWI Images in Colour* (a majority of the images were downloaded off public access sites on the internet) is best viewed in full HD: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SE1ZJZsRmnk>

**Coburg RSL Centenary:** The Coburg RSL Sub-Branch centenary event is being held on Saturday 1 December 2018 being the 100th anniversary of the Coburg RSL receiving its official charter on 1 December 1918. This officially makes Coburg RSL one of the oldest sub-branches in Melbourne (if not the oldest) and one of the oldest in the State of Victoria. This is an historic occasion for this Sub-Branch and the Returned and Services League.

The event goes from 1:45pm to 6:00pm approximately and has a number of elements:

- On the afternoon of 1 December, they plan to march from their old site at the Coburg Town Hall to their Clubrooms (since 1957), located at 323 Sydney Road, Coburg. The march will involve current military personnel, members and friends of the club. Everyone is welcome to attend the march. No ticket is required to attend the March. The march/procession down Sydney Road starts at 2:00pm. The assembly point is the Coburg Town Hall (corner Bell Street and Elm Grove/90 Bell Street, Coburg). Please be there by 1:45pm.
- The procession will be followed by a Last Post Service beginning at 2:30pm (expected to take one hour) at the sub-branch cenotaph out the front of 323 Sydney Road, Coburg. Everyone is welcome to attend the service. No ticket is required to attend the commemorative service.
- The service will be followed by an afternoon tea and an evening party from 3:30pm to late. A ticket is required for entry to the afternoon tea and entertainment. The tickets are \$25.00 per person for the afternoon tea and entertainment. Entry includes catering costs. The bar will be open. On production of ticket, you will receive a special memento of the event. Entertainment is being provided by the Australian Army Band Melbourne.
- Dress for the day is accordingly cocktail/suit with medals and service dress with medals for military personnel.

- Numbers for the afternoon tea and evening party are strictly limited.

For further information, please contact the Coburg RSL Sub-Branch on 9386 2171 or email: [info@rslcoburg.com.au](mailto:info@rslcoburg.com.au)



**From War to Peace Documentary:** This new documentary looks at General Sir John Monash and his rise as a key General on the Western Front. General Sir Harry Chauvel was equally hard at work with his 30,000 Light Horsemen on the Middle East front pushing the Ottoman

Empire back to Turkey and out of power. The other key largely untold story is that of the Indigenous Troopers and their contribution to bringing WW1 to a close. This DVD may be purchased for \$20.00 from: [www.muralstudio.com.au/store](http://www.muralstudio.com.au/store)

**Poppy Appeal:** A sincere thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal, with a total of \$1,086.00 being raised.

*In Flanders' Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae*

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands, we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields.*



### Victoria Valley Hall Committee Meeting

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 8.00pm in the Victoria Valley Hall on Tuesday 4 December. We will have a shared supper at the conclusion of the Meeting.



**Dan Tehan MP**  
MEMBER FOR WANNON

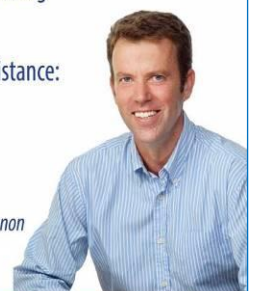
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### Dunkeld Racing Success

A bumper crowd and a beautiful, sunny day, all added to yet another fantastic Dunkeld Racing Club meeting on Saturday 17 November.

We have sponsored the race meeting since our opening in 2011 and to date have contributed \$8,700.00 to assist in the running of this wonderful event. We look forward to our continued involvement in the coming years.



### Cavendish Fleece & Flower Show

The recent Cavendish Fleece & Flower Show has been hailed a great success by organisers, with terrific numbers passing through the doors during the two-day event. Dunkeld & District Community Bank were pleased to support this event by assisting with advertising costs.

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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF RECREATION AND LEISURE IN SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

Southern Grampians Shire Council has released a draft strategy which will guide the development of recreation and leisure across the shire for the next decade.

The draft Recreation and Leisure Strategy, endorsed by council for public exhibition last night, outlines a long-term vision and recommends the works required, to cater for the Shire's recreation and leisure activities into the future.

Development of the plan included meeting with sporting clubs, schools, organisations and community groups to better understand their needs. Over 300 public surveys were completed and 50 clubs and organisations participated in forums and interviews. The consultation highlighted what is currently working well, the issues and gaps in existing facilities, programs and services.

