

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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OFF THE RAILS celebrates Christmas with The Bizarre Bazaar



Off the Rails Dunkeld are inviting the community to join them on **2 December from 5.00pm** to celebrate all things merry and bright! So, shrug off the humbugs, and get down to the old railway station on Skene Street to be part of our crackers Christmas celebration!

Group members and special guests, will be showcasing their talents with a range of activities for all ages, demonstrations and market stalls. There will be plenty of opportunities for people to get creative, the pop-up bar will be open; the sausages will be sizzling - and you might just find the perfect gift for that person who is so hard to buy for....you know who I mean!

Highlights of the evening will include:

- Trevor's Treasures - a stall of wonders and delights, an eclectic mix of bric-a-brac, seedlings and handmade curios

- Artist Eleni Rivers, will be leading people through the creative process to create a collaborative painting – Dunkeld's Stories
- Marty Gent will show you how to handprint your own Christmas cards using lino and a wooden spoon.
- Anthony Pelchen will lead a series of code maroon collective swabs / group drawings – part explosion - part meltdown!
- Carol Ling will delight us with festive tunes throughout the evening
- Stalls by local artists will feature handmade gifts including Christmas decorations, ceramics and paintings.

There will also be prizes for the best Christmas outfits and a turkey raffle!

This will be a truly unique and entertaining evening, so frock up in your best Christmas outfit and get creative.....or just enjoy a sausage and watch the fun unfold!

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

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1 st Week	Sunday	December 3	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	December 10	11.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion followed by CWL lunch
3 rd Week	Sunday	December 17	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	December 24	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Dunkeld.

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

December 3 Anglican
December 10 No service in Dunkeld –Parish UC Service in Hamilton 9.30
December 17 Anglican
Christmas Service Anglican To be advised check Hamilton Spectator
Everyone is very welcome.

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

To be advised

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		29 Newsletter Distribution	30 Mobile Library Dunkeld	1 Santa Competition begins	2 OTR Christmas Bazaar	3
4	5	6	7	8 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	9 OTR - AGM	10 Mirranatwa Uniting Church pre- Christmas Service RAMS Family Day
11 Newsletter Contribution CUT OFF	12	13 FINAL Newsletter Distribution for 2017 Dunkeld Tourism Association General meeting	14 Mobile Library Dunkeld	15 Santa Competition ends	16	17 Dunkeld Carols
18	19	20	21	22 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	23	24 Christmas Eve Santa Run
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DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN



*Santa will visit the streets of Dunkeld
on Christmas Eve*

*Sunday 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; Gaylene and Frank Raymond, who all make this community event possible.

Enquires – Heather Hampton 55772240

DUNKELD CAROLS

The Dunkeld Community Carols will be held at the Community Centre on Sunday 17 December at 7.30 pm. We have some very enthusiastic pupils from the school practising to provide some items. We have two more practices on December 4 and 11. There will be a collection on the night for the Christmas Bowl Appeal helping an overseas project. Please bring a small plate of supper to share. Tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is invited to share in the Christmas spirit as a community and enjoy singing some familiar carols.



We would like to sincerely thank the local community for their support: from the businesses that allowed us to put up posters and flyers; to the people who attended and brought visiting family members along; to those who were vocal in their support and appreciation of our efforts, we are extremely appreciative and grateful.

Thank you also, to the committee of Off the Rails in allowing us to use the wonderful space. Visitors were enthralled with the building and platform, encouraging them to hang around and absorb the atmosphere.

As we had such a wonderful time in preparation for and on the days of the Art Market we have decided to make it an annual event. It will happen again in 2018 on the same weekend of the races!

Spread the word! See you then!

Vicki Kearney

RAFFLE

The Dunkeld Sawmill Group and the Arboretum members are raffling a pretty sapphire necklace to raise funds to help cover the cost of the next chain saw carving which will take place next year. We hope you will support us in this as the sawmill area and Arboretum are two of the most visited places by tourists when they come to Dunkeld. The next carving will be an added attraction to the site and if you haven't been to see those carvings already there, you have missed a couple of great pieces of artistic work.

Heather Napier

DUNKELD ART GROUP

The inaugural Dunkeld Art Group Art Market, held to coincide with the Dunkeld Races, proved to be an outstanding success.

With over 350 people through the door over the weekend, it can honestly be said that the local DAG's are still in shock. Albeit, a pleasant one.

Think local, shop local this festive season

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas I ask everyone to think local and shop local this festive season.

Small businesses are a major employment sector for our local area, providing not only jobs but an important input to the local economy.

