AUSTRALIA DAY IN DUNKELD 2017

The Dunkeld & District Lions Club, Dunkeld Progress Association and Dunkeld Tourist Association jointly organised and hosted the Australia Day ceremony on Thursday 26 January.

Local identity, Mr John Smith, was the MC for this important community event; this being his 22nd ceremony.

One of the Dunkeld Consolidated School Captains, Ella Jackson, respectfully raised the Australian flag at the beginning of the official ceremony.

Music was provided by Mrs Heather Macgugan and Ms Lucinda Peterson, playing the guitar and ukulele respectively.

Former Southern Grampians Shire Mayor and Mirranatwa farmer, Mr Peter Dark, delivered an inspiring Australia Day address by speaking about ‘the vital and important role that volunteers play in our community and right across our nation.’ He asked the crowd to pause and reflect on a quote by Fred Rogers:

> When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’

Mr Smith presented Mr Doug McArthur from Dunkeld with the 2017 Australia Day Citizenship Award in recognition of his many years of voluntary service to the community of Dunkeld and district.

John mentioned, “Doug has officially been a member of the CFA for 35 years but his actual service is longer as he first started with them by ‘dragging fire lighters around at burn offs’. This was with the Dugan Swamp Fire Brigade with Reg Cullinane as Captain.”

Doug is the longest serving Captain of the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade, serving from 1986 to 1998. He has also been an active member of the State Emergency Service (SES) for 30 years and was awarded the National Medal for the SES in 2002. Doug has also been made a Life Member of the SES.

Mr Smith mentioned, “That Doug was instrumental in bringing about changes to a local intersection following a bad accident that occurred there.”

Other community involvement has included service with the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council, Dunkeld Apex Club and Glenthompson/Dunkeld Football Netball Club. In 2014 Doug was awarded a National Volunteers Award.
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CHURCH TIMES

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

1st Week Sunday February 5 8.30am Mass
2nd Week Sunday February 12 No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week Sunday February 19 8.30am Mass
4th Week Sunday February 26 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship
Services at Saint Mary’s, Dunkeld.

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

February 12th Hamilton (check Spectator for times)
February 19th Anglican Service Communion 9.00am
February 26th Edwin McLean 9.00am

Everyone very welcome.
Exciting News - Rev Donald Kirk and his wife Camryn are being inducted into the Anglican Parish of Hamilton in March - watch this space!!!

Panyyabyr Uniting Church
Next service to be advised.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church
Next Service to be advised.
Contacts: Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274; Margo Dark 5574 0222 or Iris Field 5574 0202.

DONATIONS
David & Beryl Gordon $25
Fiona King & Rob Glazebrook $30
Anonymous $20
Margie Dore $40

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.”
MORE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Upon graciously accepting the Australia Day Award, Doug acknowledged and sincerely thanked his family and community members; particularly his wife Mary-Jane and children Mathew, Kiara and William and David Gordon, David Hampton and the late Don Dickie, for their terrific support of and assistance with his community work over the many years. (Mary-Jane and William are both members of the Dunkeld SES Unit).

In his closing remarks, Mr Smith said, “Doug, the people of Dunkeld thank you for what you have done for the community over many years and congratulate you on this award.”

SERRA TERROR NAMED COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the team at Dunkeld Adventure - Winners of the Southern Grampians Shire Council 2017 Australia Day Award for “Community Event of the Year” for Serra Terror. The event is now in its 8th year and this year sold out in less than 15 days. This event is run solely by volunteers and has raised thousands of dollars over the last 7 years to support the Dunkeld Community Centre and the local Dunkeld community.

“We are totally thrilled and so excited to announce that the Serra Terror has been awarded Community Event of the Year today! Thanks to the wonderful Dunkeld community for your massive contribution to the success of this event. It would never have been possible without the thousands of collective hours of volunteer work that has been donated by you wonderful citizens! Thank you also to the brave and wonderful participants that keep on signing up for this event... we wouldn't have an event if you weren't all quite so courageous!!! Well done to all involved”

AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Vicki Jellie from Warrnambool has been named 2017’s Local Hero at the Australian of the Year Awards. Vicki was instrumental in bringing better cancer services to the southwest, after her husband Peter lost his battle with cancer in 2008.

Through “Peter’s Project”, Mrs Jellie raised the $5 million dollars needed to open the South West Regional Cancer Centre, run by Epworth Health Care, in Warrnambool. It will save up to 500 people a year from having to travel to Geelong or Melbourne for radiation treatment.
SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE CELEBRATES ITS NEWEST CITIZENS ON AUSTRALIA DAY

The Southern Grampians Shire joins towns and regions across the nation in welcoming our newest Australian citizens as part of the Australia Day 2017 celebrations.

Five new citizens from two countries will pledge their loyalty to Australia and our people at the Shire’s Official Australia Day Ceremony in Hamilton on Thursday 26 January.

Yulecart local Victoria Condon is originally from Britain and has been living in the region for almost 41 years after migrating to Australia as a child. Victoria says it is “about time she officially became an Australian Citizen”, and plans to celebrate with 14 family and friends at the Shire’s Official Australia Day ceremony in Hamilton.

Penshurst resident Juby Jacob, together with his wife Jishamol Abraham and their son Alex and daughter Angelina are thrilled to officially become Australian Citizens on Australia Day after living and working in the region for 5 years.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown said it was an opportunity to reflect on the importance of citizenship as a unifying bond strengthening the local community.

“Australia Day is a time for us to congratulate our newest citizens and welcome them to the Australian family,” Mayor Brown said.

Across Australia, more than 16,000 people from around 150 countries are set to become Australian citizens at over 400 citizenship ceremonies on 26 January.

Mayor Brown said many conferees have lived in Australia for a long time and already feel Australian, but choose Australia Day to make their citizenship official.

“We are very encouraged to have so many locals attend and join in on the local celebrations on Australia Day, as we all reflect on our commitment to make Australia an even better place for future generations,” Mayor Brown said.

