2016 WHAT’S COMING UP

**FEBRUARY 2016**

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<td>House Swimming Sports at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool. Parents and families are invited to join us for lunch, in the form of a “Welcome Barbecue” (free sausage sizzle) at 12.00noon in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. <strong>The House Swimming events will commence at 12.45pm sharp.</strong> A program of events will be sent home with families next week.</td>
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**2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES**

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**2016 TERM DATES**

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**SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS**

The first lunch order day for 2016 will be held on Monday 15 February.

**FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER - Nil**
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

I would like to warmly welcome everyone in our school community back to school for what we hope will be an eventful and successful 2016.

To our teachers; Ann Howard, Anne Gilbert, Jane Higgins, James Stephens and Jayne Berry; I hope you are rested and ready to deliver great teaching to our students. An especially warm welcome to Miss Annabelle Forbes who begins teaching at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Annabelle, I hope you will grow to love your little Prep Class and our school. Thank you sincerely to teachers who have been asked to take on new roles at our school this year. Changes present challenges and often require new learning. I truly hope you enjoy doing new things with your charges during the year.

Welcome also to our new Prep students. The journey begins at school but your learning has been going on for a long time. Congratulation parents...you have managed to teach your child to speak a language already. I hope you can help with their reading also. Welcome also to new students Sebastian and Nathaniel (Seb and Nate) Daveron and Mia Roberts to our school.

To Alison Prentice and Naomie Phillips, we welcome you and thank you for agreeing to each teach one day a week at our school. Al will teach PE to Years Prep, 3, 4, and 5/6. Naomie will teach across Years 3-6 on Friday's.

Ally Gordon also joins us and will work in the front office on a Monday and part of Wednesday. Welcome to you Al and I look forward to working with you.

Gaylene Raymond will be on sick leave for the first term. Enjoy the quiet life and recover well, Gaylene.

We currently have 14 students beginning their first music lesson for the year on this day and I wish Mr Jody Stephens (Tara's Music School) and the students every success. Hopefully we will begin to see some performances at assemblies in the near future.

Also on this day, we welcome back our Italian friend to take Years Prep, 1 and 2 for Italian. ‘Grazie’ in advance for your work this year, Marco (Antonelli).

Our ‘Play Is The Way’ program continues. It carries a simple but succinct definition about coming to school: We come to school for three reasons –

We come to school to learn about ourselves.
We come to school to learn about others.
We come to school to learn about the world.

The overriding objectives and ideals covered by the program are:

To help staff, students and the community to create a safe environment in which students train to be independent, self-regulating, self-motivated learners in persistent pursuit of their personal best and able to get along with each other

- To help develop students of strong character and decency with the social and emotional competencies to live and learn well.
- To foster empathetic students, considerate of themselves, each other and the world in which they live with sound and good reasons for the things they say and do.

The aim is to achieve these objectives using children’s universal joy of games emphasising five key concepts:

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you.
- Be brave – participate to progress.
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.
- Have reasons for the things you say and do.
- It takes great strength to be sensible.

More information regarding this program is available, including parent tips and video clips of some of the games in the following link: https://www.playistheway.com.au/

Please note that assemblies during 2016 will take place on Tuesday afternoons at 2:55pm and 2:40pm when we have Special Assemblies. The change of day is due to the timetabling of the MARC library program.

Finally, a reminder that your child’s teacher wants to do the best they can for him or her. Please, communicate with your child’s teacher. Understand that we get it right most of the time, but not all of the time (this is the business of people, and that means we all see things differently). Consider the power of encouraging and positive messages, and that this works for adults too. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE – 2015

At the final assembly for 2015 the following certificates were presented:

100% Perfect Attendance for Semester 2, 2015: Chloe Frost, Oliver Fenwick, Miranda McIntyre, Jesse Symes, Sarah Symes.

100% Perfect Attendance for the 2015 School Year: Oliver Fenwick, Miranda McIntyre, Jesse Symes, Sarah Symes.
STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2016

- School Captains: Anna Schurmann and Joshua Gordon
- Student Voice Captains: Isabel Hanson and Will Kent
- House Captains:
  - Wannon: Ashleigh McNaughton and Oliver Fenwick
  - Sturgeon: Julia Kelly and Zach Burgess
- Bus Captains:
  - Woodhouse Bus: To be advised.
  - Mirranatwa Bus: To be advised.

SPORTS HOUSES FOR PREPS & NEW STUDENTS

Each year it can be difficult placing students into houses. New students automatically go into the same sports houses as their siblings then the remainder of students are allocated to either house.

STURGEON House (House Colour: Royal Blue)
Charlotte Comer
Bonnie Peters
Ella Peters
Phoebe Ross
Kieran McClure
Darcy Potter

WANNON House (House Colour: Red)
Heidi Burger
Seb Davoren
Nate Davoren
Archer Etherton
Phoebe Lazzari
Charlie Linke
Charlotte Alderman
Ava Balkin
Indi Mibus
Olivia Njorde

AUSTRALIA DAY

Our school captains, Anna Schurmann and Joshua Gordon, proudly represented our school at their first official function at the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Tuesday 26 January. Other students attended and participated in singing the Australian Anthem. Sincere congratulations to our SAKG Garden Specialist, Mrs Lisa McIntyre, on receiving the Dunkeld Australia Day Citizenship Award.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

The external school lunch order provider is Izzy’s Mountain View Café, Dunkeld. Lunch orders are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Students place their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked cardboard box in the school library. Please send correct money if possible. The menu and pricelist are also available on the school website: www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au

Please note that the first lunch order day for 2016 will be held on Monday 15 February.

Please find listed below the current pricelist and menu:

**SANDWICHES**
- Toasted Cheese Sandwich $1.50
- Ham and Cheese Sandwich $2.50
- Salad Sandwich:
  - Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot $2.50
  - Chicken, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich $3.50
  - Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich $3.50
  - Egg and Lettuce Sandwich $3.50

**WRAPS**
- Ham, Cheese and Lettuce Wrap $3.50
- Chicken, Lettuce and Tomato Wrap $3.50
- Salad Wrap:
  - Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot $3.00

**HOT FOOD**
- Egg and Bacon English Muffins $3.00
- Sausage Rolls (homemade) $2.20
- Party Pies $1.50
- Cheesburger $3.50
- Hot Dog in a Roll $2.00
- Ham, Cheese, Pineapple Mini Pizza (homemade) $1.50
- Steamed Dim Sims $1.00

**EXTRAS**
- Small packet of Honey Soy Chips $0.90
- OR Grain Wave Chips $1.80
- Strawberry / Chocolate Milk $1.80
- Fruit Box $1.80
- Super Dooper Icy Pole $0.80

SOCIAL SERVICE

During 2015, the students (with their families amazing support) have raised over $2,444.00 through the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal, School Disco and the Fathers’ Day, Mothers’ Day and Christmas Stalls. The Christmas Stall and raffle raised $494.40.