Shopping locally creates jobs for our friends, our neighbours and our youth, so next time you are deciding where to shop, please look local first.

Local businesses not only offer great services and products, they also give vital sponsorship to our community sporting clubs, groups and schools.

The festive season brings with it an array of shopping needs and I encourage everyone to shop locally to support our local traders.

Emma Kealy, Member for Lowan



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LOCAL WOMEN ENCOURAGED TO GET A BREAST SCREEN

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is pleased with the number of local women who are having regular breast screens but would like to see the figure improve even further.

Figures released by BreastScreen Victoria show that 60% of women in the Lowan electorate aged 50-74 were screened in 2014-2016, above the state average of 54% but below the 70% target set by BreastScreen Victoria.

Regular breast screens are an essential component of women's well-being and Ms Kealy is encouraging more women over the age of 50 to take up BreastScreen Victoria's free program. A breast screen takes just 10 minutes and is with a woman.

Seventy-five per cent of women diagnosed are over the age of 50 with the vast majority having no family history of the disease.

"Early detection gives women the best chance of successful treatment and recovery, which is why I am a strong supporter of the work undertaken by BreastScreen Victoria", Ms Kealy said.

"Women in their 40s are also encouraged to talk to their doctor about whether breast screening should be a priority for them. A regular breast screen every two years is the best way to find cancer early," she said.

Breast cancer remains the most common cancer among Australian women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer). Survival rates continue to improve in Australia with 89 out of every 100 women diagnosed now surviving five or more years beyond diagnosis. Early detection is crucial.

"It is important for all women to know the normal look and feel of their breasts. If you notice any breast changes, nipple discharge or a lump, it is important that you visit your doctor as soon as possible and before making an appointment at BreastScreen Victoria", Ms Kealy said.

"I'm calling on the 3,786 local women between 50-74 years who did not have a breast screen during 2014-2016 to prioritise a free breast screen every two years", she said.

For more information or to book an appointment call 13 20 50 or visit www.breastscreen.org.au.



Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannon

As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

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FROM THE LION'S DEN

Since the last newsletter, the Lions assisted with parking at the Dunkeld Races. Another great day that happened because of a group of people is willing to leave the TV or lounge room, and work for the enjoyment of the community. Like always a great success and a credit to the organising committee.



Old habits die hard

While I was assisting at the gate a mate (a Melbourne man who I have not seen for over 30 years) came over with his latest girl friend. After a quick talk he went to get something from the car and his girlfriend sighed, "He's so romantic, every time he speaks to me he says 'Fair Lady'."

I must admit, I thought that I would not put too much into that, because he had been a bus conductor for over 40 years. So all I could do was smile and say, "Yes, some of us do have it."

Peter Hinchey

RED CROSS NEWS

Our Delegate Bek Kay, gave an excellent report at the Zone meeting in Hamilton. Many of the larger areas have closed their branches, but it seems that the smaller places such as Brit Brit, Derrinallum, Wangoom and Dunkeld are holding on. Some regions now have 'Friends of Red Cross' who give support and can attend functions, without actually having meetings. Various ideas are being enacted to raise funds including card days, luncheons, stalls, raffles, garage sales, golf days etc. and Red Cross aims to work from grass roots up, not from the top down. A large bundle of stamps was handed in, so please keep your used stamps coming, to members or to the School office, where Terrie kindly holds them for our Branch. The next Zone meeting will be in Port Fairy on 13 February.



The Zone Secretary from Port Fairy, has a son working in Bangladesh at the moment with the thousands of refugees streaming in from Myanmar. Estimated number is around 700,000. He was speaking over ABC radio last week and gave a clear overview of the work on the ground and where our appeal money is used. Providing water, sanitation and shelter are big projects and some of the young refugees are keen to help the aid workers. Red Cross has combined with seven other aid organisations in the area. The magnitude of the task enormous. The Federal Government is currently offering dollar for dollar raised by groups for this appeal.

Nine Dunkeld members enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch at The Bakery and thank you Geoff, Jodie, Kate and Ruth for looking after us so well.



Helena, Dorothy and Jenny enjoying the Christmas get together

The program for 2018 will be in the next newsletter and our first meeting will be at the Henry Leech RSL Room on Thursday 22 February at 2.00pm.

Iris Field, Secretary

THE ROYAL MAIL HOTEL WINS DOUBLE GOLD AT THE VTIC – RACV VICTORIAN TOURISM AWARDS



The Victorian Tourism Awards represent an industry framework for peer recognition which fosters a culture for business development excellence and innovation. The Awards have assisted the Victorian Tourism Industry for over 30 years in striving for excellence. During this period, more than 3,000 businesses have entered the Awards and have benefited through thorough examination of their business practice, with many recognised as winners at a national level.