The key strategies and recommendations within the strategy are guided by Southern Grampians Shire Council Vision from the 2017-2021 Council Plan: *That Southern Grampians Shire will be recognised as a well-connected, dynamic Regional Centre, supporting a vibrant, healthy and inclusive community.*

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown said that planning for sport and recreation facilities was becoming increasingly important in developing the community.

"Our community expects quality facilities and opportunities for improving their physical, social and emotional health, and Council plays a significant role in meeting this need," Cr Brown said.

"In developing this Recreation and Leisure Strategy we have listened to our community's priorities. It proposes innovative strategies to meet future challenges, improve quality of life for the community, use existing facilities effectively and make sure that funding is being spent in the right places," Cr Brown concluded.

The draft Recreation and Leisure Strategy including Master Plans for both Lake Hamilton and Pedrina Park is on public exhibition to allow the community to review the content and ensure that it accurately reflects their feedback. Volume 1- The Strategic Plan and Recommendations and Volume 3 – Master Plans – Lake Hamilton and Pedrina Park will be available for a period of six weeks.

The draft Recreation and Leisure Strategy can be viewed at the Council offices at 111 Brown Street Hamilton or 1 Market Place, Hamilton; at HILAC reception; at the Greater Hamilton library and the mobile library or online at [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay). Submissions will be accepted until 5.00pm on Friday 4 January 2019 and can be sent to [recreation@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:recreation@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)

Upon completion of the public exhibition period the Strategy will be reviewed for any necessary amendments and report prepared for Council detailing feedback received. The final document will be presented to Council for adoption at the February Council meeting.



## DUNKELD POST OFFICE

### **Christmas is Coming!**

We are pleased to announce that Christmas stamps are now available. Standard card is 65 cents. Large or square cards cost \$1.30.

**Please remember you cannot use your concession stamps on Christmas cards**

Overseas varies depending on the destination. Start sending overseas parcels to ensure their arrival before Christmas.

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**Santa North Pole 9999 and put their name and return address on the back.**

*Hope to see you soon!  
Karen and Keith*



## RED CROSS NEWS

A group of nine members enjoyed their end of year lunch at Cafe 109 on Thursday last. Raffle winners on the day were Helena Flinn, Olwyn Hogan and Brenda Cullinane.

We thank the members and district people for supporting Red Cross during the year by donating cash and goods, buying raffle tickets, giving used stamps, attending meetings, helping to cater etc. The amount raised is significant for a small community, which has other demands on its generosity. There is always a new Appeal popping up in Australia and worldwide to send to, so we have plenty of reasons to keep the group going. Apart from the fundraising, the meetings are a way of keeping in touch with each other and with those in the area who may have illness, loss or other problems, issues and needs. The total raised for July 2017-July 2018 was \$2,545.70 and for the four months since, \$1,238.00 approximately.

Thank you again Dunkeld and District, for your continued support and generosity towards the work of Red Cross and we extend wishes for good health, safe travelling, happy holidays and no fire threats during the Christmas break.

*Iris Field, Secretary*



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## Dunkeld Public Land's Committee

**Caravan Park:** The races weekend was very busy and the Park looked a treat. At the moment, we are planning the improvements to the Camp Kitchen. It is a sound old building constructed some years ago by the Apex Club. We plan to invite former Apex Members to a gathering when we finish the upgrade.

A photographer from the RACV Magazine visited Dunkeld last week. She took photos for a feature article to be printed early next year.

**Salt Creek:** The works have nearly finished. The boardwalks need rails on the creek side and some tidying up needs to be done. We are very satisfied with the work done.

**Annual Breakup:** The Arboretum, Sawmill and Museum Groups will combine for the usual annual break-up. It will be held at the Sawmill on Friday 14 December at 6.00pm. Each group provides meat and attendees bring a salad or sweet. BYO drinks.

*John Smith, President*



### From the Lions Den

As previously mentioned the International Night next year will be about Mexico, a country that has a long and interesting history.

