

Dunkeld & District Newsletter

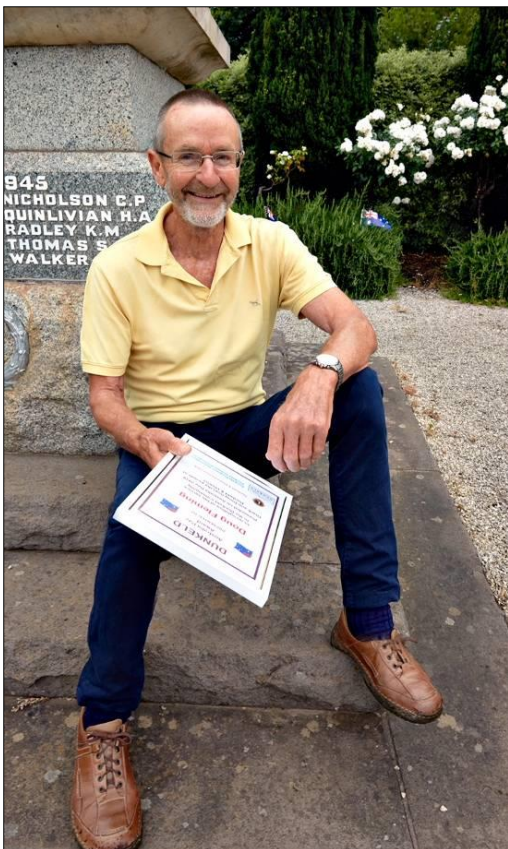


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DUNKELD CONGRATULATES DOUG FLEMING ON RECEIVING AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY



Doug was born in Duns, Scotland on 29 October 1947. He was educated at Ayr Academy and studied medicine at Edinburgh University, graduating in 1971. His main love there was judo and was awarded a University Blue.

He joined the Royal Navy and after his intern year in Plymouth, married Anne, also in Plymouth. Anne is an Australian who was on a working holiday in Scotland when they met.

Doug then commenced a three year attachment with Nuclear Submarines. Whilst at the Submarine Base in Scotland the first two children, Hamish and Catie arrived.

In 1975 they were sent on an exchange posting to HMAS Cerberus on the Mornington Peninsula. During his time in the Navy, Doug was able to do some obstetric and anaesthetic training, which was to be very useful.

After returning to Scotland in 1977 they had an extended tour of Europe before returning to Australia where they settled on the Mornington Peninsula and joined a General Practice in Hastings. The practice was an old style, which still did its own procedural work. This was a very happy time.

In 1983 Doug was looking for more answers and commenced an acupuncture course at the Royal College of General Practitioners. He became a Fellow of the Australian Medical Acupuncture College. This was to become an integral part of his practice for the remainder of his career.

In 1985, a love of camping and the outdoors, made them hanker after a more rural setting to live and bring up the children, which had now expanded to three with the arrival of Alex in 1978. After much looking around they bought the Penshurst practice from Dr Tony Arkell in 1985. Interestingly an ex-partner told them they would never last in a solo rural general practice as the demands were too great. However the association lasted twenty-one happy years. The two half-day clinics in Dunkeld were always very special, initially with Ruth Hay and then Joy Darroch whose help was invaluable.

He retired from the practice in 2006 and worked very part-time doing locums all over Australia over the next nine years.

Doug and Anne are enjoying retirement in Dunkeld and visiting their seven grandchildren. They love living here and are happy to contribute in a small way to the community.

Doug has been a member of the Dunkeld Progress Association from 1998 – 2017.

Dunkeld Community Centre Committee 10 years:
Fundraising Chairman.

Serra Terra Committee 9 years.

On behalf of the community of Dunkeld and surrounds, I would like to sincerely thank Doug for his tireless efforts, constant good humour and willingness to make himself available when needed.

Recognition well deserved!