Category 15. Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services

Winner : Royal Mail Hotel

Using their exceptional dining experience to position the Royal Mail Hotel as a destination in itself has proven very successful for the Grampians based business. By offering immersive food and wine experiences where visitors get behind the scenes and meet the chefs, kitchen gardeners and sommeliers provides a great opportunity to extend stays in this stunning regional tourism destination.



Category 22. Deluxe Accommodation

Winner: Royal Mail Hotel



Located at the southern tip of the majestic Grampians National Park in western Victoria, the Royal Mail Hotel is an ideal place to rest, reconnect and indulge. Featuring deluxe accommodation, a range of dining options, including the recently opened destination restaurant, Wicken's at Royal Mail Hotel and immersive experiences, the property is often referred to as one of regional Australia's leading properties.



Spokespersons for the Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld accepting Award
Left – Right: Kylie Schurmann (Marketing Manager, RMH), Mark Whitnell (General Manager, RMH), Nicholas Hunt (CEO, William Angliss Institute, Award sponsor).

Magic in the Familiar by Marion Colton

It is so lovely to just sit beside the lagoons in the Dunkeld Arboretum. They fill me with outstanding beauty, tranquillity and life force. It is also a place of continual learning on many levels.

It is delightful to watch the wood ducks and their young, some very tiny, some teenagers, the parents always alert to their wellbeing. At times they glide along noiselessly in single files; at times in little flotillas like navy squadrons, and at other times they seem to lazily swirl around in vague circles just out from the reeds.

Today I unintentionally disturbed a Pacific Heron, standing majestically in black and white on the reedy edge. He flew to a high branch of a River Red Gum on the far side, his enormous wings undulating slowly, his long legs stretched behind. Still amongst the small water plants near the shore two parent Eurasian coots voiced their annoyance at my presence, nervously guiding their three young ones away from this human interloper. The tiny greyish-black chicks have orange bills, unlike the white ones of the adults.

Purple Swamp Hens stepped elegantly into and around the rushes, sometimes venturing onto the grass to fossick for juicy morsels. One male was aggressively chasing another one off "his patch", until the latter sought peace in a neighbouring tree.

Around the most northerly lagoon are hundreds of tiny, mauve flowers shining like stars on the shore line. Their slender, floral tube divides in the centre, announcing that they are Angled Lobelia, *Lobelia anceps*, *syn alata*. Two tiny petals curve downwards at the front, whilst three stand upwards at the rear.

A little further on are soft, delicate carpets of the tiny River Buttercup creeping into the shallow water. Their five, shiny, spaced petals are yellow and stand out amongst their fine, feathery foliage; *Ranunculus inundatus*. On the surface of the water, the Water Ribbons, *Triglochin procera*, have sent up their impressive flower spikes. The abundant tubers of these plants were the staple food, year round, for the Gunditjmarra people.

Have a happy, peaceful and fulfilling Christmas and 2018



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Christmas is just around the corner.
Organise a hamper for that hard to buy for person. The gift of food.
My fave!!!

- **MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 6.30am – 5.30pm**
 - **SATURDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm**
 - **SUNDAY- 7.30am – 3.00pm**
- **(Times may vary on Public Holidays)**

MUSEUM NEWS

RACE CLUB RESEARCH CONTINUES

Thank you to all who have responded so far to our requests for Dunkeld Race Club memorabilia, including photos of past winners.



Ideally, we would have a complete set of race books, but are missing books from the following meetings: 1887, 1889, 1895, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905. If you can help fill this gap, please contact Heather Funk 55772407 or email the Museum: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com

2018 and beyond

The General Meeting on Thursday 23 November was a forum for discussion about the future of the Museum. One idea that was unanimously supported was the resumption of guest speaker meetings, probably one every two months. These occasions have been popular and well attended in the past, and we have some interesting topics and speakers lined up for 2018. Watch this space!

The Museum is open on Sundays and Thursdays, 1-5pm. Admission is \$7-50. No admission is charged to current members.

Contact the Museum: email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com

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Museum Duty

Dec 3rd: Joyce Gordon, Beryl Gordon

Dec 10th: Kerren Collins, Lyn Collins



**Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum
Seeker Support Group
(D.R.A.S.S.)**

Vision: 'Opening Hearts and Doors to Refugees'.