This is a fantastic result, from a small school. But even more special is that the senior students decide which charities/organisations to donate to, and why. They have demonstrated a great deal of knowledge and compassion, and we are very proud of them. Thank you all for your support of this very worthwhile activity.
At the end of last year the students discussed and allocated the funds to the following charities:

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The following amounts were allocated or raised earlier:

- Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal: $486.00
- Cancer Council of Victoria (School Disco): $143.00
- Leukaemia Foundation (Funky Hair Day): $130.00
- Alannah and Madeline Foundation (National Buddy Day): $135.00

P & F NEWS
Meetings: The first meeting for 2016 will be held on Monday 8 February commencing at 7.30pm at the school.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 7 March commencing at 7.30pm at the school.

If you require any further information about the P & F Association please contact Mrs Karen Kent, President on 5577 2502 or Mrs Ally Gordon, Secretary on 0429 900 747.

Do you have any unwanted trucks, cars or other sandpit items?

We are currently looking for donations of used trucks, cars and/or any other items you may see fit for our students to play with in the new sandpits. The toys must be in good condition (nothing broken). Metal or plastic is fine.

Ideas include: Match box cars, Tonka trucks, strainers/colanders, small shovels or rakes, PVC pipe off cuts (short lengths), funnels.

Donations may be left at the school canteen in the tubs marked, “SANDPIT”. If there is an oversupply of sandpit toys, the P & F may donate any extra items to charity.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
When submitting your Book Club orders to school could you please ensure that the following sections are completed:

- Name of Student and Class i.e. Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5/6.
- Quantity of items ordered.
- Amount due.
- Total Quantity of items ordered.
- Total Cost of the order.
- Credit Card receipt number to be completed if paying online.
- Ensure the whole order form is returned to school, including orders that have been placed online.
- Cheques to be made payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School”.

Orders for issue number 1 must be returned to school by Wednesday 10 February.

If you would like any items to be held for gifts, birthdays etc or if you have any queries please contact the Book Club Co-ordinator, Mrs Sarah Crawford on 5577 8272.

WHY SLOP ON SUNSCREEN?

- A wide brimmed hat can protect from the sun’s direct UV but UV can also be scattered and reflected so even with a hat, UV can still reach the face.
- Sunscreen helps protect the face and areas of skin not covered by clothing. If you can see skin, UV can reach it!
- The arms, legs, head and neck are common sites for skin cancer.
- Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.
- Sunscreen use is also protective against skin damage, sun spots, discolouration and wrinkles.

Visit www.sunsumart.com.au for more details or call 131120.
2016 RACV GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE
LOCATION: ‘GRAMPIANS TO GREAT OCEAN ROAD’ - THOUSANDS OF RIDERS TO STOP IN DUNKELD

The RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride (GVBR) will be stopping overnight in Dunkeld in 2016 as part of the ‘Grampians to the Great Ocean Road’ bike ride.

Between 4500-6000 riders and their support crews will be camping overnight in Dunkeld during the event, to be held from 26 November – 4 December 2016.

Event organisers have advised that riders were surveyed in 2014 about where they would like to see the event go in 2016, and over 15 percent of the riders said they wanted to visit the Grampians! The riders asked, and the organisers listened – and Dunkeld is a big winner!

Southern Grampians Shire Council committed to support the event through its greater grants program prior to the announcement at a confidential meeting earlier this year.

Mayor Councillor Peter Dark said, “We are keen to be supporting events like the Great Victorian Bike Ride and thrilled to learn that the riders voted for this fantastic route. There will be significant economic benefits to the region, and we know from previous events that riders spend an average of $35/day, injecting approximately $175,000 per day into local communities, and that 82 percent plan a repeat visit to the region following the event.

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Mary-Ann Brown, President of the Dunkeld Progress Association also believes that this will be a great opportunity for fundraising and showcasing our town and in keeping with this train of thought; the Progress Association will convene a meeting in February 2016 of all interested parties to discuss developing a program of activities for the cyclists while they are in Dunkeld.

If you would like more information, or to keep up to date with local plans, please contact Council’s Acting Event Marketing and Development Officer, Simone Logan on 5573 0239.

Riders stretch along the Great Ocean Road near Port Campbell on the 2009 Great Victorian Bike Ride

“It is an exciting opportunity for the region and especially for the local Dunkeld community. It is a great opportunity for the Dunkeld community to showcase their town by hosting events or other activities to support the riders.”

A temporary tent city is set up each night to accommodate the thousands of participants. More information about this event can be found online www.greatvic.com.au
DONATIONS

Dot 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. Please make cheques payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School.”

DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

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

1st Week Sunday February 7 8.30am Mass
2nd Week Sunday February 14 No Mass or Service in Dunkeld
3rd Week Sunday February 21 8.30am Mass
4th Week Sunday February 28 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican Church & Uniting Church
Anglican - Uniting Church Services – combined services held at St. Mary’s Church. All Services at 9.00am ALL WELCOME. Holy Communion will be conducted by Anglican clergy on 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

February 14 Mr David Ross
February 21 Anglican
February 28 Rev Peter Cook Holy Communion

****Keep this date free - Friday 4 March - World Day of Prayer - this year the theme is Cuba.
Everyone is welcome to attend at 10.30am at St Mary’s Anglican Church, Wills Street.
Please bring a plate of food to share for a light lunch. Tea and Coffee provided.
Inquiries: Judy Trompf 5577 2414  Heather Macgugan 5577 2277

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

Panyyabyr Uniting Church
Please note the change of date for our next Service. It will be held on Sunday 22 February at 4.00pm and conducted by Mr Roger Thompson.
After the service we will enjoy a sausage sizzle BBQ. Could you bring cake, slice or something sweet for afters. We hope you will be able to join us.
AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY
A large crowd attended the Australia Day ceremony in the Dunkeld Memorial Park on Tuesday 26 January. Each year the Dunkeld Lions Club, Dunkeld Progress Association and Dunkeld Tourist Association join forces to organise and support this important, local event.

Well-known community member, Mr John Smith, was the MC for this community event; this being his 21st ceremony.

Dunkeld Consolidated School Captains, Joshua Gordon and Anna Schurmann, proudly raised the Australian flag at the beginning of the official ceremony while other students participated in the singing.