DUNKELD GENERAL STORE

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SATURDAY- 7.00am – 4.30pm
SUNDAY- 7.30am – 3.00pm
(Times may vary on Public Holidays)
2016 CHRISTMAS CHEER & SANTA COMP
Some excellent entries in the Santa and Christmas Cheer comp for 2016.

Congratulations to Lisa and Len Kendall for their super effort with the Christmas lights. They win the Christmas Cheer category, with very honourable mentions to the Morelli and Haley Families.

Once again the talk of the town was the Santa cricket match at the Arboretum, thanks to the simply superb efforts of the Millard clan. Congratulations on another well deserved win, but special mentions for the Peters, Comers, Kennedy, Mathews and Collins efforts. Santa sure does get into some mischief!

On behalf of the Progress Association and Discover Dunkeld, we hope you had a jolly Christmas and enjoy a sparkly 2017! Thanks to everyone who joined in!

THANK YOU
Vincent Huf and his family wish to thank those of you who have supported and encouraged him throughout his recent representation in the School Sports Australia 12 and Under National Cricket Championships held in Canberra. A special thanks to those of you who bought raffle tickets, sent encouraging messages and showed interest in the tournament’s progress. A huge thank you to the individuals and organisations who sponsored Vincent – the Dunkeld Tourism Association, Grampians Cricket Club, the Dunkeld & District Community Bank, Utilis and Noel and Venita Mibus. Vincent is grateful for the opportunity to play for Victoria. Playing in a very high standard of cricket he was able to put his skills to the test against the best players from across the country. Vincent thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly playing with his team mates and making new friends.

WOODHOUSE NAREEB ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Save ANZAC day, 25th April, for a visit to Woodhouse Nareeb Soldiers Memorial Hall. From 11.00am we are having a rededication ceremony of the memorial trees planted years ago, we are dedicating a plaque at the school site and presenting an interpretation of the hall and district history.

Some members of the Terrington Brass Band will lead a march from the memorial to the hall for the formalities. There will be displays of photos and memorabilia and a cuppa to finish off the event. Past residents, extended families and friends of the community are welcome to attend to see the many improvements made on site with the help of working bees and paid contractors. The organising committee has had great assistance from Federal and local governments with some funding. Funding has also come from the generosity of the local community, past residents, and the Bendigo Bank.

So save the date and drive out to Woodhouse Nareeb for a bit of a squiz.

THANK YOU FOR AMAZING GENEROSITY
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PENSHURST NURSING HOME VISIT
Another thank you to the 15 students who travelled to the Penshurst Nursing home on the Thursday before Christmas to present a variety concert for all the residents. Leah's grandma was very excited to hear Leah play the keyboard! The students sang and played various items interspersed with community carol singing. It was lovely to catch up with the ex Dunkeld residents at the Home - Mrs Marj Kearns (who was particularly pleased to see her 'old' neighbours) Olive and Amelia Jackson, Mrs Leith Morelli, Mr Don and Mrs Pat Taubert and Mrs Joyce Fitzpatrick. A very special experience for our young students. Many thanks for all your support.

Heather Macgugan

Changes to V/Line Bus Timetable for Dunkeld
The weekday morning bus from Dunkeld to Ballarat has changed.

Bus Departs Dunkeld 6.55am
Bus Arrives in Ballarat 9.00am
Train Departs Ballarat 9.18am
Train Arrives in Melbourne 10.38am

For more details visit www.vline.com.au or call 1800 800 007

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BOXING DAY RACES A SUCCESS

Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch are pleased to continue sponsoring the popular Penshurst Boxing Day race meet. The event drew a large crowd from Penshurst and the surrounding areas. The $750 sponsorship from the Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch was put to great use to help the event be such a success.

VINCENT HUF – A RISING STAR

It has been a busy couple of months for young gun Vincent Huf who was selected to represent Victoria in the School Sports 12 and under National Cricket Championships held in Canberra. Vincent was able to put his skills to the test against the best players in his age group across Australia. His batting skills gave him the ability to hit with precision and make some valuable runs while his fielding and strong throws were utilised by the team. Vincent’s bowling proved for him to be quite a handful to face and now has 2 state wickets to his name. The competition was challenging with talent being displayed from across the country but he performed well and displayed excellent skill within the Victorian team. Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch contributed $300 towards the costing of travel, uniforms and getting him to the major event in Canberra.
DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

What are you passionate about in Dunkeld?

How can you get involved to make positive change?

The Dunkeld Progress Association promotes the interests of Dunkeld and surrounds to Federal, State and Local Governments and supports various community groups, initiatives and events.

If you care about Dunkeld and its future, consider joining the Progress Association. It’s a great way to get involved in your community, meet a diverse range of people and work on projects that continue to improve our fabulous town.

Meetings are generally held monthly. As a member you will be kept up to date with agendas and minutes and get involved in issues and projects that are important to you.

To get involved, become a member! Membership Forms are attached to this newsletter and can be dropped off at the Post Office, Izzy’s Mountain View Café and Bendigo Bank.

Any questions, feel free to call Lucinda on 0459 774 624.

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

At the December Annual General Meeting, the following office bearers were elected President - Lucinda Peterson, Vice President – Doug Fleming, Secretary – Marty Gent and Treasurer – Kaye Leyshon.

A sincere thank you for the many years Mary-Ann Brown as President, Eda Williamson as Secretary and Joy Darroch as Treasurer have volunteered for the Progress Association. Their tireless and dedicated contribution in these voluntary roles is appreciated and has been really significant for the benefit of our town.

Australia Day

Thanks to the Lions Club for putting on a delicious breakfast and former Mayor Peter Dark for his speech on the importance of volunteering in Australia.