DONATIONS

Mandy Crameri \$100
Iris Field \$ 20
Phyllis Leech \$ 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."**

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 4	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	February 11		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	February 18	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	February 25	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

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

Feb 11th	Rev Gallacher	Uniting	9.00am
Feb 18 th	Father Donald Kirk		9.00am
Feb 25th	Mr. Roger Thompson		9.00am

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

To be advised.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

EVENTS CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2018

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Dunkeld Museum Guest Speaker	13	14 Dunkeld Tourism Association meeting	15 Mirranatwa Mobile Library	16	17	18 Soccer Clinic - Hamilton
19	20	21	22 Dunkeld Mobile Library Red Cross meeting	23 Community Centre Feedback due	24	25
26 Dunkeld Progress Association meeting	27 Small Business Bus - Hamilton	28	1	2 The World day of Prayer	3	4



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone in the community who supported the Community Carols held at the Community Centre. Thank you to our very own mayor for being the compere. We had a lovely night of singing and music despite the hiccups with the IT. We will get it right this year!! Thanks to all the children who came to the practices and sang on the night and to the parents and grandparents for your continued support. Without you all we wouldn't have a Carols Service. We also appreciated Rita's lovely singing. We deposited \$300.00 to the Christmas Bowl appeal to help the Rohingya Refugee crisis - another example of the wonderful generosity of the Dunkeld Community. Thanks again to everyone.
Heather Macgugan on behalf of the Church Congregations of Dunkeld

-SAVE THE DATE- "ALL MY LOVE"

COMING TO DUNKELD ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL

From HIT Productions who toured 'Shirley Valentine' in 2017, comes 'All My Love' about the love story between Henry Lawson and Mary Gilmore.

More details later.

Victorian Government's Small Business Bus

WANT TO GET YOUR BUSINESS MOVING?

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SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2018
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THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is to be celebrated on Friday 2 March at Saint Patrick's Church, Martin Street Dunkeld. Time is yet to be confirmed.

This year's theme: "All God's creation is very good".

All welcome.

Liz Hinchey

WANNON RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO EMBRACE MY HEALTH RECORD

Wannon residents, especially seniors, are being encouraged to register online for My Health Record, for secure, safer health care.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said: "the simple system puts local patients at the forefront and can help health professionals do their job faster".

"My Health Record is particularly useful for our many so-called 'grey nomads' who travel from Wannon around our nation," Mr Tehan said.

No matter where they are, this online system gives people control over their personal health information.

Being registered on My Health Record also gives peace of mind, that health professionals can quickly access this vital information at the point of care.

My Health Record presents information from across the health system, through a GP uploading a shared health summary record, Medicare data, public and private pathology and radiology reports and hospital discharge summaries.

Mr Tehan said, "My Health Record would reduce the risk of medical misadventures by collecting and storing accurate medical records".

Comprehensive operator, process, and technology controls are in place to keep My Health Record secure and protect health records from a cyber-attack.

"Individuals can also control what information is in their My Health Record, and which health care provider organisations can access the information, with an extensive range of privacy settings," Mr Tehan said.

More than five million Australians are already using My Health Record, with the Turnbull Government investing \$374.2 million to expand the system, allowing every Australian to have a My Health Record by December 2018, unless they choose to opt out.

For My Health Record information and to register, go to <https://myhealthrecord.gov.au>



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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Introducing Carly Behncke

We are pleased to welcome Carly Behncke to our staff. Carly has been appointed as Customer Relationship Officer on a part time basis.

She was a Company Director since before our branch opened 7 years ago.

Carly is passionate about our communities, born and bred in Cavendish, built a home in Dunkeld and now living on a

farming property in Penshurst with her husband Jack and daughter Billie.

Call into the branch to say hi, Carly is looking forward to meeting all current and new customers.

Community Investment Program

Please note that our Community Investment Program has changed to two application and funding cycles.

Funding required between March and August

Applications open: 1 September 2017

Applications close: 28 February 2018

Great Insurance Deals

Start the New Year off on the right foot, by getting your insurance requirements in order. Call into the branch and ask us for a quote. It's free and you'll be pleasantly surprised what we have to offer.

Home and Contents, Travel, Motor Vehicle, Landlord, Farm, Life. Call in for a quote today!

Have you met your local Rural Bank farm finance specialist?

A Rural Bank farm finance specialist is available in your area to help develop solutions for your farming business. To find out more about Rural Bank's range of specialist farm finance products and services, visit your local branch at 92-94 Parker Street, Dunkeld to speak to Fiona Whale about how we can help grow your farming business.

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FROM THE LIONS DEN

Another year gone, and another well on the way, may we all have many more.

Australia Day

Thank you to the large crowd that attended the Australia Day celebrations in the park, the park as always looked great, the weather was kind to us, and being able to catch up with friends a real bonus. The celebrations were started off with our MC Paul Jeffreys thanking our past MC of over 20 years, Mr John Smith, for the effort he had put into being "the face" of the celebrations over such a long period. To quote Paul, "John always ran the celebrations with dignity and decorum". Thank you, John.