Leading Senior Constable, Bruce McNaughton, delivered the Australia Day address to the gathered crowd.

“Good morning everyone and happy Australia Day.
When Peter Hinchey asked me to talk today I did ask him for how long.  
Peter replied “about 4 hours should do.”
A good example of something that Australians are known for - A good sense of humour.  
I mean you'd have to laugh wouldn't you when one year you get flooded out and the next year there’s not a blade of grass to be seen because you’re in drought.
It's a tough and unforgiving country and it has, in turn, made for tough people:  People who’ve endured hardships as a result of the whims of the weather.  
You had to be tough and inventive just to survive.  
When the first fleet arrived at Sydney they came into 8 years of drought.  
However, we’ve grown to love the very weather that’s given us such a hard time over the years.  
Now we actually enjoy watching sporting teams and players from the Northern Hemisphere and how they cope with the burning sun of an Australian summer.

We’re a pretty strange mob us Australians aren’t we?  
We talk a bit funny compared to the rest of the English-speaking world.  
We take the English language, slaughter it and come up with sayings like, fair dinkum, no worries, etc.
Why?
I can only think that we’ve always had a slight grudge against the Poms.  
Hard to understand really, because in 1788 there weren’t many all-expenses paid sea cruises to Australia.
Anyway, we do something that we’ve always done, we take something and adapt it to Australia and make it work, and who cares if anyone else can understand you, so long as your mates can.
Is this really a valid point of view.  I’m probably biased.
Perhaps, in fairness we should consider what the quintessential Englishman, John Cleese, would think about Australians on the world stage.  
Cleese recently spoke about Australia and the way in which we were dealing with recent security alerts regarding Syria.  
I quote.
Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from “No worries” to “She’ll be right, Mate.”
Two more security escalation levels remain; “Crikey! I think we’ll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!”
and “The barbie is cancelled.”
So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the last final escalation level.
A tough and unforgiving land needed inventive people to survive.  
Did you know that we’ve invented:  
The first Refrigerator.  
This was probably also the first thing we invented; 1887 the first crouch start in a race: Baby Safety Capsule; Boomerang & Didgeridoo; Electric Drill;  
Black box flight recorder; Ultrasound; Bionic Ear; Rotary Clothes Hoist; Wi Fi.  
Without a radio telescope at Parkes, NSW, people wouldn’t have seen man walk on the moon in 1969.

Don’t get us angry because we like a challenge.  
We stopped the German Army for the first time in the Second World War at Tobruk, stopped the Japanese Army in New Guinea and managed to get our hands on the America’s Cup - the first foreign country to do so in the race’s 132-year history.  
We even managed to come from 3 nil down in the best of 7 races.  
I imagine Ben Lexcen looking at the American yacht and saying, “That’s not a keel.”
So, for a small population in world terms, we’ve done okay.
We don’t mind being the underdog.  
We like to be humble and we even celebrate what most would consider disasters, with the likes of Burke and Wills fatal expedition and Gallipoli.  
But we can all learn and do from our mistakes.  
We are a friendly people.
Our two Olympic Games at Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000 were regarded as great successes because of a sense of genuine friendship and fairness to other nations.

Just one example was at Sydney when a solitary swimmer, Eric Moussambani of Equatorial Guinea who swam the 100 metres on his own, the other competitors disqualified for false starts, in the slowest time in Olympic history.
However, if you had heard the cheers from the largely Aussie crowd you would have thought he’d won the world record.
I love that about Australians.

I’m grateful to those earlier generations of Australia who worked hard, endured and sacrificed so that we can enjoy a lot of the things we take for granted today.
As a nation we’ll face challenges ahead, but like our eucalypts, we don’t mind a challenge and tough conditions, because we know that if we can keep going we’ll get through it.

One thing I understand about Australians is that they hate long speeches and as I’ve reached just over four hours now, that’s long enough.  
Anyway, thanks for listening and get out there and enjoy your day and be grateful that you live in the best country in the world.”

Leading Senior Constable Bruce McNaughton
Mr Smith presented Mrs Lisa McIntyre from Karabeal with the Australian Day Citizenship Award for her many years of voluntary service to the Dunkeld and district community.

John mentioned, “Shaun and Lisa helped start up the Panyab yjr Landcare Group in 1993 which is still going strong.” (Lisa was the inaugural Secretary and still holds the position today.)

"Lisa has been involved in numerous community groups and committees, both as an office bearer and as a member, including the Dunkeld Kindergarten, Dunkeld Consolidated School Parents & Friends Association and School Council sub-committees, Dunkeld Mosaic Festival and Farm Art, Dunkeld Hall Committee, Plastic Bag Free Dunkeld and the school's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.”

In closing Mr Smith remarked, “Lisa, the people of the Dunkeld area would like to thank you for the work that you have put into our communities and also to acknowledge that you had support from Shaun and your family.”

Lisa graciously and humbly accepted the award and acknowledged the wonderful support that her husband, Shaun, and her children Alec, Lachie, Airlie and Miranda and her parents-in-law, Neil and Cindy McIntyre, had given. She also mentioned that there were ‘too many people to mention’ that had also generously supported the local groups, events and projects that she had been involved with.

At the conclusion of the ceremony in the memorial park, the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members provided a hearty Aussie breakfast of bacon and eggs accompanied by tasty fruit kebabs and tea, coffee and juice. Breakfast was provided free of charge by the Lions Club.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOUR
Allan and Maria Myers both received the nation’s highest Australia Day honour, being appointed to the Companion of the Order of Australia.

Allan Myers, QC, was honoured for his leadership and support of arts, higher education, medical research and charity.

Mr Myers was long-time chairman of the National Gallery of Victoria and has been governor of the Ian Potter Foundation since 2004.

Maria Myers was recognised for her work in the arts, culture, education and indigenous rock art programs.

Mrs Myers has been chairman of the Kimberley Foundation Australia since 2009, and board member of the State Library of Victoria Foundation.