Madero, Francisco Idalecio (1873-1913) - Mexican politician and leader of the revolution against Diaz. While opposition candidate in the presidential elections of 1910, he accused Diaz of irregularities in government, was arrested but escaped to the USA, where he issued a call for the Mexicans to revolt. He returned to Mexico during Zapata's revolution and, on the resignation of Diaz in 1911, became Provisional President, having won popular support through his liberal proclamations. He was elected President in November 1911 by a large majority, but found his proposed land reforms impeded by the old Diaz congress. To counter this obstruction, he appointed members of his family to various government posts. In 1913, while Zapata was still waging war in the south, a revolution broke out in Mexico City. The army deserted Madero and he was overthrown. As Oscar Wilde would say, "It is very easy to endure the difficulties of one's enemies. It is the successes of one's friends that are hard to bear."

### Work - don't you just love it?

The other day I was talking to a young bloke I had not seen for a while, he looked a bit white in the face. I said, "Gosh, you don't look all that well, what's the matter?"

"Work", he said. "Nothing but work from morning to night."

I was fairly impressed with this because he never struck me as a real goer.

I said, "How long have you been at it?"

"I start tomorrow," he replied.

(I never said anything more because it often shows a fine command of the English language when you say nothing).

*Peter Hinchey*



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## THANKS TO THE DUNKELD COMMUNITY

For your kindly embracing of my funny little mother, Winsome, when she 'retired' to live with George and I, (from the lovely Retirement Village in her childhood home of Wollongong).

I had plans of Mum living with us for much longer ... there are so many events, stalls, and performances to attend in Dunkeld and Hamilton... Thank you to all the creative event-maker people in town!

She really enjoyed reading the local Newsletter: the interesting articles about the beauty of our environment by Marion Colton, Terrie Nicholson for the RSL, funny things by Peter Hinchey, Policeman Bruce's musings on life in Dunkeld and keeping safe, and also the Kitchen Garden School News.

I could not have cared for Winsome without the love, friendliness and helpfulness of the whole Community of Dunkeld which includes: George's family members, Shop Owners and staff of Bendigo Bank, the former Dunkeld Delights family, Izzy's Mountain View Café, The Bakery, Café 109, General Store, Only Ewe, Dunkeld Pharmacy, Nerissa Major, all the Senior Citizens, Off the Rails Gallery, the Red Cross ladies, SES Volunteers, the Post Office, the ministers and attendees at the local Anglican /Uniting Church and Catholic Church, the Social Support Groups and staff in Hamilton and Peshurst, Dunkeld Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support group, Progress Association people, Visitor Information staff and volunteers, friendly neighbours and anyone driving or walking past the Cottages or in town with or without their dog, who gave her a lift or chatted with her.

Heartfelt thanks to all,  
Carolyn and Family of Winsome Alexander



## DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

### Wanted: Dunkeld Consolidated School uniform

We would like to create a new display of the first school uniform and are looking for a girl's uniform: tunic, shirt, tie, jumper and grey blazer. If you can assist – a temporary loan or donation, please contact us on email: [dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com) or phone Joyce Gordon on 5574 9236.

### Thank You

The Museum Committee would like to publicly thank **Roz Greenwood** for her very generous donation to the Museum of the book *Granville Stapylton, Australia Felix 1836* by Greg Eccleston. The author was in town recently and his book won the 2018 Victorian Community History Award. As Stapylton's story is entwined with that of Major Mitchell, the book will be incorporated into our Major Mitchell display.

### Join the Museum!

Annual Memberships are only \$15.00 per year; Life Memberships \$150.00. Annual memberships are due in June 2019, so if you join now, you have free admission to the museum for seven months. We welcome help with research, documentation, displays and archiving.

### Museum duty roster:

Sunday 2 December: John McIntyre

Sunday 9 December: David Gordon, John Kay

The Museum is open to the public Sundays and Thursdays 1.00pm to 5.00pm.  
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## OFF THE RAILS GALLERY

All welcome to the Off the Rails (OTR) Annual General Meeting at 5.00pm on Saturday 1 December, followed straight after by 5.30pm Friendly End of Year Drinks/Eats Session.

Come down to the Dunkeld's historic railway station, bring a plate of something to share, purchase a drink from our pop-up bar and consider getting involved in the OTR committee by becoming an office bearer.

**Bring a friend and sign up to our 2019 Friends Club for only \$5.00!**

What better way to start the New Year than by sharing your ideas and enthusiasm with other like-minded individuals and contributing to OTR ... one of the Dunkeld's hidden gems.

*Trevor Flinn*



## Emma Kealy thanks the people of Lowan

Thank you to the people of Lowan for putting your confidence in me to fight for a better deal for our local people.

We may live in communities furthest from Melbourne but we also have the greatest opportunities to grow and thrive. I promise that I will always do my best to represent your needs, ideas and opportunities.