He then thanked Heather Macgugan for being involved with the music for over 20 years. Thank you Heather.

John Prust gave a moving speech about what it means to be an Australian, and what we owe to those who came before us - his theme being - remembrance, gratitude and celebration. Thank you, John.

The recipient of the Citizenship Award was Mr Doug Fleming and Paul gave a brief outline of Doug's life. Doug has certainly made his mark in our community and we thank him for the work that he has put into making our community a better place to live. We also recognise that Doug would not have been able to do all that he has achieved without the help of Anne and the family. Thank you and congratulations Doug, well done.

Job well done as MC, Paul, thank you.

Thought for the day

"It is very easy to endure the difficulties of one's enemies. It is the success of one's friends that are hard to bear." Oscar Wilde.

(I don't think that the above people in the Australia Day celebrations would agree with Oscar on this one, they are people willing to give of their time and labour and I don't think prone to jealousy).

Peter Hinchey

AUSTRALIA DAY 26 JANUARY 2018

THE OPENING SPEECH, WRITTEN AND PRESENTED BY JOHN PRUST

"Welcome on this our Australia Day. This a day of Remembrance, gratitude and celebration and these three facets will be the base of what I have to say today.

Firstly those who don't know me, I have lived in Dunkeld since 2002 but have taught at the school here and grew up and grown old around Glenthompson and this area. I am privileged to be involved in the Dunkeld Public Lands Committee who control Salt Creek, this lovely Memorial Park and the Dunkeld Caravan Park.

I have been involved with the Community Centre from its birth many years ago.

Now let me talk about the word remembrance!

We are here today in an area of remembrance with its unique and lovely monument, and just lately the two Remembrance Plaques, one of which is here due to the Myers family generosity and commemorates a local family, the other the Gallipoli Plaque...organised by the Dunkeld Public Lands committee.

Let me start with a tad of poetry: The epic poem *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae:

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

So we remember: Remembrance, gratitude and celebration.

A little story! My great uncle Donald landed on the shores of Gallipoli and survived to come home.

His rather jealous brother Cliff who fought in France was always envious of Donald's Gallipoli involvement, and was sometimes rather disparaging and often remarked to anyone, who would listen, that it was thanks to the Furphy tank with its metal sides and cast iron ends that Donald survived as Cliff insisted Donald spent some time in an empty one escaping the Turks bullets. As a kid I loved the story but now I am not certain of its truthfulness!

How much do we owe to these soldiers...men, women who served and saved us?

Might I digress slightly. Recently we travelled to Cape York crossing the Cape several times and at one point visiting Portland Harbour and another fishing town of Lockhart. The significance of these tiny townships is that Lockhart was a United States/Australian base home at various times to 7000 United States airmen before they were taken to the islands, about and before the time of the Coral Sea Battle. The Americans built a magnificent tarmac, still in use today landing Liberators and Dominators there for refuelling on their way to New Guinea and above. The lives of some of the airmen are commemorated here as night landings were hazardous and several Liberators crashed.

Portland Harbour about 20 kilometres away was the landing point for supplies and a jetty was built here to facilitate this. Today it is a place of fishermen and hermits, with a lonely café which proudly states ...yes we are open...and below this in larger letters SOMETIMES!

Be thankful for our service men that we are free!

Remembrance, gratitude and celebration ... to me Australia Day.

By now Peter Hinchey will be shaking his head saying that senility has set in ... Prustie thinks it is Remembrance Day! But let me go on!

And I take a verse from Frank Hudson's poem *The Pioneers* to continue:

*Back in the early fifties,
Dim through the mists of years,
By the bush grown strand of a wild strange land,
We entered ... the Pioneers!*

And can you hear the sound the bullock bells, and the crack of the whip! Listen it will come!

I will acknowledge Burke and Wills, Eyre, Stuart and the ill fated Kennedy and also Hume and Hovell, Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson ... their contribution is immense to the development of our country.

But move on to the settlement of the Kimberleys and parts of Far North Queensland ... possibly a little known history. And perhaps I am on some dangerous ground here for the first pioneer I have chosen is one who also has a cruel part of his life. But he was a pioneer!