Community Plan

One of the priorities for early 2017 is to work on, and finalise the Community Plan, considering surveys and the community planning day held last year. If you are interested in being on a Steering Group to help work on the Community Plan, please call or text Lucinda on 0459 774 624 or email lucindapeterson@hotmail.com

Casual employment opportunity at Dunkeld Pool

Lifeguards are needed. If you have the qualifications or are interested but are not qualified (the Shire will pay for training) please contact Julie Dreschler at HILAC on 5551 4308.

Next meeting is Monday 27 February @ 8.00pm – Dunkeld Community Centre (Green Room).

RED CROSS NEWS

The Dunkeld Red Cross will meet for the first time in 2017, on Thursday February 23rd at 2.00pm, at the Henry Leech RSL Room. New members are always welcome and afternoon tea follows a fairly short meeting.

Used stamps are being collected and can be brought to the meeting or left at the office at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. They will then be handed over at each quarterly Regional Meeting.

The first Regional Meeting is at Koroit next Tuesday 14th February. Dunkeld’s delegate is Bek Kay, but any member is also welcome to attend. In May, this meeting will be in Hamilton.

Our dear card lady Dorothy Blanch, has herself been unwell, so we wish her back to good health very soon.

Iris Field, Secretary

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Sawmill: We are planning an Open Day on Sunday 30 April. Surely it will be much drier than last spring. We have been able to secure Angie Polglaze to do another sculpture for us. The day will include demonstrations of timber and slab cutting, auto logging, swing saws etc. Keep the day free, we are sure you will enjoy it. We hope to have a wood cut day late in March to give us something to sell and cover costs. Keep your eye out for suitable logs, especially red gum.

Caravan Park: This summer has been very quiet. Many travellers are free camping. Unfortunately, our Council rates pay for the free showers at the Visitor Information Centre and this works against our Park. The Shire needs to look at this policy before our Park disappears. It amazes me that campers are allowed to use areas without toilets. The Shire would be horrified if we had no facilities at our homes.

New blinds are to be installed at the residence soon. Earthworks are proposed to level out sites.

Salt Creek: Our scheme has not started yet. Suitable workers need to be available. We are not panicking because cooler weather would be an advantage, to work along the creek.

John Smith President

European Wasps

The wasp sightings are now increasing slightly in our area. Perhaps the wet spring has affected numbers (we can only hope!), but now is a good time to put your control methods into place. There are several options available, the easiest being a plastic container, (cut the neck off, invert it back inside the bottle and tape to seal) with a third full of cheap undiluted cordial (the wasps are attracted to the sickly sweet liquid and once inside the bottle, cannot get out).

If a nest is located, control can be by using ant and wasp dust – make sure you follow the instructions carefully.

Alternative chemical control methods are available, call in to Kelly’s and have a chat to Jason.

There is also a community owned protective bee suit available to borrow (at the Post Office), and a number of volunteers on a register, to help if you are unable to treat the problem yourself.

If everyone does something, a huge difference can be made.

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DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

Storage Shed: Our new colourbond storage shed has now been completed and is situated at the rear of the Museum building. The shed will be known as the 'Don Dickie Memorial Shed' in recognition of the late Don Dickie, who was a Life Member and passionate and dedicated supporter of the Dunkeld Museum.

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 20 February commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Town Walk Signs: As previously advised, a “Crowd Funding” site has been established through the Dunkeld & District Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) and the community is invited to donate online to the Museum’s Town Walk project. Please visit the following website: https://www.communities.bendigobank.com.au/ and then click on the following links:
- Explore Projects
- Dunkeld History Town Walks Sign
- Pledge Now
- To make a pledge, you will need an account. Sign up here. (Please follow the steps to create an account).

Donations may also be made in person at the Dunkeld & District Community Bank branch – 633 108 145911962. Thank you for supporting and helping the Dunkeld Museum restore our historic town walk signs so we may continue to showcase our proud history.

Opening Hours: A reminder that the Museum is open every Sunday and on public holidays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:
- Sunday 12 February Geoff Hinchliffe & Erin O’Neil
- Sunday 19 February Wendy Williams & Dixie King
- Sunday 26 February Beryl Gordon & Joyce 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.

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 2016-2107 is now due. This year membership fees may also be paid online via the following website: http://www.rslvic.com.au/membership/rsl-rewards/
Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

Japanese – POW Friendship Program: One of our members, Mrs Phyllis Leech (accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Jeanette Roll) was invited to attend the Japanese – POW Friendship Program in January 2017. The program aims to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of Japan and Australia by fostering a spirit of reconciliation and encouraging the growth of friendship between our nations. The late Mr Henry Leech OAM, RSL Life Member, was one of the former Prisoners of War who was selected to participate in this program. Mrs Leech attended in Henry’s honour. We look forward to hearing Phyllis’ experiences, which included visits to Tokyo and Kyoto.

75th Anniversary of Kokoda Track - Memories of a Young Soldier: Hear first-hand experiences through a conversation with Kokoda historian David Howell and special guests; Kokoda veteran Bill Stuart of the 39th Battalion and Havala Laula, one of the last remaining Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels who is visiting from the village of Kagi. As well as the personal Kokoda story of a young 19 year old Ken Phelan who helped build and defend the Kokoda Track. Presentation will be held on Saturday 11 February commencing at 10.00am at the Freemasons Victoria Library and Museum, Coppin Hall, 45 Moubray Street, Melbourne. After the presentation you will have the amazing opportunity to take a tour of the Freemasons Victoria Library and Museum. Limited seats available. Bookings required via email at samantha.fabry@freemasons.vic.net.au

Scurry – the man who got them safely off Gallipoli: The Mount Evelyn RSL Sub-Branch is proud to invite the general public to the launch of their new book on Sunday 19 February at the Silvan Public Hall commencing at 2.00pm. On 8 December 1915, there were 38,500 Australian troops occupying trenches on Gallipoli, facing a larger Turkish force of some 80,000. Twelve days later they had all been evacuated from the Peninsula without the loss of a man and without the enemy knowing. How they did this was helped in no small way by an ingenious invention created by 20 year old Lance-Corporal Bill Scurry, a self-firing rifle with a primitive timer that would convince the Turkish soldiers that the ANZACs were still in their trenches shooting at them when in fact they had long gone. It would earn for him the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the gratitude of those who had got off Gallipoli safely.