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MICHAEL SHEIL’S ‘FOOL’S VESSEL’ SCULPTURE APPEAL
This sculpture, which was part of the ‘Lost in Sculpture’ weekend is still up for grabs if enough local people would like to contribute to its retention for the town. So far I have had pledges of almost $1500, so we are well on the way to achieving the $3000 needed to purchase it.
I know that there are more donations in the offering, and I will be phoning around in the next week or so to remind people. Everyone who has so far generously pledged a donation has been recorded, so I am just on the track of people who haven’t contacted me yet.
If you would like to pledge a donation (even $10 will help) please email me before the cut-off on Saturday 20 February. Thanks to you all.
Roz Greenwood – email: rozgreenwood@bigpond.com

SAVE LIVES FOUNDATION STALL
I will be conducting another Stall on Saturday March 12th for this Children’s Home in Kathmandu.
As you are probably aware, Nepal has been suffering since the terrible earthquakes, with shortages of everything. I hope you will be able to help with items to sell and on the day by purchasing the goodies we’ll have for sale.
We will also be holding a raffle - tickets will be available in the Post Office and General Store. $2.00 per ticket or 3 for $5.00.
Heather Napier

THANK YOU
I would like to sincerely thank Peter Hinchey and the Lions Club members for my nomination at this years’ Australia Day ceremony at Dunkeld. I was very embarrassed but equally I felt very proud and humbled that I was mentioned. This is a wonderful community, full of enthusiastic, hardworking and resourceful people with amazing ideas and imaginations. I know that I could not have achieved half of what was mentioned, without many of them helping, supporting and encouraging me. I have truly appreciated them. Thank you once again, it was a great honour.
Lisa McIntyre

GRAMPIANS ARK AND GRAMPIANS TO GRASSLANDS FOX CONTROL PROGRAM
The next fox baiting pulse began on Monday 1 February 2016 ‘til Sunday 10 April 2016.
If you are laying baits, please inform your neighbours.
If you have bait take data from the last pulse, please email or ring me with the details, I’d greatly appreciate that!
Baits can be picked up from Kelly & Henson in Dunkeld, but we may also find a supplier in Hamilton to support us - if that concept would work better with you please get in touch with me asap.
Attached is a recent photo of the newest brush tail rock wallaby, at the release site in the Victoria Range. The fox control work everyone is doing, is greatly helping its survival. Also, an interesting story that went national - our program is creating much interest!
Any queries or questions, just call or email - thanks!
Cheers Lisa  5574 9235  advancel@bigpond.com

DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
Dunkeld Community Centre Committee is teaming up with Conservation Volunteers Australia to assist with works in the Dunkeld and Victoria Valley region. Works will mainly consist of landscaping around the Community Centre which will be taking place over the upcoming months. For those who are interested in volunteering please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Caity O’Reilly, who will be working out of Sterling Place on Mondays and Tuesdays, on 0428 553 040 or at coreilly@cva.org.au.

MIRRANATWA LANDCARE and CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Volunteers are welcome to meet with the Mirranatwa Landcare Group at the Mirranatwa Hall, 10.00am Sunday 6 March, to do their bit for Clean Up Australia Day.

Bags are supplied, but please bring fluoro vests (if you have one), sun hat and glasses, sunscreen, sturdy gloves and solid footwear.

Target areas will be roadsides and to the edge of the National Park.
RSVP to assist with organising: Secretary Iris Field, 5574 0202

STAND FOR SANCTUARY
On Wednesday 3 February, the High Court of Australia ruled that offshore detention on Nauru and Manus Island was lawful, clearing the way for the government to send 267 asylum seekers from Australia, including 37 babies, to Nauru.

In an incredible show of compassion and solidarity, churches around the country have opened their doors to offer sanctuary. An offer by Premier Daniel Andrews to settle Australian –born refugee children and their families in Victoria has also garnered support from advocacy groups.

On the evening of Monday the 8th of February thousands of people rallied in capital cities and towns around the country to stand for sanctuary and demand that the government keep these people safe and let them stay.

In Dunkeld, through the organisation of the Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group, around 30 people of all ages, gathered in Memorial Park to show their support for compassion and human rights and to join in the nationwide stand for sanctuary.
OPEN 7 DAYS 8:30am – 5:00pm
35 Williams Street Dunkeld
Ph: 0400 744 612

NEW TO THE MENU

**DD’S Cooked Breakfast**
which includes:

- Canadian Waffle with Bacon and Maple syrup
- Scrambled Egg, Bacon, Spinach and Cheese
- Wrap (toasted)
- Bacon and Eggs on our Tomato and Capsicum Bread
- Organic eggs sourced locally (Hamilton)
- Sweet Waffles - available all day

Available till 11.00am
Friday, Saturday and Sunday

We look forward to welcoming you,
from the DD Team

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**GARDEN NOTES – FEBRUARY**

February, March and April are the best planting months for your winter and spring bulbs. They require an open sunny position with well drained, friable soil. Blood and bone or a light application of well decayed animal manure or compost will improve growth and flowering. Some bulbs, e.g. Hyacinth and Tulips can be grown very successfully in pots, using a good quality potting mix. Full information regarding planting depth and other specific needs is printed on the packages containing the bulbs.

Winter vegetables can be scarce and expensive. You can plant now for winter harvest such crops as cabbage, cauliflower, celery, silver beet, broccoli, carrot, parsnip and turnip.

February is a good time to prune your geraniums and pelargonium. This is a very simple job, remove any dead, weak or broken shoots and shorten other shoots by approximately half.

Harvesting and storage of your fruit crop requires care and planning. Soft fruits such as plums and peaches will only “hold” for a very short time after picking, however storing in the crisper dish of your refrigerator will extend this time. Drying, bottling or stewing and freezing are main ling storage options.

Apples and pears should be picked when fully ripe (not before or after). The main ways to determine when a fruit is fully ripe include skin colour, colour of seeds, date and most reliable of all, taste.

Fruit should be handled carefully with only the best quality chosen for long term storage. They will store quite well by placing into boxes and storing in a cool, airy position, protected from extremes of temperature and sunlight. You should regularly inspect your stored fruit, removing any which “go off” before the entire crop is tainted and spoiled.

Now is a good time to order any particular varieties of roses or deciduous trees which you may require for winter delivery. The earlier your order, the better the chance of your nurseryman supplying top quality stock.

**HAPPY GARDENING!**

*Stephen Hughan*

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DUNKELD – COMMUNITY CENTRE CARPARK
11.30am – 1.30pm
February 11 & 25

MIRRANATWA – HALL, SCHOOL ROAD
4.00pm – 5.00pm
February 6 & 20

Phone: 5573 0470 www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library

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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: The new office/residence arrived just before Christmas and was carefully sited. We have almost finished installing services and await the decks to be put in. This is the first half of the project. It is our aim to make the Park sustainable for the future. There has been a slight fall in occupancy recently, probably because of the hot and dry weather. However, future bookings look good.

Sawmill: We made a base for the wood sculpture in December. Unfortunately the eagle has cracked, so we are reluctant to put it in the hot sun. It will be put in front of the sawmill as soon as the weather cools. A cover may have to be placed over it. If anyone has any expert knowledge about preserving our sculpture please contact us.