In the 1840's Frank Lascelles Jardine was born. His father was a magistrate and pastoralist and he was posted to a

place on the eastern coast of Cape York; very remote but one of the most beautiful I have ever visited. In the 1860's Frank and his brother Alexander set off from Rockhampton with 250 head of cattle 42 horses and a small group of men. They crossed 14 rivers one of which was the mighty Jardine later named after him and reached Somerset 10 months later. They had only 50 head of cattle and 25 horses. These were the settlers, the pioneers... This was the start of settlement in Far North Queensland. Deprivation starvation real hardship were the hallmarks of their lives.

The beautiful Kimberleys in the west of Australia was explored by Alexander Forrest in the late 1870's. He set himself up as a land agent leasing land of over 51 million acres to adventurous settlers. The Durack family, possibly the most remembered, Patrick and Alexander, took up leases of gigantic areas in the Kimberleys. The conditions of the lease was it had to be stocked within three years of lease issue. The Duracks assembled a herd of 7250 breeding cows from the eastern coast driving them 4828 kilometres across unmapped country to settle in the Kimberleys. I think around 3500 head survived.

So I think of the settlers - living a hard and dangerous life but they opened up Australia to settlement and for better or worse they are part of the pages of Australian history.

Well Hinch I'm out of the history classroom now and moving on! You can breathe out mate!

Remembrance, gratitude, celebration...

So celebration ... on this day celebrate our freedom, give gratitude for our country's wealth. Embrace our cosmopolitan population.

There are some who say, that this is not a day to celebrate, I acknowledge their thoughts and strive to understand them but the clock cannot be turned back ... bad things from the past, cannot be made good ... but we can strive altogether for the health, wealth and understanding of each other in the future. Let's make this day every person's Australia Day.

In conclusion let me give you some of the wonderful words of Dorothea Mackellar!

*I love a sunburnt country!
A land of sweeping plains,
Of rugged mountain ranges -
Of drought and flooding rains'
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel sea,
Her beauty and her terror!
The wide brown land for me.*

Good onya mates! Aussie Aussie Aussie!"



CAFÉ AND TEA GARDEN

35 Williams Street Dunkeld

Ph: 0400 744 612

Just a reminder that Dunkeld Delights is taking their annual holidays from the end of business on the Friday 16 February. We will be reopening on the Monday 5 March at 9:00am - 4:00pm.



In the meantime we are open daily and serving you delicious homemade sweets, lunches and handcrafted produce.

New Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am – 5pm

*Cheers from us all at
Dunkeld Delights*

DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Dunkeld Community Centre Committee has engaged Rachel Donovan, Insight Communications, to prepare a business plan and position description for the position of Centre co-ordinator.

Rachel would like to hear from members of the community about the things they like about the community centre, what events/activities they like or would like to see at the centre, feedback about the current facilities and ideas about improvements to the facilities, and any other aspects of the centre.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK BY FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2018.

Please contact Rachel as follows:

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E: rachel@insightcommunications.com.au

Postal: PO Box 177, Camperdown Vic 3260

Mary-Ann Brown

Chairperson

Dunkeld Community Centre Committee

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: Gary is retiring at the end of February after seven years looking after our Park. He has been a great caretaker and during his time the Park has improved so much. Thank you Gary for your great service. We will miss you.

The caretaker position was advertised last Saturday. WDEA is handling the process, because we need to find a caretaker soon. Because we are on Government land, the position needs to be advertised. We are expecting the residence to arrive before the end of February. Time beat us at the end of 2017.

Memorial Park: The park has looked good all summer. It is used regularly as a lunch stop and a place for the children to play. We need to plan for some more trees. It is too late when they have to be removed, so we should plant before this happens.

Flood Money: The Caravan Park has received the flood money. We are now waiting to see what repairs will be done to tracks and roads.

Sawmill: Our Open Day will be held on Sunday 29 April, with all the usual attractions. More about this soon.

John Smith, President

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DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have a big year ahead - Community Plan, new noticeboard, invigorated pool and other projects....

The next meeting is 26 February at 7.00pm at Dunkeld Community Centre. All welcome - come along with your ideas for 2018.

Winner of the Christmas Santa comp ... Dunkeld was treated to a dozen Santa's appearing in various locations through town, perched under a verandah in a comfy chair, proposing marriage and various other scenes.

The winner was the Millard's installation at the Arboretum - Santa and his elves in the middle of decorating a tree and inviting passers-by to join in. Extra points for encouraging public participation! Nicely done Millards!!