But this was only a small part of the Bill Scurry story. From Egypt to Gallipoli and on to the Western Front (with the 15th Light Trench Mortar Battery), where he lost an eye and gained the Military Cross. Then to his post-war days as a soldier settler in Silvan before he was to serve once more in the Second World War. He was promoted to Major and was made commandant of the Japanese Civilian Internment Camp at Tatura. Bill passed away in 1963 and is buried at the Lilydale Cemetery.

The book will be launched by Dr Ross McMullin, author of Pompey Elliott. For further information please contact the Mount Evelyn RSL Sub-Branch via email: mtewrsl@gmail.com
MOSTLY AUSSIE NURSERY NEWS

After the mild Summer we are having February could be the hottest month but in a few weeks it will be Autumn. Between now and then I have many new and different plants to include in the Nursery. After a long hiatus planting the garden was started in late November. Two new garden beds have been added with my neighbour, Andy Macgugan, delivering the soil and doing earthworks on his bobcat. Mostly grafted Grevilleas and Eremophilas with a few other genera are selling at $15 with a few at a higher price. Some of the reasons that they are grafted are: to adapt to different soils; to better handle water logging; because they are too hard to propagate by other methods; for increased vigour and early flowering. The photos in this article show a selection of mostly grafted Eremophilas. Some are best grafted but I have many more that don't require grafting, just a raised bed or somewhere to avoid wet feet.

The other is a photo of grafted Grevillea Canning Gold, a natural Hybrid from the Canning stock route in WA. The latter won't survive without grafting in the Dunkeld wet winters. It is early days but I have grafted a few and at least one has come through early. In late November I started as a casual at Coles in Hamilton but regardless of the future the Nursery will continue. If my ute is here most of the time I am or phone before you visit. The A-frame sign that I put on the corner is for people out of town to see, if it is not there doesn't mean I am closed.

Bernie Shanahan

Australian Ornamental Tubestock & some exotics.

Good selection of Grevilleas & Eremophilas with some grafted plants.

• Tubestock $3 - $7,
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If you would like to use this service, contact the HACC Office on - 5551 8480 for assessment. Pick-up is from your home - seats available if any of our regular clientele are unable to use bus that day, please phone the number above, if not answered leave a message by 8.15am - the driver will be notified.

• 14th Feb
• 28th Feb
• 14th March
• 28th March
For the information of residents, landholders and visitors:

Community Fox Control Program - “GRAMPIANS ARK” and “GRAMPIANS TO GRASSLANDS”

With sheep and lamb prices as they currently are, many people will be very pleased about the low fox numbers. A combination of the baiting, and other control measures are proving their worthfulness! Everyone should be very proud of this, as many people are providing a great community service and program. And it’s not only the lambs that are surviving – the native bird, mammal and reptile species are all benefitting as their predator fox population has been drastically reduced. With everyone working together, we are making a difference.

Everyone pleased be advised that the current fox baiting pulse runs from Monday 6 February 2017 – Monday 10 April 2017, it covers the Mirranatwa, Vic Valley, Karabeal, Moutajup, Warrayure, Lake Linlithgow, Croxton, Dunkeld, Woodhouse and Glenthompson areas. Late Summer, early Autumn has traditionally been the most effective time to bait in our area, so please support this program in whatever way you are able, either by laying baits, spotlighting or den destruction etc. Even though fox sightings are low, if we become complacent now and forego any control measures, their numbers will quickly rise again. Panyyabur Landcare Group will be trialling the new canid pest ejectors thanks to the generous support from Parks Vic. Please collect baits from Kelly & Henson, together with the Bait Take data sheets.

New participants are very welcome, please contact me with any queries - Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235.

GARDEN NOTES – FEBRUARY

This season fruit set on stone fruit (peach, plums etc) has been fairly poor throughout the area; however, apples and pears have generally set heavy crops. Therefore it is important to spend some time with the rather tedious chore of fruit thinning. The starting point is to remove any very small or damaged or misshapen fruit, then reduce other clusters of fruit so that there are no more than one or two per cluster. This will ensure that remaining fruit reaches maturity with good size and condition.

February is a good time to prune your geraniums and pelargoniums. This is a very simple process, removing any dead, weak or broken shoots and reducing all other growth by approximately half. Winter vegetables are usually scarce and expensive. You can plant now for winter harvest such crops as cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, silver beet, carrots, parsnips and turnips.

February, March and April are the main planting months for your winter and spring flowering bulbs. Their main requirements are well drained soil in an open sunny position. Most bulbs can also be grown very successfully in pots or other containers using a premium quality potting mix. Full details regarding planting depth and other specific needs can be found on packages in which your bulbs are purchased.

If any of your soil has become water repellent during the summer, the use of a soil wetter product (liquid or granular) will help to overcome this problem. Also the use of water storing granules in pots and garden beds will make more efficient use of water. Mulching of your garden beds as discussed in previous notes will also help to conserve water.

It is not too early to order from your nursery any roses, fruit trees or deciduous ornamentals which you may require for winter planting.

Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan, J & M Hughan Nursery, Ararat

A truly wonderful world

January – my mind and body want to go in a hundred directions. I make some breakfast and a flask of tea and wander quietly to the lagoons in the Arboretum. The water is a smooth as glass reflecting the clear blue sky and its few fluffy white clouds to perfection. I find a shady spot and sit gazing at its reflections. Thoreau once said that lakes are the eyes of the world, for so they are, for they reflect every form and colour around them. They also reflect their serenity whilst teeming with life.

Right at my feet are some miniature plants with even more miniature mauve flowers, so tiny they usually escape notice. However, a bee has noticed them and is in the process of collecting nectar from them miniscule throats.