Committee: Our committee has almost finished its 3 year term. We will be holding elections in the autumn. If you are interested in the future of Dunkeld and would like to help us, please consider joining the committee. More about this soon.

John Smith, President

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 15 February commencing at 8.00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Guest Speaker Meetings: At our January committee meeting, it was decided that we would trial holding our Guest Speaker meetings bi-monthly instead of monthly. Proposed Guest Speaker Meeting dates for 2016 are as follows:

- Saturday 26 March (Easter Saturday): historical tour of the old Dunkeld Cemetery including afternoon tea - $10.00 per person (time to be advised).
- Monday 2 May: Annual General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm and Guest Speaker commencing at 8.00pm.
- Antique Valuation Day in June (further details to be advised).
- Sunday 3 July: commencing at 12.00 noon with ‘Christmas in July’ lunch and Guest Speaker (venue to be advised).
- Monday 5 September: 8.00pm.
- Monday 7 November: 8.00pm.

Clay Family History: The Dunkeld Museum is seeking any information (on behalf of Andrew Buuljens) about the Clay family who lived in Western Victoria (including Harrow, Balmoral, Coleraine and Dunkeld) in the 1960’s. George and Isobel (nee Richardson) had two children, Danny and Patricia. George worked around the district, finding work wherever possible. His wife, Isobel, was a dressmaker. Their daughter, Patricia, attended the Dunkeld Consolidated School in 1965 (Year 5) and 1966 (Year 6). Please contact Terrie on 5573 3353 if you have any information or photos pertaining to this family.

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 14 Feb Geoff & Erin Hinchliffe
- Sunday 21 Feb Bill & Fay Gordon

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.

FROM THE LION’S DEN

Welcome back - the first newsletter for this year.
The Lions thank everyone who supported the Australia Day celebrations and we congratulate Lisa McIntyre on receiving the Citizenship Award for this year. It was well deserved, thank you Lisa from the community and thank you to Shaun and the family for their support so that you could be involved in so many things in our community.

FRENCH NIGHT

Date: Wednesday 2 March
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Location: Dunkeld Community Hall
BYO drinks.
Cost: $35.00 per head for dinner, French music and history.
RSVP to John and Christina Manolas on 5577 2697 or 0407 909 646 by 25 February.
Payment with bookings can be made by cheque to Treasurer PO Box 89 Dunkeld 3294 or Direct Deposit to Lions Activities Account 633-000 A/C #1440 47867.

THAT’S LIFE

An example of how two people can see the same thing but see it differently.
Recently a Dunkeld couple decided to stay at Jimmy’s Creek for the night. They pulled in with the van and set up camp. After a while a couple of young men arrived and because the park was close to full they had to set up camp very close to our locals. Their camp consisted of a couple of swags and a tarp strung up over them. At about three am our local man heard the next door campers talking and it went something like this;
1st male-country boy: “Fred what does the sky tell you tonight?”
2nd male-city boy: “I can see the Southern Cross, Jupiter is in line with Mars, I can see Orion’s Belt and the Milky Way. Things are clear now but I think it will darken up and rain tomorrow. What does it tell you?”
Country boy: “Someone has stolen out tarp.”

See you at the French Night.
Peter Hinchey

Maw's Mowing

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IT’S OUR BIRTHDAY

How time flies when you’re having fun. It has now been five years since we opened our doors to the communities of Dunkeld, Penshurst, Cavendish & surrounding area.
The board and staff would like to thank all the shareholders and customers for their support over the past 5 years and look forward to their continued support in the future.
The Dunkeld and District Community Bank® Branch has been able to give back $115,000 to help maintain and improve our local communities.

OPENING HOURS
Monday 10am-4pm
Tuesday 10am-4pm
Wednesday 10am-4pm
Thursday 10am-4pm
Friday 10am-5pm

Come into the branch on Parker Street, say hi to staff and if you haven’t already, swap your banking to Bendigo.
Call us on 5577 2488 for more information on anything to do with your banking.

SWITCH TO SAVE A BIG SUCCESS

Our community gave The Dunkeld Consolidated School an early Christmas present after taking part in Bendigo Bank’s Switch to Save program. Working together, Dunkeld Consolidated School and Bendigo Bank shined a light on the benefits of switching energy-thirsty halogen down lights with energy efficient LED down lights. For every light swapped, the bank donated $1 to the school, resulting in Dunkeld Consolidated School receiving $100.00.

DUNKELD GENERAL STORE
93 Parker St, Dunkeld, 3294 info@dunkeldgeneralstore.com.au PHONE: 03 5577 2418

New Sunday hours.....
7am – 1pm from 14 Feb
(Variations public holidays, long weekends and Easter....)

NEW - Caravan Eggs is a venture enterprise from Jaskro Park. Jaskro Park is a working property found in the south west of Victoria. It is a family owned and operated property that has multiple enterprises one being the production of paddock ranged eggs making them true free range eggs. Our Hens that produce our fresh true free ranged eggs spend their days grazing on the productive soils on the property and have 24 hour 7 day access to fresh pastures, moving location once every 3 days.

Fruit and veg boxes – seasonal items, no variations. $35 each
Order Wednesday, pick up Friday.....perfect household!
Monday to Friday 6:00am – 5:30pm Saturdays 7:00am – 4:30pm Sundays 7:00am – 1:00pm


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DUNDELF REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

Thank you to the generous people who donated goods that have been collected at our local Community Bank prior to Christmas.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne where they will be distributed where is best needed. Thank you to the Dunkeld & District Community Bank for supporting this.

Four families in the Dunkeld area have signed up to be part of the ‘Home Among the Gum Trees’ Rural Australians for Refugees holiday program as host families in early April. It is a great experience for visitors to spend time in a rural setting with a family and get to see some of the countryside it will help people who are learning about Australia, help them meet new friends, learn our language and our culture, in return we are then able to learn from our guests and make them feel welcome into our community.

For further information go to www.ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au/ It is an eye opening experience for them that they will remember forever. When else can they feel what it is like to be in an Australian family, walk in the bush, see life on a farm, in a township, and share smiles around the kitchen table? We may plan a welcoming event so stay tuned. If you wish to be part of this event please email Clare Kennedy ckatering@bigpond.com

DUNDELF RED CROSS

Delegates are meeting this week (12 February) in Hamilton for the Zone Conference, hosted by the Woodhouse / Nareeb Branch.

The Red Cross / Red Crescent have secured access to the Madaya area towns where 40,000 Syrians are without power, water, food, medicine. Tax deductible donations can be sent to the Syrian Crisis Appeal, Australian Red Cross Support Services, GPO Box 2957, Melbourne or via redcross.org.au

Showing at the Melbourne Convention Centre is the Australian Red Cross Tracing Service & Spirit of Anzac Centenary Exhibition.