A local has described Millards as "They are the Christmas Spirit"... Thank you to everyone who participated - you all brought extra joy to our town.

Town Pool Party - On 22 December Dunkeld celebrated its awesome pool with the inaugural Pool Party (resurrected from the old Splash 'n' Splutter days). About 200 attended, swam, feasted on BBQ, jumped in the jumping castle and raced. Ally Gordon, Ben Potter, Charlie Field and Edward Williamson "The (Motley) Gordons" won the coveted Family Race, presented by Liz Myers.

Thank you to the pool committee, Casey and Zoe Trotter and Lyn Collins for organising, and thanks to Southern Grampians Shire for financial assistance and wonderful lifeguards!

Put it in your diary for 2018 last day of school year for the next pool party.



You're encouraged to attend the Parks Victoria meeting along Salt Creek at 7.00pm on 15 February to find out and have a say about future works as part of upgrades for the Grampians Peaks Trail.

Cheers for a great 2018 ahead.

Lucinda Peterson, President, 0459 774 624

Nappies distributed locally to those in need

Last year Emma Kealy MP nominated her electorate office as a drop point for 'The Nappy Collective' project to collect leftover unused disposable nappies for redistribution to local organisations that support families in crisis or in need.

"I have been amazed by the local community support for 'The Nappy Collective' project and I thank everyone who took the time to drop nappies into my office and those who purchased nappies specifically for donation," Ms Kealy said.

"I am proud that the 600 unused nappies collected through my office will be distributed locally to support victims of domestic violence and young mothers in need", she said.

The initiative runs twice a year in May and October, with 390 official drop points in 44 towns and cities across Australia.

Over 1,760,000 nappies have been donated since the project commenced in 2013.

"Thank you again to everyone who donated nappies for their fantastic support of this worthwhile community charity," Ms Kealy said.

"I encourage all local residents to consider getting involved when the project runs again in May", she said.

For more information, visit www.thenappycollectice.com



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. 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. Membership renewal for 2018 is now due. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

76th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin: The attack on Darwin on 19 February 1942 by the Japanese was the first attack ever made by an enemy on Australian soil. The devastating attack by 242 Japanese aircraft, sunk eight and damaged fifteen of the forty-five ships in the harbour, twenty-three aircraft were destroyed and an estimated 900 people killed with many hundreds injured.

Although Battalions of soldiers were rushed to Darwin following the attack on Pearl Harbour, Australia's defences were totally inadequate against such an attack. Altogether 683 bombs over two raids were dropped on Darwin in one day and up to that time was the biggest air raid of World War II.



Strict censorship was imposed on all information regarding the air raids and all official documents were stamped "Not to be released until 1995." About 200,000 Australians served in Darwin in WW2

and through this ceremony we give them the recognition and respect they have earned for their efforts in the defence of their country and its people.

Veterans, their families and members of the public are welcome to attend the Darwin Defenders commemorative ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance on Monday 19 February commencing at 10.00am (guests to be seated by 9.45am).

For further details please contact Bernadette Lightfoot on 9500 2399 or bern@ryebuck.com.au

St Arnaud RSL Centenary

1918 - 2018: The St Arnaud RSL Sub-Branch will hold a centenary luncheon on Saturday 17 March at Liberty Hall. Wreath laying will commence at 11.30am, followed by a luncheon at 12.00 noon. Luncheon bookings at \$30.00 per person may be made by contacting Des Richards on 0407 951 647, Bob Wooley on 0419 537 577 or email: info@starrsl.com.au by 20 February.



'Closer and WWI Soldier Settlement' Girgarre and Stanhope North Commemoration: Unveiling of information panels which commemorate and are dedicated to the 'Closer and World War I Soldier Settlers' and the pioneer role in Stanhope North and Girgarre district will occur on Sunday 25 February commencing at 1.30pm in Station Street, Girgarre.

This project has been supported by funding from the Australian Government under the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program. At the conclusion of the ceremony refreshments will be provided by the Girgarre Development Group in the Memorial Hall. RSVP for catering purposes by 15 February or enquiries to: girgarrersl@gmail.com or contact John Crilly on 0437 438 077 or Rob Axen 5854 6429.

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ON THE BEAT

I hope you all enjoyed a good festive season and the New Year is progressing well. It's been quite a dry spell and I'm writing this at the end of a day where there's been a grass fire out along the Cavendish-Dunkeld Road near Bundol Road. It's fortunate that it didn't burn more grass than it did but it's a timely reminder of how dry conditions are. Some excellent work by the CFA to get the fire under control with a minimal amount of damage caused.