It is incredibly humbling to have increased my first preference vote from 54 per cent four years ago to 68 per cent against a statewide swing. But margins don't matter and I will never take the trust and faith of the people of Lowan for granted.

I will continue to fight for a better deal for Lowan and hold the Andrews Labor Government to account for the funding priorities and projects that the people of Lowan emphatically voted for.

This includes returning passenger rail to the region, ensuring our fair share of roads funding to fix country roads and save country lives, finishing the Warracknabeal Education Precinct and many other fantastic projects around the electorate that would ensure our region is not just surviving, but thriving.

Labor must not forget country Victoria exists. They have a responsibility to govern for the whole of the state and not just Melbourne.

A huge thank you to my awesome staff who work so hard for the people of Lowan, listening to their concerns, sorting out big and little issues and providing the support our communities deserve.

To my amazing volunteers and local National Party members – thank you for all your support over the past four years and during the campaign. The hundreds of volunteers who so generously donated their time during pre-polling and on election day was just fantastic and I couldn't have done it without you - my heartfelt thanks.

Finally, thank you to my loved ones and awesome family who have been there for me through thick and thin and taught me to work hard, treat people with respect and always

do my best. You have been amazing and I hope I make you proud.

I congratulate all candidates who stood in Lowan for the respectful way the campaign unfolded.

This is a fantastic region with so much opportunity. I look forward to being your representative in the Legislative Assembly and making sure our local voices are heard in the Parliament of Victoria for the coming four years.

*Emma Kealy MP*  
*The Nationals Member for Lowan*

## COUNCIL TO TRIAL FREE ENTRY FOR OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

Southern Grampians Shire Council will waive all casual outdoor pool entry fees for the 2018-19 pool season as part of a trial to increase patronage and promote active lifestyles. The trial will come into effect immediately for Hamilton and at the commencement of the season for all other outdoor pools, after Council adopted the Outdoor Pools Operational Policy at last night's meeting.

Council committed to engaging with the community at the completion of the 2017-18 pool season to provide information about the season and obtain feedback on the operation of the pools and the policy.

Consultation sessions were held in 2018 within all townships where an outdoor pool is located. Attendees were provided information on pool season, attendance, cost and capital works undertaken the previous financial year.

Manager Recreation Melanie Starr said it was a valuable experience for Council and helped inform operations for the 2018-19 season.

"We wanted feedback from pool users on how they felt the season went, what if any changes should be made to the pool policy and obtain feedback on ideas to increase attendance and reduce costs," she said.

"The feedback received was extremely positive and supportive with the majority of people happy with the changes we had implemented over the last 12 months.

"A number of positive suggestions were offered to assist in increasing patronage at the pools and we will be implementing some of those in the upcoming pool season including trialling free entry at all outdoor pools," Ms Starr said.

By offering free pool entry for recreational swimming, it is hoped that more community members and visitors will be able to enjoy the many health benefits that swimming provides.

"We're looking forward to welcoming the additional swimmers at all six council pools over the summer, making the most of these great community assets," Ms Starr concluded.

The Operational Policy and opening hours for the outdoor pools can be found on the HILAC website at [www.hilac.com.au/aquatic/outdoor-pools](http://www.hilac.com.au/aquatic/outdoor-pools). Daily opening information will be updated on the Greater Hamilton Outdoor Pools Facebook page, and available on the outdoor pool hotline 5551 4333.

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## COMMITMENT TO CATTLE YARD ROOF AS COUNCIL RECEIVES HRLX STRATEGIC REPORT

Southern Grampians Shire Council has committed to investing \$1.3 million to roof the cattle yards at the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange (HRLX) following a recent review of operations and report presented to Council.

The review comprised one-on-one discussions with key stakeholders including producers, buyers and agents to better understand the drivers and inhibitors to the Hamilton facility. Council pursued the review in an effort to ensure not only the ongoing viability of HRLX, but to ensure growth of the current and future offerings.

The final report delivered following the review process discusses options and makes recommendations on capital investment, marketing, operations and fees.

Among the recommendations in the report, adopted by Council at last night's meeting, is the commitment of \$1.3 million to roof cattle yards 1 - 99.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown says Council was guided by the thorough consultations in making the decision to invest further into HRLX.