To my left a young eucalypt sapling and its sibling form an irregular “V” with their smooth grey trunks, which are streaked with light on the eastern sides. From them, at various intervals, when the breeze creates movements and the sunlight catches them, golden or rainbow-coloured strands of cobwebs disappear into nowhere. Right at the water’s edge, at the base of the gums, a clump of slender rounded reeds are flowering; tiny golden-brown clusters about seven centimetres from the tips of the stems. I get up to check whether they are clusters or globes and discover three spiders; one is busily creating a web on the extremities of two stems, its ribs moving like lightning and totally focussed on its occupation; they seem to be of the same species, with the habit of placing their two front legs parallel on each side of their head, as the second one is doing, resting motionless in the middle of its web; the third has a similar position on a stem on the other side of the clump, and like this they camouflage so well they can hardly be seen.

Some very young reeds, barely ten centimetres high, are emerging in the grey mud on the edge of the water. A delicate damsel-fly with its soft blue body attaches itself horizontally to one of the stems, looking like a minute flag. Every so often quick tiny movements disturb the shallows. Minute fish are foraging as the speed past.

About a footstep out in the light-dappled waters, some water ribbons are growing. I love their relaxed way of draping their broad green leaves over each other and the surface of the water. Their flower heads rise on sturdy stems, spikes of greenish-cream. Some, maybe a different species, seem to have more globular heads. Every detail of their forms is mirrored precisely in the clear waters. The dragonflies seem to favour these reeds, for they speed around them and in and out of them, their wings vibrating at an incredible pace. I love watching their jerky flight. There must be microscopic
creatures that they eat when they pause in mid-flight. All sorts of things happen in the air. Now a pair of dragonflies has joined and are copulating as they fly over the water! Before me is a continual movement of dragonflies, both in the air and their reflections in the water. It is quite mesmerising.

A small beige moth misjudged its timing to sip some water and there is an initial violent struggle to surface, then it spreads its wings out flat on the surface and occasionally uses them in a swimming motion to glide along. Finally, it lets go of the struggle.

A pair of Painted Lady butterflies visit me. One flies on, the other stops to replenish itself with wings closed on the soft mud before me. The birds are quiet and hidden at the moment. When I first arrived, a family of six ducks swooped in low from the grasslands and landed successively on the waters before me … A lone coot later crossed briskly from island reeds to island reeds, its little black head and neck creating its characteristic jerky movements. The white face of distant coot is now approaching the far island and there is a flotilla of ducks crossing the lake near the jetty, probably the grown ducklings of an earlier occasion.

All the time the waters are still and calm; reflecting the skies, reflecting the light, reflecting the islands and their reeds streaked in silver light; reflecting the wonderful River Red Gums, standing so strong, steady and wise; giving us life, beauty, shelter … a truly wonderful world.

By Marion Colton

COUNCIL AND HRBA PRESENT BUSINESS WORKSHOP SERIES

Southern Grampians Shire Council and Small Business Victoria in partnership with the Hamilton Regional Business Association (HRBA) are pleased to present a series of business workshops over the next 4 months. The workshops, led by a presenter who has a wealth of experience in working with small businesses, will provide local business owners with an opportunity to work proactively to grow and develop their businesses.

The list of workshops is as follows:

- Wednesday 8 February  Small Business Bus
- Thursday 2 March  Starting Your Business Right
- Tuesday 21 March  Employing and Keeping the Right Staff
- Tuesday 9 May  Winning Government Business
- Tuesday 6 June  Financial Health Check
- Wednesday 7 June  Pricing for maximum Profit

The Small Business Bus session on 8 February is free of charge, while the other workshops range in price from to $20 or $30. This represents great value and is only possible through the support of Small Business Victoria.

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown encourages all businesses in Southern Grampians Shire to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the workshops.

“Small Business Victoria makes available an extensive range of workshops and they represent an outstanding, cost effective way for business people to work on their business. They are also an excellent means to network with their business colleagues and build relationships with them.

Council are pleased to partner with HRBA to bring this expertise into our region and we encourage everyone who can to take part in this fantastic opportunity.”


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Orientation to Zen/Contemplative Meditation

Saturday February 25th 2017 (9am-4pm)

The day will introduce participants to meditation approaches and the benefits which flow in regulating and opening our life to greater awareness and insight. The place of meditation in Zen and Contemplative traditions will also be covered. The day will also introduce participants to ways in which to maintain and develop a meditative practice in life.

Register your attendance:
5577 2354 / 0407 833 515
Email: cloudmountain97@bigpond.com
Cost: $40 $25 concession.( Lunch and refreshments included)
Teacher: Rev Paul Sanders is a Uniting Church minister, retreat leader and contemplative teacher and an appointed Zen teacher in the Diamond Sangha Zen international community.

Wednesday Meditation 7-8pm
At 77 Armitage St. Dunkeld
-coin contribution -No booking required.

Mobile Library

Thursday Fortnight
11.30 – 1.30pm Sterling Street (Community Hall)
Dates for February are: 9th, 23rd
Mirranatwa: 2nd 4th 16th
The Mobile will not operate on Extreme and Code Red Fire Declared days
Phone: 5573 0470
**** Twilight Bowls ****
The first official night was held on Friday 3 February with good numbers in attendance. On a lovely summer’s night 35 locals took to the rink, with some very competitive bowling between the teams. Hopefully all will return with more friends to enjoy the bowls and barbecue on Friday 10 February.

Upcoming Events:
• Dunkeld Pairs: Wednesday 22 February, sponsored by Mattiske & Henderson of Hamilton and Terry McDonald Used Cars of Hamilton. Entries to Gary Wall on 0488 715 705.
• The M.A. Templeton Memorial 21 Up on Saturday 4 March 2017.
• B Grade Championships on Saturday 25 March 2017.

Social Bowls/Tournaments
In January Peter Mc, Monty and for his first tournament Matt Cole, played the Penshurst Triples with reports young Matt did very well, it is good to see new blood enjoying the game.