The tourist season has been in full swing this year with good numbers of 4WD vehicles, caravans and shiny black Audi's frequenting our streets. A good indicator of visitor numbers is always if you struggle to get a park in the main street near the shops. I hope they enjoy looking at our mountains as much as I do. Mind you, the flowering gums down the main street are impressive and colourful too and are having a great season.

I was fortunate to recently witness the recognition of Doug FLEMING as our Citizen of the Year, an award that was very well deserved. He has contributed much to this Community with long term membership of the Dunkeld Progress Association, championing Dunkeld and through the Serra Terra event to name just a few. He is a caring and gentle person, who leads by example by keeping himself fit. If you happen to walk Mount Sturgeon you'll often meet Doug, although he tends to sneak up on you because you'll never hear him breathing hard.

A bit of news from another Doug - Doug CRAIG informed me that the Serra Terra is already full for this year's event, which is a testament to the quality of the event.

School has started again so please be mindful of the 40km/h speed zone times in and around our school and students travelling on their bicycles and walking to school. They may not always have the ideal road sense, so expect the unexpected and be ready to react. Obviously, slowing down allows you more time to do that.

Driving the Glenelg Highway recently has been interesting. 146km/h from one motorist, 136 km/h from another one and 100 km/h in a 60km/h roadwork area. I can state the obvious but I just want you to concentrate out there, because these people are out there and driving towards you.

Finally, just a reminder to report suspicious activity to prevent crime. For example, if you see a strange vehicle driving slowly past, or stopped outside your property, vehicles travelling late at night with sheep on them, or a livestock trailer, that you don't recognise. Be vigilant because you generally know the regulars that are around. Write down a registration number or get a description and give me a ring. That information may help prevent a crime.

On that note, good work by Peter Myers who spotted a vehicle near Freshwater Lake and found a man inside, passed out, and who was badly dehydrated. The man had been walking in the Grampians on a hot day and had probably done too much. If Peter hadn't come across this man when he did, the outcome could've been very different.

Best wishes.

L/S/C Bruce McNaughton

Dunkeld Police Station

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GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

Walk Victoria's Icons



Let's talk about Salt Creek trail proposed upgrades...

Parks Victoria is seeking feedback on the draft design and location of upgrades to the small flood effected area on the Salt Creek trail behind the Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld. The trail will link with the southern section of the Grampians Peaks Trail, when completed in late 2019.

Have your say

Come along to a site visit on **Thursday, 15 February at 7.00pm.**

Interested individuals and organisations are invited to join the conversation with Parks Victoria, Southern Grampians Shire Council, and the Dunkeld Public Land Committee Inc. to review and provide feedback on the proposed plan.

Meet at the **Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre** and walk along the trail, discuss the proposed upgrades, and receive a copy of the proposed plan or download the plan here www.goo.gl/vsXjEy

Register your interest or for further information contact gpt@parks.vic.gov.au or **0439 529 533.**



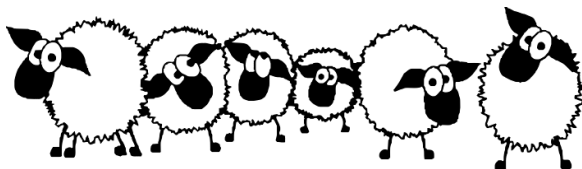
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It's a WAK (woolly act of kindness) as every delegate who attends the conference will receive a scarf in their welcome pack. All scarves tagged with makers details. For further information contact The Knitwit aka Jacinta on **5572 1303**.

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ROUND TWO OF GREATER GRANTS NOW OPEN

Round two of Council's **Greater Grants Program** for the 2017-18 financial year is now open.

Greater Grants is designed to help build our region by giving community groups a funding source to undertake new or growing initiatives, projects, or events that benefit the Southern Grampians Shire.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown said the Greater Grants Program is a wonderful way for Council to provide financial assistance to our community groups and organisations.

"Last financial year, we contributed almost a quarter of a million dollars to community infrastructure, events and other projects through our Greater Grants program.

"The Coleraine Pedal Car Grand Prix, Dunkeld Sturgeon Stampede and the Hamilton Pride and Inclusion day were just a handful of the events funded last year, while we also supported the purchasing of new lane ropes for the Hamilton Swim Club, a rainwater tank at HIRL and contributed funds towards the community gathering space at Branhholme.