In Sydney, the Red Cross Young Parents Centre is mentoring young people in cooking (helped by Kylie Kwong) and in Melbourne, Demons Star Neville Jetta spoke to school children about the importance of a nutritious breakfast, as part of the Good Start Breakfast Clubs run by the Red Cross.

The next Meeting will be held at the RSL Room Dunkeld at 2.00pm, Thursday 25 February. Come along.

Contacts: Jenny Cook (President) 0408 139 55; Iris Field (Secretary) 5574 0202; Bec Kay (Treasurer) 0476 364 766

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- Soil Rake  - Tip Truck
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DUNDELF 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. 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 are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5373 3535.

Book Launch: On 19 February 1916, 17 year old Jim Baddeley forged his mother’s signature on his enlistment papers and joined the AIF underage. Seventy-six years later, at the age of 93, he sat down with the Lilydale RSL’s historian to record his memories of his wartime experiences with the 58th Battalion on the Western Front.

From the terrible winter on the Somme to surviving shell blast at Bapaume, from the horrors of the Battle of Polygon Wood to the gas attacks at Ypres, from trench raids at Messines to the killing grounds of Villers Brettonneux, Ville-Sur-Ancre, Peronne and Bellacourt.

It is a story of sacrifice and endurance, bravery and loss, good times and bad times. An ordinary young Australian, who survived extraordinary times.

Date: 19 February 2016
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: OTree Restaurant, corner Victoria Road and Albert Hill Road, Lilydale

To be launched by Mr Barry Dickins, writer, historian with guest speakers Mr Lambis Englezos AM, historian and The Hon Tony Smith MP, Federal Member for Casey, Speaker of the House. For further details please contact: antmca@bigpond.com

Honouring the Ultimate Sacrifice - Victoria Remembers our fallen Vietnam Veterans:

Vietnam Veterans who died in the service of their country will be remembered at a poignant commemoration in February as part of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and the Vietnam War. At 12.00 noon on 21 February 2016 the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia – Victorian Branch (VVAA Victorian Branch) will co-ordinate State-wide, simultaneous vigils at the gravesites of Vietnam Veterans buried in Victoria.

Acting Minister for Veterans Phillip Dalidakis and President of the VVAA Victorian Branch, Bob Elworthy said 100 Victorian veterans will participate directly in the vigils, as organisers or presenters, during a visit to the Springvale War Cemetery on 21 February. Almost 60,000 Australians including 10,500 Victorians served in the Vietnam War and 521 Australians did not return; 98 Australian veterans who died during active service in Vietnam are buried at gravesites throughout Victoria.

The Andrews Labour Government has committed $1 million over two years to support the VVAA Victorian Branch in developing a thoughtful program of commemorative and educational events in 2016. Gravesite vigils will take place to encourage the community to better understand and reflect on the Vietnam War – Australia’s longest military engagement of the 20th century.

Other initiatives to commemorate the anniversary include a Vietnam War History Competition for Victorian students, and a $250,000 upgrade of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum at Phillip Island. For more information please visit: www.vic.gov.au/victoriaremembers/vietnam or www.vvaavic.org.au
Quite obviously there has been an extended dry spell in the Wimmera throughout the past few years. For the Grampians National Park, this not only heightens the fire risk but also places significant risk on the entire ecological system. Recent studies by our Deakin University research partners highlight the relationship between the effects of fire and climate conditions on populations of our endangered small mammals. Evidence also suggests that low rainfall is a key factor in population decline. However recently, the Grampians received some pleasant news regarding the persistence of the critically endangered Smoky Mouse *Pseudomys fumeus*. Surveys undertaken in the Victoria Range during early January this year showed a rise in the population figures to 7 individuals (which is an increase from just 3 individuals post fire in 2014). Original surveys completed in 2013 showed numbers to be around 28. It is hypothesised that even though conditions have been dry, the Grampians Ark fox baiting program has greatly assisted in reducing fox numbers and therefore reduced the impacts of predation. More detail on these results is available by reading the following article: http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/15/smoky-mouse-could-go-extinct-without-us-looking-say-victorian-scientists

The recently revamped Smiths Mill Campground has been a popular choice with campers throughout this summer. Parks Victoria has had the wonderful support of a volunteer campground host - Marika, who has helped campers with park orientation and information, and assisted with any last minute booking enquiries. For anyone that has some spare time on their hands and is interested in becoming a campground host visit the Parks Victoria website for information www.parks.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria has been steadily increasing its access for all abilities in the Grampians National Park. The recent inclusion of all-terrain wheelchairs known as ‘Trail Riders’ now provides even more opportunity for those with mobility challenges to get out amongst nature. The motorised Trail Rider makes navigation of inclines and steps even easier. Trained ‘Sherpas’ are available to assist those wanting to use the chairs and the service is free. For further information contact our CVA Volunteer Coordinator Caity O’Reilly at the Halls Gap Office phone 0428 553 040.

In conjunction with DELWP, our local Burn Officers and fire team are starting to discuss this year’s planned burning program. The current fire operations plan places emphasis on re-creating a mosaic of fire in the Mt Lubra bushfire area. Some of the larger planned burns, which will be done over a number of years, focus on taking out heavy fuels along the West of the Serra and Mt William Ranges, before treating the ridge-tops. This aims to prevent ‘ramping’ of bushfires up the back of the range. Hopefully conditions this autumn are conducive to achieving some positive results.

Much planning continues behind the scenes in the fire recovery program. Cranages Lookout was recently signed off by engineers and visitors can once again enjoy views out over Mackenzie Falls. Heritage consultants have been busy preparing reports for the repair or protection of the Zumsteins cottages. Works have started on Staplyton Campground with contractors recently initiating road realignments and landscaping. The newly designed campground will cater for a number of school groups, but will also cater for a range of general camper needs. The new layout considers increased space for caravans, camper trailers and campervans but also provides for traditional tent based camping. Planning works also continue for the redevelopment of the Mt Difficult walking track, track re-alignments, hiker camp options and planning requirements are being worked through at the moment.

Parks Victoria project managers and planners are currently working with walking track contractors to establish alignment options and work through environmental, cultural and park planning requirements. Taking the concepts of the master plan and applying them on-ground has provided the team with both challenges and exciting opportunities. Meanwhile, interest in the first stage of the long distance walk has been high; there have been many walkers enjoy the climb up through the Wonderland and Mt Rosea areas and feedback on the experience has been very positive.