Mission – Using community initiatives to fundraise, educate and effect policy change to grow compassion for refugees

The group's 2017 report: Funds raised \$4379.10

- Donated \$1000 scholarship to person of refugee status to study at Federation University in 2017
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- Donated \$900 to the appeal for Manus Island detainees
- Ongoing monthly \$50 phone credit to detainees on Manus Island & Nauru
- Donated \$500 for refugee legal & associated costs
- Donation of \$1000 to the Rohingya refugee appeal
- Conducted food and clothing collections, candlelight vigils, various food stalls and ongoing efforts to free people in detention

Before Christmas we hope to

- Hold a giving campaign.
- Conduct an anonymous, voluntary community survey (3294 electoral roll participants) to seek the community attitude to people being held in immigration detention who have been granted refugee status and present these results to Mr Dan Tehan MP.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the group.

For more information contact Heather on 0402 481 577 or Maree on 0448 387 998.



DUNKELD POOL PARTY

Celebrate the start of Summer Holidays

22 December 2017

4pm – 8pm

Free Entry

Inflatable Toys  Novelty Races
 Sausage sizzle  Music

Bring your banana lounge

All ages, all welcome

Proudly hosted by Dunkeld Progress Association

***Santa Claus is coming to town!
Let's get jolly***

We invite ALL Dunkeld residents to enter in to the Christmas Spirit in this year's street decorating competition, sponsored by Dunkeld Progress Association.

To be in with a chance to win \$200 cash prize, use your best creativity and humour to showcase Santa Claus in your front yard doing something remarkable.

To ensure the judges don't miss your contribution, **lodge your entry form with the Dunkeld General Store.**

Good luck! Competition opens on 1 December and entries must have been lodged by no later than Friday 15 December to make sure you're in the running for a prize.

***Santa Claus is coming to town!
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Name:.....

Address:

.....

****Return form to Dunkeld General Store by 15/12/2017**



CAFÉ AND TEA GARDEN

35 Williams Street Dunkeld

Ph: 0400 744 612



*Just a reminder that we will be
CLOSED Saturday 2nd Dec &
Sunday 3rd Dec*

(For family Wedding)

*re-opening on Monday 4th December
at 9.00am*

*Christmas
Opening hours*

CLOSED:-

*Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
Boxing Day & New Years Day*

RE-OPENING:- 27 December and all
through the school holidays

FASTER PAYMENTS FOR WANNON SMALL BUSINESSES

Small Businesses in Wannon providing goods and services to Government will have their invoices paid faster following an announcement by the Turnbull Government.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said the Government will now be required to pay invoices for contracts worth up to \$1 million within 20 calendar days, an improvement from the current policy of 30 days.

"This will put money back in the pockets of small business, helping them to invest, grow our local economy, create jobs and employ more workers," Mr Tehan said.

"It is a major win for small businesses in Wannon that have contracts with the Federal Government and demonstrates our commitment to these hard-working Australians.

"Small business is the engine room of our local economy, and we are taking action to change the payment culture in Australia and ensure small businesses are not be used as a bank."

The Australian Government is already a proud leader regarding payment times and practices, with the latest Pay On-Time survey showing Commonwealth agencies paid 97 per cent of their invoices within 30 days.

The Government will also take action requiring its agencies and entities to publish their payment time performance. This will significantly increase the level of transparency and accountability and ensure agencies meet their obligations consistent with Government payment policies.

Minister for Small Business Michael McCormack said he has heard from hundreds of small businesses about a range of issues and payment times are a real concern for many of Australia's small businesses.

"Having run my own small business and waited at times for many months to be paid for work already completed, I understand how frustrating and how burdensome late payments can be." Mr McCormack said.

"This is a great outcome for small business, and I hope it will set an example to industry and to other levels of government to come on board with faster payment times."

This announcement builds on the Government's strong small business agenda. The Coalition Government understands small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we are backing small business through:

- Our Instant Asset Write-off that means small businesses in Wannon can instantly deduct each and every asset under \$20,000.
- Cutting taxes for small businesses to the lowest rate in 50 years.
- Landmark export agreements with China, Japan, and South Korea that are opening up new opportunities for businesses in Wannon
- The abolition of \$5.8 billion worth of red tape. This includes introducing: simplifying Business Activity Statements; a Small Business Superannuation Clearing House; and hundreds of other decisions that are making life easier.

The full response is available at <https://treasury.gov.au/publication/australian-government-pay-on-time-survey-performance-report/>

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The AGM was held on 27 November 2017 and the following Executive positions were accepted:

President: Lucinda Peterson

Vice President: Phil Perrett

Secretary: Phil Perrett (Minutes), Lucinda Peterson (Correspondence)

Treasurer: Kay Leshon

A huge thank you to Marty Gent for all her work as Secretary during 2017.