"The projects and events we support reflect the tremendous contribution that volunteers make in our community. These volunteers are the backbone of our community and Council are proud to support these groups and individuals to achieve these events, projects and initiatives which are so important to our region."

Charles Blackwell, President of the Dunkeld Rodeo committee, said Council's Greater Grants program helped make the first Dunkeld Sturgeon Stampede a success in 2017.

"It was really successful, especially for a first year event," Blackwell said. "Despite some poor weather, we had a good crowd walk through the gates and there was a great family vibe too which is exactly what we are looking to create.

"The event received a \$2,500 grant through Council's Greater Grants Program to help cover security costs and entertainment, as well as advertising. We are very grateful to Council for their funding which helped get this event off the ground and for their continued support as we plan for our 2018 event on the March long weekend."

Mr Blackwell encouraged other community groups and individuals in the shire to apply for the second funding round, which is now open.

"If you have an idea or project which will help your community grow and succeed, you should definitely apply for the Council's Greater Grants Program," he said.

Information on the funding categories available and on how to apply can be found on the Grants and funding section of council's website at www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au Applications for round two of the 2017-2018 Greater Grants Program close 5pm on Friday, 23 February 2018. Potential applicants are reminded to refer to the Greater Grants Guidelines to assess their eligibility to apply.



DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS
GUEST SPEAKER EVENING -
UNLOCKING SECRETS OF THE PAST
MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY at 7.30pm.

Our presentation for the first guest speaker event for the year will provide insight into one of the services the Dunkeld

Museum provides – family research. The sleuth work that goes on behind the scenes and what it can reveal will be explained, focussing on a recent request for information on the relatives of a visitor from Western Australia. Our researcher, Heather Funk, will take you on the journey, explaining research methodology and resources that led to significant discoveries about this family, including burials in the Dunkeld old and new cemeteries.

Heather will provide valuable information for your own research into your family history, particularly the free resources that are available.

Gold coin admission. Supper provided.

HERITAGE TRAIL UNVEILING - SUNDAY 18 MARCH at 1.30 pm

You will have noticed that the signage for the heritage trail was installed in December. The signs are not quite finished – awaiting sandstone backings which will be in place in time for the official unveiling event. After a short ceremony at the Information Centre, attendees will be invited to follow the trail around Dunkeld to learn about the town's fascinating history.

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

FEB 4th: Bill Crawford, Peter Templeton

FEB 11th: Bill & Fay Gordon

FEB 18th: Kerren Collins, Lyn Collins

FEB 25th: Jenny Crawford, Pauline Crawford

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RED CROSS NEWS

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Iris Field, Secretary

WANNON SENIORS URGED TO TAKE FRAIL TEST FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE

Wannon residents aged 65 and over are being encouraged to take a five-question online test that could help them maintain their independence and improve their health.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said the new frailty test and subsequent follow-up with a GP could help seniors lead longer, better lives and remain living in their own homes for as long as possible.

"The FRAIL test is called the 'canary in the coal mine' of ageing, revealing whether people are more at risk of frailty which can include deteriorating health, more susceptibility to falls and even premature death," Mr Tehan said.

"The good news is that there are simple interventions that can help avoid and even reverse frailty, so the sooner people heed the warning signs, the better."

Development of the new frailty test was part of a Turnbull Government-funded national study of the condition conducted by aged care organisation Benetas, which found:

- The frailty prevalence rate was 6 percent
- 38 per cent fell into the pre-frail category
- Slightly more than half (56 per cent) were categorised as robust
- Women were found to have a much higher incidence of frailty than men
- 5 per cent of men were frail, compared with 8 per cent of women
- 34 per cent of men were pre-frail compared with 41 per cent of women
- Almost half of the women surveyed were either frail or pre-frail, compared with less than 40 per cent of men

"Completing the test takes just a minute or two, then the online facility produces a personalised letter including the results," said Mr Tehan. "Participants are encouraged to print this off and discuss any concerns raised with their doctor. People can help reduce or prevent frailty by adding more protein to their diets, taking Vitamin D supplements, increasing exercises and walking, and taking a close look at their intake of prescription medicines. However, it is important that people talk to their GP before making any of these changes."

The FRAIL test is available through the Positive Ageing Resource Centre website parc.net.au

The screening tool at parc.net.au complements the individual screening and online supports available on the *My Aged Care* website www.myagedcare.gov.au

Hamilton Community Music Program

The Hamilton Community Music Program has the following instruments available for hire:

Wind: flutes, clarinets, oboe

Strings: Cellos – ¾ and full; Violins ¼, ½, ¾ and full.

Brass: trumpets, saxophone

The instruments may be hired for a period of one term or for a full year. A maximum loan period of 18 months (or 6 school terms) is applicable, after which time it is anticipated that students would acquire their own instrument.

Conditions of Hire and Fees

- \$110 returnable deposit per instrument.
- \$50 per instrument per term.
- \$25 per instrument to retain over summer holidays.
- Or, \$180 per instrument for the full calendar year.
- Late payments or late returns will incur a \$5 weekly fee.
- All payments must be made in advance, by cash, cheque or money order payable to Hamilton Community Music Program.
- Hirers should apply to the Program Coordinator for an extension of the loan period before the end of the initial hire period.

- It is the responsibility of hirers to take due care of all hired items and to return them in the same condition as they were received.
- Hirers should report any damage or maintenance needs to the Program Coordinator as soon as possible. Hirers should never attempt repairs.
- Instruments should not be transferred to another party or taken outside the district.
- Hirers are liable for any loss or unreasonable damage to the hired items.

Program Coordinator: Hamilton Performing Arts Centre – phone 5573 0428.



WORKS TO COMMENCE AT COUNCIL'S MARKET PLACE OFFICE

Council advises that there will be minor disruption to customer service from its Market Place office over the coming weeks, as the front reception undergoes refurbishment.

The works involve the demolition and construction of the new reception area and relocation of the building services office. Local contractors Huf Builders have been awarded the tender to carry out the the refurbishment works.

The new reception area will provide customers with an improved user experience, while also improving safety and amenity for staff.

Works commence Friday 26 January and are anticipated to take approximately three weeks.

All customer enquiries related to planning, engineering, environmental health, venue hire, works within road reserve permits and any general enquiries including all receipting, will be temporarily located at our office at 111 Brown Street, Hamilton. Building enquiries will still be handled through the Market Place office.

During this period enquiries can also be made by calling Customer Service on 03 5573 0444.

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I would like to warmly welcome everyone in our school community back to school for what we hope will be an eventful and successful 2018.

To our teachers; Ann Howard, Anne Gilbert, Jane Higgins, Jayne Greig, Mary-Ellen Evans, Susie Gibson, Jackie McShane, and Naomie Phillips, I hope you are rested and ready to deliver great teaching to our students. An especially warm welcome to Mr Leroy Mojica-Perez who begins teaching at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Leroy, I hope you will grow to love your Year 5 Class and our school.

We have a new classroom in the form of a converted art room. The Year 6 children and Mrs Howard are excited about it. Please come in and have a look at this wonderfully modern set-up.

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 Oscar and Yvette Fanning to the district and our school.

Our 'Play Is The Way' program continues. It carries a simple but succinct definition about coming to school: We come to school for 3 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/>

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.

You don't have to be the best at anything, rather your task is to get better at everything.

Perfect Attendance for 2017

On the last day of 2017 the following certificates were presented:

100% Perfect Attendance for Semester 2: Heidi Burger, Penny Burger, Mitchell Gordon, Monet Graham and Sarah Symes (photo right).

100% Perfect Attendance for the 2017 School Year: Sarah Symes



Social Services 2017

During 2017, the students (with their families amazing support) have raised over \$6728.95 through the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, Felicity's Hope, and the Fathers' Day, Mothers' Day and Christmas Stalls.

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:

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal	\$ 376.00
Leukaemia Foundation of Vic (Funky Hair Day)	\$ 136.00
Felicity's Hope Project	\$4,825.00
Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation	\$ 347.95
Cure for Motor Neuron Disease Foundation	\$ 348.00
National Breast Cancer Foundation	\$ 348.00
Salvation Army, Hamilton	\$ 348.00

Australia Day Celebrations in Dunkeld

Two of our School Captains, Lucille Aarons and Chloe Frost proudly represented our school at their first official function at the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Friday 26 January 2018. A large crowd was in attendance at the morning ceremony, which included the raising of the Australian Flag, singing of the National Anthem and other well-known Australian songs and the presentation of the Citizen of the Year award to Mr Doug Fleming.



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