As a request if anyone in the Southern Grampians area has any old photos of the southern area of the National Park, particularly of Strachan’s Campground or the hut please get in touch. We are looking for information or photos to go on the interpretive signage which will display the history of the site and also the efforts gone to by the Sawmill group to complete the rebuild.

Parks Victoria staff wishes you all the best for 2016 - let’s all cross our fingers for some decent rain.

Tammy Schoo – Ranger team leader Visitors and Community. Phone 5361 4000 (via Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre).

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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB

Pennant resumed on the 23/01/16 with Hamilton visiting. A good contest played out to the last end of the day with Hamilton winning overall by two shots. This loss will make it very hard for us to play finals, however if we can win our next three we will make it.

Next week we have Portland Gold, followed by Portland Memorial, both games at Portland. To finish the season we meet Grangeburn at Dunkeld. As this will be our last home and away game, there will be a barbeque and get together following the game held at the new BBQ/ Social Area. Members and families are most welcome. Please advise your attendance for catering purposes.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Our Championships were held on 02/01/16 in fine conditions. There were some very intense and tightly fought games throughout the day. Peter Mac pushed Cloud – 25/23; Frank beat Fiddler – 25/19; Monty beat Uncle Brian – 25/21; Shanks defeated Iven – 25/22 and Syd (Geoff) beat Cat 25/21.


In the prelim final: Shanks rolled Gary – 26/18 and Syd beat Monty 25/8.

Into the final with Syd and Shanks playing a great game with both having their chances to win and finally Syd prevailed – 25/23.

Congratulation to all players for their efforts and Syd for his third Championship win.

Syd then went to Penshurst to play in the Champion of Champions event but unfortunately was unsuccessful.

TOURNAMENTS – Iven, Monty, Johnny O and ex player, Cookie, made up a Dunkeld team playing at Macarthur on 17/01/16 acquitting themselves well but just missing out on the winnings.

On 18/01/16, Uncle Brian, Frank, Gary and “Storming” Norman S, ventured to Port Fairy to contest a high standard tournament. With four wins and 29 shots up, the Dunkeld lads came away with the winner’s trophies. Needless to say it was a joyous and well celebrated trip home.

ASSOCIATION SINGLES – Congratulations go to Stephen (Fiddler) Field for his win in the Association singles held on 13/01/16 at Macarthur. He now plays at Camperdown on the 31/01/16, not only representing our club but also as the Association representative. Good Luck Fiddler!

COMING EVENTS

- The Mattiske & Henderson Pairs, a major event – Thursday 25/02/16.
- Men’s B Grade Championships – entries please – Saturday 12/03/16.
- The “Stuart Darroch Day”, a major annual event – Saturday 19/03/16.

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GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB

Pictured are the Grampians women’s teams after their local derby on the Turf Friday 5 February. Picture courtesy of Tracey Kruger.

LADIES 21/UP – The first round of the 21 UP was held on 19/01/16 with Elaine beating Elizabeth; Erin defeated Mavis and Dorothy beat Christine. The 21 UP shall be completed on 02/02/16, more news next edition.

LADIES TOURNAMENT - The Dunkeld ladies conducted a tournament on the 16/12/15, sadly, due to the heat, entries were a little down but a successful and enjoyable event was held with the ladies from Coleraine taking the spoils.

A big thank you is extended to the annual sponsors, TAYLOR MOTORS of Hamilton. Their sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

FUTURE EVENT – The Dunkeld Ladies Invitation Triples will be held on 08/04/16. Early entries are welcomed. This event is very well sponsored by KEITH & KAREN ARNOLD of the DUNKELD POST OFFICE.


OLD BOWLS ETC – The Bowling Club is having a general “clean out”. There are many sets of old bowls/bags etc that have gathered over the years that need to be reclaimed or discarded. If anyone has a set that they wish to reclaim please see the club. If you do not want the bowls, let us know and we can either give them away or discard them.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer, Dunkeld Bowling Club

Impossible to cover all that has taken place over the last month or so, but highlights are as follows.

- A grade narrowly lost a thrilling one day grand final to Macarthur.
- Several of our juniors participated in junior country weeks and Daniel Kerber and Lachie Field state championships (Lachie Field player of the week).
- Craig Patterson and son Jacob achieved their first centuries with the club in C Grade.
- Our two women’s teams played against each other on the magnificent turf oval.
- Ryan Burgess achieved an A Grade five wicket haul in his 50th game for the club.
Our U16 team and A grade team will qualify for finals as well as both the girls’ teams.

Lachie Field heads to Brisbane on 20 February as part of the Victorian team in the U15 National Championships.

Father and son Andrew and James Povey got to represent the association at Melbourne Country Week.

Sam Kerber returned to the club as part of Premier Back to Club Round.

The Kerber family moved to Adelaide.

Senior games:
A grade will chase down 302 against Byaduk to keep top spot on the ladder. Ryan Burgess with 5 wickets the best, Mac Cuming and Lachie Field 2 each. Dropped catches the order of the day.

B Grade found their batting mojo with 258 v College. Mark Lazzari and Andrew Povey 50’s and decent knocks from Lachie McIntyre 44 and Angus McIntyre 35 helping things along.

C Grade almost won their first game and had a thrilling tie against Tahara. Jacob Patterson a lightning 108*, Ryan Townsend 72 and Drew Coote 71

Anyone can follow the Grampians CC fortunes via our face-book page.

Stephen Field

TENDERS TO BE CALLED SOON FOR STAGE TWO OF LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE UPGRADE

Southern Grampians Shire Council says stage two of the Hamilton Livestock Exchange redevelopment project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Mayor Cr Peter Dark said that Council was waiting to finalise the designs and the tender documentation which is expected to be complete by the end of February.

"Once the documents have been reviewed, we will advertise for tender submissions, with the aim for work to start in early May" Mayor Dark said.

Stage two works for the livestock exchange will include the fabrication and construction of more roofing and sheep yards.

$1.95 million of Federal Government funding for the project was announced in December, recognising the strategic importance of this facility in the centre of the south west.

“The Hamilton Livestock Exchange is one of Council’s key advocacy platforms and we are keen to ensure that this facility continues as one of the largest sheep livestock exchanges in Australia” Mayor Dark said.

The first stage, a $2.6 million refurbishment of the selling pens, installation of concrete walkways and improved loading and unloading facilities was completed in November last year.

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

The total cost for stage two the redevelopment project is approximately $4 million. Tenders are expected to be called next month.
The Dunkeld Station project was delivered by VicTrack under the State Government’s Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program which aims to revitalise some of Victoria’s disused rail buildings and precincts by making affordable space available for a range of community uses.