POOL

The Shire have advised that the pool will re-open on 9 December following the installation of a new pool filter and repairing and painting the pool surfaces.

POOL PARTY

To celebrate the opening of the pool season and summer holidays, a Pool Party will be held on Friday 22 December 2017, 4.00pm to 8.00pm. An all ages event, free entry, food, inflatable toys, novelty races - be there or be square!

DUNKELD COMMUNITY PLAN

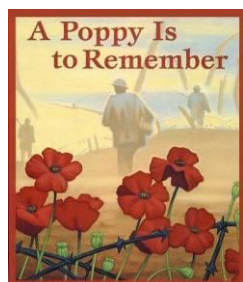
To all organisations in Dunkeld, we are looking for your top three priorities to include in the Dunkeld Community Plan. Make sure your projects are included in this very important document. Please email Naomi Turner at naomi@utilis.com.au by 15 December 2017.

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2017-2108 is due by 31 January 2018. Renew your membership before 22 December 2017 to enter the draw to win a new release Hyundai i30! If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms for new members are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.



Why a red poppy? Since 1920, the red poppy has been used as a symbol of commemoration to soldiers who have fallen in times of war. During the First World War, poppies were among the first plants to blossom on the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. According to soldier's folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. Poppies grew in profusion over the earth which had become the grave to thousands of soldiers, making the poppy an appropriate symbol to represent the sacrifice of life and the bloodshed of trench warfare.



The sight of poppies springing up amidst the ravaged battlefields of Ypres inspired Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write one of the most notable and popular poems of the period, *In Flanders Fields*. It is believed that the poem was written on May 3rd 1915 after McCrae witnessed the death of his 22 year old friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer the day prior.

The tradition of wearing a poppy began just before the armistice in 1918. The secretary of the American YMCA,

Moina Michael, read John McCrae's poem and was so moved by it that she decided to partake in a personal commemorative ritual of wearing a red poppy. She believed this was a powerful way of keeping alive the faith that John McCrae had urged in his poem. In November 1918, a meeting was held with YMCA secretaries from around the world providing Moina Michael with a chance to discuss the poem and her decision to wear a red poppy. This inspired the French YMCA secretary, Anna Guérin to take the idea further and begin selling poppies to raise money for those affected by the war - particularly widows, orphans, veterans and their families.

The poppy soon became widely accepted throughout the allied nations as a symbol of remembrance which was to be worn on Armistice Day. Poppies were first sold in Australia in 1921 and continue to be sold by the RSL in the lead up to Remembrance Day every year to raise the much needed funds for the organisation's valuable welfare work.¹

The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch raised \$1059.50 for this year's Poppy Appeal.

¹<http://www.rslvic.com.au/commemoration/remembrance-day/>

DUNKELD TOURISM ASSOCIATION

I must begin our column by apologising for omitting Liz Hinchey and Brian Mathews from the list of committee members for 2018 from the last issue.

The new committee comprising of Herman Jansen, Corinne Smith, Vicki Kearney, Brian Herman, Venita Mibus, Teresa McLeod, **Brian Mathews**, Linda Clark, **Liz Hinchey** and Marcia Macgugan will vote on Executive roles at the next **general meeting on Wednesday 13 December at 5.00pm** at the Visitor Information Centre.

We have recently extended our range of beautiful and unique cards to include original works by David Baker, Annette Huf, Betty Lacey and Keryn Gordon.

Dunkeld Racing Club says THANK YOU

On Saturday 18 November over 10,000 people attended the 2017 Dunkeld Races featuring the William Thomson Cup. One of our biggest crowds in recent history saw a fantastic day of racing under clear sunny skies with Warrnambool trained Unrealistic taking out the feature race.

The Dunkeld Racing Club is very grateful to the community support that we receive in the lead up to and during the annual event. As a local club we are very proud to be able to offer the opportunity to other clubs and organisations to be able to fundraise outside of their normal revenue streams. We are also very grateful for the support that the Club received from local businesses and individuals in order to put the event together.

An event such as the Dunkeld Races relies on this community spirit and volunteerism, and the Dunkeld Racing Club committee would like to say thank you to everyone who has chipped over the course of the year to ensure that the 2017 Dunkeld Races were such a success.

OFF THE RAILS DUNKELD

Are you interested in the Arts? Do you want to get involved in the coolest Community Arts group in town? Come along to the **Off The Rails Dunkeld AGM on Saturday 2 December bright and early at 9.00am** and see how you can get involved. New members very welcome.

The committee of OTR would like to extend our thanks to Corinne Smith for mowing the site in preparation for the Bazaar.



Dunkeld & District
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RACE DAY SUCCESS

With a crowd in excess of 10,000 people, the Dunkeld Races continues to get bigger and better every year. The weather could not have been more perfect and with the

mountains at their picturesque best, one could not help but enjoy this fantastic day. Dunkeld and District Bendigo Bank were once again pleased to sponsor the kids activities enclosure and look forward to this association for many years to come.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Bendigo Bank are offering scholarships for rural and regional students attending university for the first time in 2018. The Bank's scholarships are designed to relieve some of the financial burden faced by many rural and regional students, whose circumstances may otherwise preclude them from accepting a university offer. Applications are welcome from 1 December 2017 until 29 January 2018. Further information can be obtained by visiting the Bank's website: bendigobank.com.au/scholarships or call 1300 304 541.



VISIT FROM EXECUTIVE

The Executive of Customer and Community, Russell Jenkins, paid an unexpected, but welcome visit to the branch recently, during a cycling trip through Dunkeld. Russell opened the branch back in 2011 and was pleased to hear all is going well in 2017.



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TIME TO GET WESTERN VICTORIA MOVING

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is leading the push to improve regional public transport services in Western Victoria and get our region moving again.

"Access and connectivity of public transport services is a real problem right across Western Victorian," Ms Kealy said.

"Improved public transport is vital to reversing our region's population decline and support decentralisation initiatives. It will help local people to get to work, school, shops, medical appointments and much more," she said.

ABS Census data has shown that only 0.6% of people across the Lowan electorate currently use public transport to get to work.

"This statistic is not surprising given the lack of public transport options currently available," Ms Kealy said.

"Western Victoria can get moving again with better access to public transport. I'm asking local people to help get our voice heard in Parliament and share their views about how better public transport services would improve their lives in our great part of the State.

"Together we can deliver a strong message that the 110,000 people who live in Western Victoria deserve and want better train and bus links.

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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

MAJOR CLUB EVENTS PROPOSED DATES:

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

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS:

Heather Mac, Christine Scott and Ann Colby played the Casterton Triples, playing very well to be Runner Ups. A good effort, well done ladies!

PENNANT:

MEN'S PENNANT – No pennant on 18/11/2017. On 25/11/2017, we travelled to Grangeburn, in what was proving to be a very good contest being played in humid conditions and at times, rain, both teams were on 32 shots at the break.

However, during the break, the rain intensified and soon after we were washed out by a huge storm, with the rinks being flooded and to make things worse, thunder and lightning were constant. The game was abandoned and the points shared.

Next week we are off to Penshurst to start the second half of the season.

LADIES PENNANT - There was no pennant on 24/11/2017. Next week will see the ladies play at Grangeburn for the last home and away game and then in to the finals.

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB 60 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

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

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

TWILIGHT BOWLS IS COMING UP - MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer



GLENTHOMPSON DUNKELD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

To complete our pre season training block before Christmas, the club will be hosting a "family day" on Sunday the 10th of December to welcome all new families and catch up with everyone before the fat fella in the red suit comes.

Details are as follows :
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- 10.30am - Senior footy training (juniors most welcome)
- 10.30am - Senior Netball training (all grades and juniors most welcome)
- 11.30 - Auskick session (registrations not required) free! (let's get as many young legends to this as possible)
- 11.30- Net Set Go session (registration not required). Free!
- 12.30- BBQ lunch for EVERYONE at a small cost.

This is a fantastic opportunity to all get together and plan, prepare and launch into season 2018 with some **#momentum**.

During the day we will also have Club apparel available, order forms for new gear, membership options and an opportunity to register everyone so we don't have to worry about that later down the track.

Let's spread the word to everyone and make this a fantastic event



DUNKELD GRAMPIANS GOLF CLUB

Dunkeld Grampians Golf Club Annual Presentation Night and AGM was held last Saturday night at the club.

Outgoing Ladies Captain Sue Morse presented the trophies won by the Ladies - Predominant winners were Venita Mibus and Kerren Collins with more than 4 wins each.



Venita was especially glad to win the Eclectic scratch and the Eclectic handicap, an indication that she consistently played well all year, -she also won the chip ins, most birdies and two of the three par stars. Kerren was thrilled to win two separate events where a number of stroke nett scores had to be achieved to win.



Outgoing men's captain, Craig Williamson presented the men's trophies which were shared around amongst the men.

Highlights were Cahil McNaughton winning the best Junior player trophy and an acknowledgement that the Junior players are dropping their handicaps and testing the skills of the clubs lower handicapped players.