"There was broad agreement from those interviewed in regards to the lack of a roof on the cattle yards and the impact it is having on the cattle sales. It was the view of those interviewed that Council should commit to this capital expenditure to entice agents and buyers to HRLX," Cr Brown said.

"We have taken this feedback on board and will commit to fund the roof over the cattle yards and ensure the future growth of this vital asset and its operations," Cr Brown said.

The roof over the cattle yards follows \$6.5 million investment in the facility in recent years, including roofing over the sheep yards and sealing of truck delivery areas. The new roofed cattle area will also have the capacity to be used for sheep in peak periods, further increasing the capacity of HRLX for sheep sales.

The report also recommended Council communicate and market the HRLX better in order to attract and maintain clientele.

"We have invested heavily into our infrastructure over the past few years and it's time to start selling ourselves better in order to remain competitive. Council are committed to engaging resources to assist in producing a targeted marketing and communications plan and will allocate \$50,000 to commence its development and implementation," Cr Brown concluded.

The report also recommended that a review of the fees be undertaken. Consultation with the interviewees indicated that there was a willingness to pay higher fees in order for the cost of the necessary capital works to be recovered. This could be done via moderate increases and modelled across agents, sheep and cattle to reduce impact. Council will liaise further with relevant stakeholders prior to implementing any fee increases.



## STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM (SAKG)

### From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

Our Year 5 students provided lunch for our friends of the kitchen garden program last Thursday. We are very grateful to all who assist us over the year, helping us to provide good food education. The hall and table settings looked lovely, our Year 4 class taking special care and messages of thanks and

gratitude adorned the tables from our students. Year 6 students made wonderful kitchen hands as they cleaned and packed away all of the dishes. On the menu was *Broccoli Frittata with Parsley and Pepita Pesto*, *Salad of the Imagination with Honey Mustard Dressing*, *Garlic and Cheese Rolls* and finishing with *Chinese Custard Tarts*. I have included the salad dressing recipe, which is simple for children to measure out and make in a jar to shake! Lovely on salad greens.

### Honey Mustard Dressing

2 tablespoons of Honey  
1.5 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
Mix well.

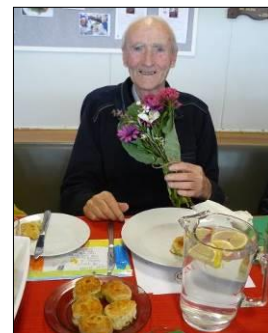


### From the garden... by Lisa McIntyre



Last week the students helped Clare prepare a beautiful lunch to share with our Friends of the SAKG program. This provided the children with the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to have the help, guidance, support and

friendship of those that participate in many ways to keep the program running so well. These children are growing up in a community that is supporting them and this gave them a chance to be able to display their thanks - we feel this is a very important aspect of our SAKG Program.



During our Garden classes, we have been watching the bees and other small insects busily dashing from flower to flower, collecting pollen and nectar for themselves and their colonies, while at the same time providing the essential pollinating tool the plants need to reproduce. Terms such as stigma, anther, petal, ovary and stamen are all being used. Did you know that borage flowers have the ability to refill with nectar, within three minutes of being emptied by a bee?

We have also been making bio char slurry from the fire pit coals. And it is so easy you can do it at home! Just collect the coals (wood stove/heater/open fire), and pound to small particles with a mallet. Fill 1/3 bucket with this, add 1/3 bucket sheep manure tea, and 1/3 bucket water. Stir well with a stick. Pour 1/4 of this mix into another bucket and fill with water, stirring again. Then pour this over your garden plants - gently! The slurry will add carbon to your soil, increase its water holding capacity, and will help your plants access soil nutrients through changes in soil pH. As you can imagine, there are many activities to keep us busy during these beautiful Spring months. We would love some more Friends to be with us in the Garden. If you are at all interested, please get in touch, we really are in need of some more help on Thursdays.

### SAKG Kitchen Roster:

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018 – KITCHEN	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Mel Peace, Heather Hampton, Julie Butterworth
THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2018 – KITCHEN	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Year 6 will prepare and share a thank you lunch for School staff. <b>No SAKG Kitchen Friends or parent helpers are required today.</b>



## SAKG Garden Roster:

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grades 4 and 5	Priscilla Jury, Carol Burger, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth, Casey Trotter, Ben Gaylard, Stacey Balkin
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Priscilla Jury, Vivien Brodsky, Carol Burger, Kaye Wraith, Dave Fanning
2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 6	Priscilla Jury, Carol Burger, Brian Matthews, Jo Aarons, Kaye Wraith

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grades 4 and 5	Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky, Julie Butterworth, Ben Gaylard, Stacey Balkin,
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky, Kaye Wraith, Stacey Balkin
2.20pm – 3.20pm Grade 6	Paul Callander, Brian Matthews, Dave Fanning, Kaye Wraith

## Flori ... abunda!

Hello everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the beauty of Spring.

I had the opportunity recently of joining our local Pilgrim Walks for one day and exploring the terrain of Griffin Track where I have never been before. Both it, and later Field's Track, were abundant with Spring flowers; oceans of Victorian Smoke Bush, Dwarf Tea Tree and white Everlastings stretched parallel to the higher peaks. An echidna lay curled at the foot of a eucalypt and many young stubby-tailed blue-tongue lizards lay sunning themselves on the sandy track. Butterflies, bees and ants delicately sipped the nectar from the tall, flowering spikes of the grass trees. The sweet, combined fragrance of flowers and grasses filled the air. What a celebration of life!

I was thrilled to discover many large colonies of Blue Tinsel Lilies, *Calectasia cyanea*, which I have not before experienced in the Grampians. They truly sparkled like tinsel in the sunlight. I was surprised to discover that they belong to the same family as the Grass Trees, *Xanthorrhoeaceae*.



Daisies abounded everywhere. Families of Blunt Everlastings, *Helichrysum obtusifolium*, nestled against sandstone rocks and pervaded the bush; purple and yellow Fringed Daisy Bushes, *Olearia ciliata*, peeped out from heathland foliage; and silver, velvety stems and leaves drew my attention to the larger white flowers of Woolly Everlastings, *Helichrysum blandowskianum*.

The heathland was dotted with small shrubs of exquisite pink, five-petalled flowers in the shape of stars. They were grouped in clusters at the top of the branchlets and their tiny green-gray leaves hugged the branches closely as they ascended. At first, I thought the plant must have been a member of the Heath family but I was mistaken. It is the Common Fringe Myrtle, *Calytrix tetragona*, my first experience of this beautiful shrub.



The day was full of discoveries for me. At the beginning of the walk, I was shown a group of small, Short Purple-Flags, *Patersonia fragilis*, the deep blue buds curled tightly amongst the foliage.

Later I spied some isolated plants of the Long Purple-Flag, *Patersonia occidentalis*, their lovely purple, three-petalled flowers, with yellow centres, wide open; my first experience of the Iridaceae family in this area.

I am so grateful to have this opportunity to enjoy our unique environment and to be able to share it with you. Enjoy the remainder of this year. Have a wonderful Christmas and may 2019 be fulfilling for you.

Marion Colton



## SCHOOL NEWS

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Invitations to the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Ceremony have been sent out. The Graduation will be held on Wednesday 12 December at the school. The dinner for students, parents, staff and official guests will commence at 6.30pm. **Family, friends and siblings are invited to attend the Graduation ceremony and presentation of awards at 7.15pm in the school hall, which follow the Graduation dinner.**

### THANK YOU MORNING TEA – MONDAY 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 Monday 10 December commencing at 11.00am. Morning Tea will be provided by school staff.

### MY BUSINESS RULES MARKET DAY WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018



Our Grade 6 Students had a busy day on Wednesday 14 November 2018 as they held their first Market Day selling items as part of their 'My Business Rules' project. Some of the items on offer included: Ocean in a bottle (*Emily McNaughton*), Ankle Bracelets (*Chloe Frost*), Tag Me (*Lucille Aarons*), Premium Pen Holder (*Tom Kent*), Pet Collars (*India Ross*). Here's hoping that the next Market Day on Wednesday 28 November 2018 is as successful as the first.

### SAVE OUR FARMERS IN DROUGHT

For the last three Tuesdays there has been a casual dress and sausage sizzle fundraiser to support our farmers in drought. The third and last day for this fundraiser was held

on Tuesday 27 November.



### CRICKET BLAST AT PEDRINA PARK

On Friday 9 November 2018 a number of Grade 6 and Grade 5 students participated in the Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup Competition. The event consisted of a Round Robin of T20 Blast Cricket games, followed by a final. The winner of the final qualified for a regional competition with subsequent State Finals at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. While our girls' team made the final they unfortunately missed out on going to the Regional Competition.