Balmoral 4’s: B. Mathews, G. Wall, G. Templeton and S. Cullinan did the club proud, winning all three grades and the event of the day. An Honourable Mention to Grub who on the third end almost collapsed with old football injuries, barely able to bend and walk he struggled through to the end.

Club Social Bowls on Saturdays is now attracting good numbers which is healthy for the club. Sponsorship by the 109 Bar/Bistro is greatly appreciated and winners of the vouchers enjoy a night at the 109, Peter Mac won the day on the 14 January and a visitor from Queensland, Narieka won on 4 February.

All are welcome to attend the Tuesday bowls at 9.00am and Saturday bowls at 1.00pm.

Club Championships
On Saturday 7 January the first two rounds of the championships were played. It was pleasing to see 16 players enter the event. After two rounds Syd played and lost to Shanks, Brian bowling superbly overcame Gus. Into the final and after a good battle with Brian, Shanks was victorious to be the 2016/2017 Club Champion.

Congratulations to Simon Cullinane on his first championship and one he truly appreciated.

Champion of Champions on Saturday 22 January at Penshurst
In the first round playing on a fast and true Penshurst rink, Shanks was victorious over his Heywood opponent, progressing to the second round in the afternoon, Shanks with another win beat his Macarthur opponent.

On 29 January, again at Penshurst, Shanks in a tight game went down to his Portland opponent.

Well done Shanks and congrats on a great effort. It was also pleasing to see a number of the Dunkeld members in attendance giving good support.

Pennant
Dunkeld v Heywood on 10 December 2016 - despite being at home and confident this game resulted in a loss. Into Hamilton on 17 December for an epic struggle, at games end both teams held equal shots however we won two rinks to one, giving Dunkeld a victory.

Into the new year and Balmoral at home on 14 January, a good victory winning all three rinks, a special mention for endurance and stamina to Shanks who was most unwell but battled manfully all day.

To Portland RSL, the top team, in very good conditions, we managed to win two of the three rinks and got home by ONE shot. A great win which sets us up for the finals.

Back to Portland to play on the dreaded carpet, which brought us back to earth with a thud!!

Losing all three rinks, one close and the other two by considerable margins certainly left quite a few players a bit shell shocked, however, with results from other games going favourably we are set for a berth in the finals.

On 4 February we hosted Grangeburn for the last home and away game, in a great contest that went down to the very last bowl we held on for a win. Following the game a SOCIAL evening and barbecue etc was held at the club house.

Ladies News
Our Triples Tournament held in December had a Xmas flavour, with Santa presenting the trophies to the winning team, Portland. A full entry of 16 teams enjoyed a great day’s bowling. Thanks to TAYLOR MOTORS for their sponsorship.

Dorothy Williams represented Dunkeld in the Champion of Champions at Hamilton, playing very well but lost to the Penshurst champ.

Ladies 21 Up Competition has reached the semi-finals. Dorothy defeated Beryl and Heather defeated Christine, the final between Dorothy and Heather will be played on Tuesday.

GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB

So much has been happening over the last month or so of the school holidays with highlights galore. Grampians Cricket Club Facebook page has summaries of each of the games and many of the individual achievements.

All three grades of men and junior boys are well positioned to make the finals, with only a handful of games to play and our women’s team recorded their first win a week ago against Pigeon Ponds.

During January a number of players were involved in representative cricket. Several boys played in the various country week teams and performed well. Jess Field and Miranda McIntyre played in the U14 state championships with Jess as co-captain also winning the best player award. Miranda played a couple of nice innings. Alyssa Humphries was leading run scorer in the Under 16 state championships. Lachie Field captained the Under 16 team in the boys championships scoring a century in one game.

A Grade on the back up of some great rearguard batting from skipper Heinrich Joyce 98 and Carl Joyce 85 and a devastating spell from Eamon Johnson 6/31 smashed College to give themselves a strong chance of finals. Mac Cuming took his 50th catch for the club and Heinrich made his 4000th Run.
B Grade struggled against St Andrews and only Will Baulch with 37 and 3 wickets saved a bigger defeat.

C Grade produced two great performances with a couple of veterans returning for one game and the young kids again integral to the results. Jack Kruger made his first 50 and Stephen Field his 8000th run.

Women had a win and a loss since Xmas with Ros Thatcher starring with a couple of 35 retired’s.

U14 and 16 teams have a few games to go.

HAMILTON
MILO T20 BLAST

SESSION: WEDNESDAY DATE: 15/2/2017 TIME: 4PM
LOCATION: KENNEDY OVAL, HAMILTON NOTES: 5 SESSIONS

- (Grade 3-6 boys and girls) $50 (Normally $99)
- 90 min session game focused program
- Receive pack (hat, shirt, bag)

This is a great way to play with your friends or make new ones, Coordinated and delivered by trained Cricket Victoria staff and volunteers.

All participants that register in the MILO T20 Blast program before 13 Feb 2017 will go in the draw to take part in the On Field Activation at one of the T20 international games at MCG or Geelong. Also sets of light up stumps to win.

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Please register at www.playcricket.com.au

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT
Darren Driscoll – 0414 689 045
darren.driscoll@cricket.com.au OR
Stephen Field 0417 342 332 sfield@cricketvictoria.com.au

GLENTHOMPSON/DUNKELD NETBALL CLUB
Senior netball pre-season will commence 6.15pm Thursday 23rd February at Dunkeld Rec Reserve. 17 & Under players are also encouraged to attend.

Junior netball training will commence 5.00pm Thursday 23rd March.

For any enquiries please contact Sarah on 0439 629 258.

COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Council will hold a series of workshops across the Southern Grampians Shire throughout February, as part of the process to develop the 2017-2021 Council Plan.

Council is required to prepare and adopt a Council plan prior to 30 June this year. The plan outlines the vision for the four year term of the Council and includes the objectives, strategies and actions which need to be implemented and undertaken to ensure this vision is realised.

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown is encouraging all community members to attend the sessions and take the opportunity to have their say on the future of the Shire.