Incoming captains for next year are Jenny Crawford and Peter Gilbert. The annual general meeting saw only two changes in the leadership when John Sheahan and Kerren Collins retired from the committee and were replaced by Venita Mibus and Clive Pinneger.

The club will continue to play golf through the summer: Men on Saturdays and Ladies on Tuesdays. Currently Friday evenings players are enjoying a 9 hole chicken run event organised by Simon Macgugan. Non handicapped players are welcome to come and have a go. Play is from 3.00pm-5.00pm on the second 9.

PORTLAND YACHT CLUB

The Portland Yacht Club is again hosting the Junior Sailing 'Tackers' School Holiday Program in Portland for 7 to 12 years. Tackers is an introductory, fun, games-based sailing program designed for children. Children do not need to have any sailing experience and they do not have to be a member of a club to participate. All the equipment, including the boats, is provided.

Children play loads of games and go on adventures together to learn how to sail. There isn't a court, a pitch or an oval like other sports, instead you have a beach, river, or lake to explore.

When: 28 to 31 December 2017
Where: Lee Breakwater Road, Portland
Who: Australian Sailing accredited instructors and learn to sail boats from Melbourne
What: Tackers 1 and Tackers 2

Bookings online: www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers
Local contact: Mark – phone 0428 847 318

CELEBRATE AG DAY IN WANNON

Today marks the inaugural National Agriculture and Related Industries Day, a day to celebrate our agricultural industries across Wannon and acknowledge the significant contribution they make.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan today thanked local farmers for their efforts feeding and clothing Australians and people the world over and encouraged locals to get involved in Ag Day.

"Today is the first nationwide celebration of Australia's agriculture and related industries, which contribute so much to individuals, Wannon, our nation, and the world," Mr. Tehan said.

"Here in Wannon, the agricultural industry is vital to our local economy.

"Today is about recognising the important role farmers, and agricultural industries have played in bringing prosperity to our continent and building a unique Australian culture.

"It's a sector that continues to perform year after year and is one of the cornerstones of the Australian economy, with the value of Australian agricultural production exceeding \$60 billion for the first time in 2016–17.

"The total value of Australian farm exports increased by \$7 billion over the past six years—from \$38 billion in 2012–13 to a forecast \$45.2 billion in 2017–18.

"Agriculture and affiliated industries also provide jobs to about 12 million Australians.

"Ag Day is about getting much-deserved recognition for our agriculture sector and related industries, such as transport and rural supplies businesses, stock and station agents, and accountants.

"I encourage everyone to celebrate agriculture and recognise our farmers' efforts.

"They make a vital contribution to our community, the national economy and a better way of life for all."

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2017 WANNON VOLUNTEER AND SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan, is delighted to be hosting the National Volunteer Awards and Australian Government Sports Awards at a ceremony on Thursday 23 November in Beaufort.

In the morning, individual and group volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to our local communities will be recognised, and their involvement celebrated.

Mr. Tehan said "the volunteer awards are an opportunity to celebrate individuals and groups that show generosity and compassion to help others, others in need in one way or another. These awards are uplifting; everyone has a generosity of spirit, of giving, of kindness and a willingness to give time to their fellow community members."

Attendees at the National Volunteer Awards will hear from special guest George Kirsanovs. George will be sharing his insights and experience about volunteering in the education sector. George volunteers with the Beaufort Schools Plantation Management Committee; youth inspired programs and a number of community-based organisations in Beaufort.

Mr. Kirsanovs said, "he admired the significant contribution being made by people (volunteers) who willingly give time and skill when acting as individuals or as members of groups, organisations, and associations that act to improve the lives of others."

In the afternoon Wannon athletes, coaches, and sporting clubs will be acknowledged for their outstanding commitment or achievement in sport.

"The Australian Government Sports Awards present an excellent opportunity to recognise and celebrate the tremendous efforts and achievements within the Wannon sporting community," said Mr. Tehan.

The guest speaker for the Australian Government Sports Awards will be Gerard FitzGerald. Gerard is a former Australian rules footballer who played for Geelong in the Victorian Football League (VFL). He is most notable as the coach of the North Ballarat Football Club in the Victorian Football League, where he won three premierships and is the league's all-time longest serving coach.

Mr. FitzGerald said, "the key to his success was his family being part of his journey - my family gives me great diversity."

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SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal ... Mr Paul Jeffreys

It is hoped that our community enjoyed the school concert last Thursday evening. What a wonderful sight to see a full Community Centre of parents, grandparents and friends. We are thankful for such a great crowd. Again I thank our teachers who worked to create and then train our students up for what I believe was a lovely night. I don't think there is a better sound that comes from a school than that of children singing. It was beautiful! Great work students and teachers during rehearsals!