#### Boys

SMASH! The ball flew through the air ... CATCH IT! said College as they dropped the ball. At the end we were waiting anxiously for the results and ... we lost by 50 runs, two games to go. Our last game we played against Saint Mary's and we absolutely thrashed them. 6 after 6, 4 after 4 everybody played well that game. Then we found out we could play another game, and we WON! Overall it was a great day for the boys' team. *By Charlie Field and Tom Kent, Grade 6*



#### Girls

The girls won all three games and proceeded to the finals where we played Hamilton North. This was the most nerve-racking game of all. If we won this then we would go all the way to Donald and play there. Unfortunately we lost by 8 runs, but we were still proud of our effort.



It was a thrilling experience. *By Monet Graham and Lucille Aarons, Grade 6*

### KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

During Term 4 the School operates a Transition Program whereby next year's Prep Students get to know our school, teachers and students. The first of those visits were on the 7 and 13 November when Dunkeld Kindergarten Students came to school for the first time, without their teachers, between the hours of 9.00am -1.00pm.

The Kinder to Prep Transition Program will continue as follows:

- Friday 23 November: Kinder/toddler race at the House Athletics Sports for the younger children who are present.
- Monday 26 November: The Year 5 students (2019 Buddies) and Mrs Ann Howard will visit the Dunkeld Kindergarten to read a story, enjoy a snack and play with the Kinder children.
- Tuesday 11 December: Kinder students to attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9.00am – 3.25pm.

Parents to make their own arrangements to deliver their children to and from school. (Kinder staff will not be in attendance).



### POLICE NEWS

I had the privilege of attending the Victoria Valley CFA Open Day on Sunday afternoon. It's always nice to enjoy a chat with our locals who dedicate themselves to ensuring that our community is a safer place for the bushfire season. Nice to see some of those volunteers being recognised for their dedication with medals for service, however, I don't believe any of them undertake their role for medals. It's one of those old fashioned concepts of giving some of your time to helping other people. This is why our communities still enjoy a quality of life that is the envy of others. Long may it remain so.

The local area has enjoyed quite a few community events recently. The Dunkeld Races, Remembrance Day ceremonies at Glenthompson and Dunkeld. The ever reliable Peter Cook on guitar and Shaun McIntyre on the bagpipes adding to the occasion. The beautiful sunshine on the day flowed on to enhance the ceremony for the unveiling of a memorial plaque for World War 1 servicemen at the Dunkeld Cemetery. Off the Rails Art Show, Dunkeld Museum Open Day, around 200 BSA motorbikes, 'Back to' at Glenthompson. The vast majority of the events run and coordinated by volunteers. We are indeed fortunate to be able to enjoy such a variety of activities in our own backyard and no doubt I've missed quite a few as well.

At the time of writing we've had a run of cooler weather and some nice rain. Definitely, one of the more fortunate areas of Australia is the Western District and particularly this year.

Good rain can in turn bring an increased fuel load for the fire season and we all need to help the CFA in preparing fire plans and reducing fuel loads where we can. Good preparation never goes astray. Anyway, the benefit of the rain is the life it brings to the plants and gardens in the area and Dunkeld is certainly looking absolutely beautiful - special mention to the Sterling Street residents with their rose gardens.

If you're travelling between Dunkeld and Cavendish there are now permanent 60 km/h zones for large sections of the road. The road itself is generally in poor condition and prone to heavy traffic with log trucks so please take care if you're driving that way. Likewise, the Victoria Valley Road up to Mirranatwa is breaking up in places with log truck traffic so beware of pothole damage to the road.

Anyway, the Christmas rush will be upon us soon, so try and be careful and patient when you're on the roads. It's easy too at this time of year with the changeable weather in Victoria from Spring to Summer and the festive season to miss out on sleep. This can easily flow through to driver fatigue and poor reaction times. Try to get some good quality sleep if you're on the roads a lot. You need good concentration on the road at all times. Police see a lot of drug affected drivers on the road and you're driving on the road with them so be careful. Don't be afraid to pull over and take a break on a long trip. It might save your life.



I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year! Thank you to the beautiful people in the Dunkeld and Glenthompson communities for your support and for making my job so much easier. I hope you all get to enjoy some quality time over the holiday period and hopefully catch up with family and friends. A special thanks to Vicki Kearney and Terrie Nicholson for your help with the Dunkeld Newsletter.

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