“We want to people to envisage the Southern Grampians in 2021. What does it look like? What makes it a great place to live and work? How do we get there? We want to invite all community members to come along and be a part of the plan for the future of this wonderful region we all call home” Cr Brown said.

The sessions dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 8 February
6.30pm | Hamilton Library

Monday 13 February
4.00pm | Byaduk Club Rooms
6.00pm | Branxholme Pub Courtyard

Thursday 16 February
6.00pm | Coleraine Railway Tourist Information Centre

Monday 20 February
4.00pm | Balmoral Pub
7.00pm | Cavendish Bunyip Hotel

Thursday 23 February
4.00pm | Café Catalpa, Tarrington
6.30pm | Volcano Discovery Centre, Penshurst

Tuesday 28 February
4.00pm | Glenthompson Community Hall
6.00pm | Dunkeld Community Centre

Thursday 2 March
6.00pm | Wrap-Up and Feedback Session - Venue to be confirmed
The sessions are open to all and light refreshments will be provided.

Those who cannot attend one of the scheduled sessions are invited to participate and share their vision via the Council Facebook page, by emailing sgs2021@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or in writing, addressed to the Mayor or CEO.
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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

The Dunkeld Consolidated School is fortunate to have as part of the school curriculum, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program - SAKG.

The program's philosophy is based on providing good food education to children through Growing, Harvesting, Preparing and Sharing together. Each Thursday, students are very busy in the productive food garden, with classes from Year 3 - 6 harvesting, preparing and sharing a seasonal lunch together. Each class from Year 1 through to Year 6 have a gardening session, and classes from Year 3 - 6 have a week about in the kitchen.

For our program to be as successful and enjoyable as we can make it, we need enthusiastic ‘Friends’ to join us on a Thursday.

If you wish to help out once a term or each week or anything in between we ask that you fill in and return the attached ‘Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program’ form. If you require any further information please phone Clare Kennedy 0427 823 308 or Lisa McIntyre 0428 749 235.

We look forward to welcoming you for a very productive SAKG program in 2017.

From the Garden...

As we begin a new year in our garden, we have much to be thankful for. Our hens look terrific and the garden, though a bit overgrown, has survived the summer well. The following families looked after our chooks and watered our plants over the holidays, and without their help we would have been in strife! To the (Valetta) Jacksons, the Potters, the Hufs, the (Kate) Jacksons, the Frasers, the (Emma) Gordons, the Jurys, the (Ally) Gordons, the Crawfords, the Glazebrooks, the Linskens, the Comers, the Callanders and the McIntyres, we thank you so much. And to those members of the general community that kept an eye on things, tied up tomatoes and checked water supplies, we thank you too. And thanks to the lawn mowers, that was so nice to return to! And we should also thank our lucky stars that we had a kind, fairly mild summer, with some lovely rainfall. Remember this time last year?

I am really looking forward to the year, with many activities planned and so much to learn. If you’re wanting to know more about our program, and/or perhaps are interested in becoming a “Friend” who helps the children in their classes, I’d love to invite you to contact me. We’ll be drawing up a roster in the early weeks of term 1, and are looking forward to seeing our “old (?)” Friends, and hopefully welcome some new ones. (Please see the tear off slip in this newsletter).

We aim to make our classes very relaxed, interesting and enjoyable, both for the students, and their adult helpers. You don’t need to know anything about gardening to be a “Friend”, but if you do, we’d love to share your knowledge!

From time to time we need to ask for donations of odd things that people in the community may be able to help us with. I am wondering if anyone has some ice cream, yoghurt and/or margarine containers (and especially their lids) they can spare? Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Thanks again to all our wonderful school and community families for their summer help - as always “You’re Fantastic! Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235  advancel@bigpond.com
FROM THE 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 2017.

To our teachers; Mrs Ann Howard, Mrs Anne Gilbert, Mrs Jane Higgins and Miss Jayne Berry, I hope you feel rested and ready to deliver great teaching to our students. Mrs Naomie Phillips will be teaching three days a week this year and I hope you enjoy your complicated but nevertheless important role at our school.

An especially warm welcome to Miss Mary-Ellen Evans (Year 1) and Miss Susie Gibson (Year 2) who begin teaching at Dunkeld Consolidated School. I hope you both will grow to love your classes and our school.

Welcome also to our new Prep students. The journey begins at school but your child’s learning has been going on for a long time. Congratulations parents … you have managed to teach your child to speak a language already. I hope you can help with their reading also.

We welcome back our Italian friend to take Years’ Prep, 1, 2 and for Italian. ‘Grazie’ in advance for your work this year, Mr 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.

Welcome to the adventure, boys and girls and welcome to our school.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 2016
On the last day of 2016 the following certificates were presented:


100% Perfect Attendance for the 2016 School Year: Sarah Symes, Maxi Graham and Oliver Fenwick.

STUDENT LEADERS 2017
Congratulations to the following students who will be our school leaders for 2017:

School Captains: Ella Jackson and Sam Cullinane
Sports Captains Wannon: Chloe Frost and Edward Williamson
Sports Captains Sturgeon: Sarah Symes and Ben Potter
Bus Captain: Sarah Symes (Woodhouse)
SAKG Captains: Lucille Aarons and Xanthe Huf
Student Voice: Monet Graham, India Ross, Emily McNaughton and Lachlan Phillips

AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY
One of our School Captains, Ella Jackson, proudly represented our school at her first official function at the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Thursday 26 January.

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL
This year all visitors to our school, including parents and relatives of our students, are required to sign a Visitors Book at the school administration office upon arrival. Similarly visitors are required to ‘sign out’ in the Visitors Book at the end of their visit. As a Child Safe School this is a requirement of Ministerial Order No. 870.

Under the Summary Offences Act 1966 and subsequent amendments, the Principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within the school, and also has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the school boundaries outside school operating hours.