The Opening Event will occur at 1.00pm, Thursday 17 March 2016 and will include special guests Gayle Tierney (MLC, Western Victoria) and representatives of VicTrack and Southern Grampians Shire Council.

We hope you can make it along to this very special event, which will officially relaunch the station as the Dunkeld and district creative hub and art space.

Come along, have a cup of tea, bring a plate of something to share, wander through the carefully restored railway station buildings and hear from Off the Rails, Dunkeld Inc. about how you can support this exciting venture.

Trevor Flinn, President, Off the Rails, Dunkeld Inc.

Here is a picture of the station taken last Thursday during a walk through with the builder Nigel Carey, the architect Andrew Davidson and VicTrack employees Jean Parson and Sebastian Constantino.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Chook and Garden Holiday Roster: A huge thank you to all the families that helped us keep the chooks, and some of the garden, alive during the summer holidays. It is comforting to know everything is in safe hands, and wonderful for the children to come back to school and see their feathered friends again. We had 16 families help us this year (thanks to Valetta Bolton, Heather Cash, Helen Hanson, Fiona King, Jo Aarons, Emma Gordon, Lu Peterson, Ally Gordon, Geoff Potter, Kate Brian, Anne Gilbert, Bev Hampton, Paul Callander, Penny Fraser, Anna Topia and Iven Field), a fantastic effort, which meant that there was not a huge job for each family. THANK YOU!

Friends of the SAKG Program: We need volunteers – Friends of the Kitchen Garden. It is essential for the success of the Program. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends we cannot do it without you! The Kitchen Garden Program relies on many people for it to work to its full potential.

The SAKG Kitchen Garden Program aims to introduce young children to the wonderful world of food education: growing and harvesting a productive food garden and a kitchen environment that includes a nurturing place to prepare and share food, as an integral part of the school curriculum.

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- 4 x tickets for either Saturday or Sunday Open Garden 'Stonefields'
- Maple Leaf Trio of Salad Bowls
- Gardening Book  (Tickets will be available at the Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld School, or contact Lisa 5574 9235)

Paul Bangay's Stonefields
Open Garden Weekend

Enjoy a luxurious weekend on 16 & 17 April 2016 exploring the private property of Australia’s most renowned landscape designer, Paul Bangay, open for the first time in all its autumnal glory.

This is a very special fundraiser for the not-for-profit Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.

Previous visitors will get a first-hand look at the growth of the garden and new additions made since 2013. New visitors can look forward to a day of indulging in Paul's incredible private garden, rarely open to the public. Expect 4.6 acres of enchanting elegance, delightful detail and just a touch of wicked whimsy, all working in perfect harmony through Paul’s extraordinary vision. This is an experience like no other. Once your exploring is done, relax on the lawn overlooking the extensive property and glorious views while enjoying beautiful local food, wine and coffee.

Stonefields is located halfway between Kyneton and Daylesford at 20 Belty Drive, Denver.

This event is run solely by and for the not-for-profit Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation and all proceeds from this event support the Foundation’s work in bringing pleasurable food education to children.
MON – FRI
Open from 10.30am ‘til Late

SAT
Open for Breakfast from 9am ‘til Late

SUN
Open for Breakfast from 9am ‘til 4pm

Take-away available & Fully Licenced

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

- 1000ltrs
- 6.5 HP Twin Impeller Pump
- 20mtr Delivery Hose
- 5mtr Suction Hose
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$2699

CONTACT KELLY & HENSON FOR MORE DETAILS – 03 55 772 255
101 Parker St., Dunkeld OPEN MON – FRI 7.30am – 5.30pm & SAT 8.00am – 12.00pm
Mary Doumány
One of the most original voices in the Australian Arts Community
Classical, Folk, Jazz and Contemporary

Saturday 19 March
7.00pm
Sterling Place - Dunkeld Community Centre, Sterling Street, Dunkeld
Classical Trained Harpist and Composer who has performed with
Sydney, Melbourne and Queensland Symphony Orchestras

$35 per person includes Canapés & Drinks
Tickets can be purchased at the
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Enquiries: Phone Clare Kennedy 0427 803 308
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SUMMER BASKETBALL SEASON
COMMENCEMENT DATES

• WOMEN – Tuesday 23 February
• MEN – Wednesday 24 February
Team entries due 05/02/16 to clubs or
hamiltonaba@bigpond.com

• JUNIORS – Monday 22 and Friday 26 February
Juniors please contact your Clubs as teams are due 10/2/16
New players can find club details on the webpage or email
hjba@bigpond.com with your interest.

AGE GROUPS ARE: UNDER 10 Born: 2007 & 2008; UNDER 12 Born:
2002.
Expressions of interest are being sought for an UNDER 8 comp:
Born 2009. Please email names to hjba@bigpond.com

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Dunkeld’s Sand, Soil & Landscaping Team

➢ TRENCHING
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➢ SOIL CONDITIONING
➢ WATER TANKS / PADS

➢ QUALITY GARDEN SUPLIES
➢ EXCAVATOR & BOBCAT SERVICES

➢ TOP SOIL
➢ TOPPINGS
➢ CRUSHED ROCK
➢ BRICKIES SAND
➢ GARDEN MULCH
➢ 13 TONNE TIPPER & TRAILER
➢ ROCK & STICK RAKE
➢ AUGER
➢ POSTHOLES

CALL – WAYNE DENNETT 0400 542 419
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SAKG 2016

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2016 Kitchen Garden Sessions will be held each Thursday.
Name_______________________________________________________ Contact Phone No_____________________________________
Email_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

How often would you like to attend?
THURSDAY: Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐

Friend of the GARDEN Year 1 – 6 students attend
Grade preference: NO preference ☐
Grade 1 ☐ Grade 2 ☐ Grade 3 ☐ Grade 4 ☐ Grade 5 ☐ Grade 6 ☐

Could you please indicate if there are any TIME SLOTS (for Garden) that you would prefer:
ALL DAY i.e. from 11.30am - 3.20pm ☐ 11.30am – 12.30pm ☐ 12.30pm – 1.00pm ☐
1.00pm - 1.30pm ☐ 2.20pm – 3.20pm ☐

Friend of the KITCHEN Year 3 – 6 students attend
Grade preference: NO preference ☐
Grade 3 ☐ Grade 4 ☐ Grade 5 ☐ Grade 6 ☐

Thank you for your support.
Ann Howard, SAKG Coordinator
Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist and Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist
**SAKG KITCHEN AND GARDEN TIMETABLE – 2016**

**SAKG Classes are held on a Thursday**

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