To Bev Hampton who supervised and organised the ticket booth at the Dunkeld Races last weekend, thank you and Jason Linskens and your team of school councillors for your work. It is truly appreciated. I also wish to thank all of those people who gave their time to clean up the racecourse on Sunday morning.

Great news everyone! Miss Susie Gibson (Year 2 Teacher) has recently become engaged to Mr James Taylor. We are very happy for you, Susie. Could it be that Dunkeld School offers opportunities for single female teachers to find love?

Whole School Concert – Fractured Fairytales Reflections by Year 2 students



At the concert I was brave / nervous / scared and I saw a big crowd with Mum, Dad and Tessy. When the concert finished my Mum and Dad were

very proud of me. *By Jack Reynolds*

It was the big night and I was very nervous. I could hardly remember my line! Then I walked to my teacher in the big hall full of people. It came so fast to our turn of the play. Then all of a sudden the room went quiet. I was the last act so I had some time to remember my line. Then my time came



very quickly. I walked onto the stage when Penny was walking off. Instead of butterflies in my tummy, I had them all over. I finished my line and I felt proud. *By Claudia Cochran*

Eerm! The crowd went silent as Jack started talking. I could see my Mum and Dad. I was feeling nervous and I was



shaking. I could hear people talking in the background. Then it was my turn to talk. *By Isabella Jury*

When I walked on the stage I spotted Mum, Dad and Pa. I felt nervous. When I said my part, I said it loud and clear. *By Drew Hassett*

Crack! went Humpty when he fell off the wall onto the ground as the Policemen came to look around. Then it was my turn to go on stage. My heart was pounding on my chest. I ran on stage and said my line and then I ran off the stage. I was proud at the end of the play. I ran to my parents and they were proud too. *By Louis Lazzari*

Wannon Water Visit

On Friday 10 November, Wannon Water personnel came to our school. First, Peter Corbett (from Powerhouse Productions) filmed us telling Catherine Grist, Education Officer from Wannon Water, about our SAKG vegetable garden. Then Peter filmed us watering our garden with Wannon Water buckets and spray nozzles. Last Peter got his drone out and took photos and videos of us watering our school vegetable garden with the irrigation and spray nozzles. Then they took a photo with the drone and they gave us a drink bottle each. *Written by Lucy Fraser and Wil Balkin and edited by Hayden Phillips and Jemima Ross, Year 3*



Kitchen Roster

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2017 – YEAR 2	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Annette Huf Christy Lazzari Carol Burger Heather Hampton Jo Aarons
THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2017 - YEAR 6	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Year 6 and 'Thank You' Lunch for staff – no helpers required.
THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017	
Clean Up Day – all welcome!	

Garden Roster

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 3	Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 4	Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 5/6	Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 3	Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 4	Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Vivien Brodsky, Paul Callander, Annette Huf, Carol Burger, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Trish Symes, Carol Burger, Amanda Cochran, Brian Mathews, Annette Huf, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Trish Symes, Carol Burger, Brian Mathews, Annette Huf, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander, Jane Calvert, Priscilla Jury
THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017	
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Please note that the next issue will be the last of The Dunkeld & District Newsletter for 2017.

So anything Christmassy that you would like to share please forward to Vicki Kearney on vkearney63@gmail.com or phone 0421 232 518.

MIRRANATWA UNITING CHURCH

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

Enquiries to Margo on 55740222, Iris 55740202 or Kristy 55740274



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Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Hotshots Green Ball

9 to 12 year olds
45 minutes
Cost - \$120 for 8 on court sessions
1 Coach to 6 Pupils
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Adult Cardio & Ladies Coaching

1 Hour Sessions
Cost is \$20 per session or \$150 for 10
1 Coach to 6 Adults
Monday
Tuesday
Tuesday
Wednesday

9.30 to 10.30am
9.30 to 10.30am
7.00 to 8.00pm
9.30 to 10.30am

Hotshots Orange Ball

7 to 8 year olds
45 minutes
Cost - \$120 for 8 on court sessions
1 Coach to 6 Pupils
Monday
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Junior Tournament Players

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1 Hour
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1 to 6 Pupils
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

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Monday
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4 to 6 year olds
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9.15 to 10.45pm
7 to 12 year olds
Cost - \$30 per session or \$80 for 3 days
11.30 to 1.00pm
10 to 16 year olds
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Junior Round - Robin

Thursday 25th of January
2.00 to 5.30pm
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