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following school families:

➢ Paul and Jackie Mibus on the recent arrival of Marli Louise – a beautiful little girl to be spoilt by big brother Zander and big sisters, Indi and Ruby.
➢ Derek and Alison Prentice who welcomed a son, Harry James, into their family, along with three very excited big brothers Alexander, Hugh and Charles.

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COUNCIL PLEDGES $15,000 TO ASSIST RETURN OF PASSENGER AIR

Southern Grampians Shire Council has pledged to purchase $15,000 worth of pre-paid tickets to help secure the return of a passenger air service between Melbourne and Hamilton.

Council recognises the important economic and social benefits an air service provides and continues to advocate strongly to achieve this goal, said Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown.

“We are committed to supporting the community in attempting to bring passenger air services back to Hamilton airport. Improved connections to the State’s capital can only support the regional centre service role that Hamilton provides as well as provide new economic and social opportunities for the Greater Hamilton region.

Council’s CEO Mr Michael Tubb said “there are real efficiencies which can be gained by utilising air travel for trips to Melbourne, rather than travelling by vehicle, particularly when considering factors such as staff time and productivity as well as avoiding the costs associated with overnight accommodation and meals.

“Staff and Councillors are often required in Melbourne to further the interests of our region and the opportunity to utilise air travel will definitely help our operational efficiencies, he said.

Launch of the campaign to return passenger air to Hamilton occurred early in December, and so far a quarter of the $300,000 needed to underwrite the return has been realised.

Cr Brown said Council is greatly encouraged by the initial support for the trial return service, but it needs wider community support to make it a reality.

“Together with the State and Federal Governments, Council has made significant investment over the last 18 months to future proof the Hamilton Airport. We have the infrastructure in place, we have an excellent facility and our officers have worked hard over the last 12 months to attract new business. Now we need the financial investment from our community, our industry leaders and business owners, and a commitment to regular usage to make it happen.

“We are doing everything that we can to ensure this trial happens and we implore others to get on-board and support this trial” Cr Brown said.

Stephen Giles, partner at Global Law firm Norton Rose Fulbright Australia and Caramut Football Club’s “oldest” player supports the trial, recognising the business and tourism opportunities and the need for connectivity with larger cities.

“I think it is important that people who have strong connections with Hamilton, but live in Melbourne, commit to this sort of connectivity. In a digital sense it has never been easier for people in rural areas to connect to the world, and having these transport connections completes the picture. I may even use my flights to transport a few footballers to help my footy club Caramut!” Mr Giles said.

Managing Director of Par Avion, Shannon Wells said he was encouraged by the commitment in pre purchasing tickets since the pledge drive launched in December. “I’m pleased to see the initial interest for the trial and look forward to seeing a continued demonstration of support from the Greater Hamilton Community for the service to proceed.”

Melbourne Stock Broker Tim Stewart, who owns a property near Yulecart and regularly commutes between Melbourne and Hamilton, has been working with Council and Par Avion to make this trial a reality.

“The convenience of a regular passenger service cannot be underestimated. The time for talk is over; we need financial commitment from the people of the Greater Hamilton region. We will not get another chance to make this happen so please, I urge everyone to make this a priority. Tell as many people as possible, act now and buy tickets. I will be committing financially and I implore everyone else to do so as well!” Mr Stewart said.

Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown said “We understand that launching our campaign just prior to Christmas may have impacted on getting firm commitments from our agencies, institutions and businesses so it is important that people are reminded of the need to make a financial commitment if we wish to see a six month trial of the service proceed”.

Ticket prices per-sector would be $149 one-way or $298 return. Any pre-paid tickets would be unrestricted. Normal ticketing is expected to be $149 one-way restricted and $199 one-way unrestricted.

It is expected that the trial would be conducted on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday however these days will be confirmed with potential customers prior to the commencement of the service.

If you would like a copy of the prospectus visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or to pledge your support, please supply details to Hugh Koch, Manager Economic Development and Tourism on hkoch@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au, 03 5573 0238 or 0409 797 446

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Dunkeld Progress Association

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Working towards a sustainable, prosperous and cultured community

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Dunkeld Progress Association is seeking members for 2017. Annual membership fee is $5.00.

As a Member you:
• Can get involved in projects or issues that you are passionate about in Dunkeld (depending on your availability and other commitments)
• Are welcome to come along to monthly meetings (but there is no obligation to go to all of them)
• Receive agenda and minutes of meetings (to keep you informed and up to date)
• Will meet new people and work with other locals who care about our town

Name:…………………………………………………………………………………………………
Email address:……………………………………………………………………………………
Phone number:……………………………………………………………………………………

What are you passionate about in Dunkeld? Please tick (can be more than 1)

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Any comments?........................................................................................................................................

Signed:...........................................................................................................................................

$5.00 Paid Yes □ No □

Please drop form and $5 in an envelope at the Box at Izzy’s Mountain View Café, Dunkeld Post Office or Bendigo Bank
**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program 2017**

‘Friend of the Kitchen Garden’ 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.*

In order to achieve our aim we need people who are enthusiastic about making a difference. You can volunteer in the Kitchen or the Garden or both (a Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required – the school can provide further information if you do not already have a WWCC).

Due to Occupational Health and Safety reasons, non-school age children are unable to attend or participate in a Kitchen Garden class.

Lisa (Garden) and Clare (Kitchen) provide guidance in the class to volunteers, teachers and students.

Relax; you don’t need to be an expert!

**SAKG 2017**

If you would like to be part of our SAKG program in 2017 please fill in and return this form to the Dunkeld Consolidated School Office BY MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017

2017 Kitchen Garden Sessions will be held each Thursday, commencing on 23 February.

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 and Time Slots: **NO preference □**  **OR ALL DAY** i.e. from 11.30am – 3.15pm □

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**Friend of the KITCHEN**  Year 3 – 6 students attend  (Friends required from 11.15am to 2.00pm)

Grade preference: **NO preference □**

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Thank you for your support.

Ann Howard, SAKG Coordinator
Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist
Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist