

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.



### **Santa Competition!!**

Once again, the Dunkeld Progress Association is sponsoring two Christmas competitions – “Best Santa” and “Best Christmas Cheer” (lights, tinsel, glitter!) \$100.00 prize for the winner of each competition. To be judged on Saturday 22 December 2018. Winners announced on 23 December 2018. Look for posters around town for more information and entry forms. Entry forms can be dropped at the Dunkeld Post Office – you have to be in it to win it!

### *Season's Greetings*



Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the sick and lonely people.

Kind regards, Betty Barker

## DONATIONS

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Brian Mathews | \$50 |
| David Baker   | \$30 |
| Judy Trompf   | \$25 |

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## CHURCH TIMES

### Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

E-mail: [hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

|                      |        |             |        |                                |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week | Sunday | December 16 | 8.30am | Mass                           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Week | Sunday | December 23 | 9.00am | Assembly or Word and Communion |
|                      | Monday | December 24 | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve)     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Week | Sunday | December 30 | 9.00am | Assembly or Word and Communion |

### Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Anglican Church Dunkeld.

|             |                  |                                                             |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 16 | Anglican         | 5.00pm                                                      |
| December 23 | Community Carols | 7.30pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre                      |
|             |                  | Christmas Bowl Collection and cuppa' and biscuit to follow. |
| January 6   | Anglican         | 5.00pm                                                      |

#### No Uniting Church Services in January.

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|-------------|-------------------|--------|
| January 20  | Anglican          | 5.00pm |
| February 3  | Anglican          | 5.00pm |
| February 10 | Uniting           | 5.00pm |
| February 17 | Anglican          | 5.00pm |
| February 24 | Rev Angie Griffin | 5.00pm |

#### Everyone is very welcome

Enquiries June Cashman 5577 2592 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277.

### Pannyabyr Uniting Church

Next Service to be advised.

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

The Christmas service for the Mirranatwa Uniting Church will be this coming **Sunday 16 December, at 2.30 pm, with Rev Angie Griffin**. All are welcome and afternoon tea will follow.

Contacts: Iris Field 5574 0202 or Margo Dark 5574 0222.

| MON                                                        | TUES                                                                                             | WED                                                                                                                 | THURS                                     | FRI                                                                       | SAT                                        | SUN                                                |
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| <b>10</b><br>Cut-Off for<br>LAST<br>NEWSLETTER<br>FOR 2018 | <b>11</b>                                                                                        | <b>12</b><br>Dunkeld Tourism<br>Association<br>Meeting<br><br><b>LAST<br/>COMMUNITY<br/>NEWSLETTER<br/>FOR 2018</b> | <b>13</b><br>Mobile Library<br>DUNKELD    | <b>14</b><br>Arboretum,<br>Sawmill and<br>Museum<br>Christmas<br>break-up | <b>15</b>                                  | <b>16</b>                                          |
| <b>17</b>                                                  | <b>18</b><br>Community Bus                                                                       | <b>19</b>                                                                                                           | <b>20</b><br>Mobile Library<br>MIRRANATWA | <b>21</b><br><b>LAST DAY OF<br/>TERM 4</b>                                | <b>22</b><br>Mirranatwa<br>Christmas Party | <b>23</b><br>Dunkeld<br>Community<br>Carols 7.30pm |
| <b>24</b><br>Christmas Eve<br>Santa Run                    | <b>25</b><br> | <b>26</b>                                                                                                           | <b>27</b>                                 | <b>28</b>                                                                 | <b>29</b>                                  | <b>30</b>                                          |
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## THE STAMPEDE RETURNS - NEW DATE

We are very excited to announce that the Rural Steel Sturgeon Stampede will return in 2019. We have had a change of date and will now run on Saturday 23 March 2019 with more of the family friendly activities and breathtaking rodeo action that has made the event so popular. More information will be available soon on our Facebook page so stay tuned.

## \*\*EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST\*\*

A key objective of the Sturgeon Stampede is to allow fundraising opportunities for local Dunkeld community groups. If your group or local business has an interest in providing catering or entertainment options in our very popular family area, please let Adrian Field know ASAP. Our preference would be to use local groups over external suppliers so let Adrian know if you would like to be involved in any capacity and he can help with the detail. Contact Adrian at the Dunkeld General Store or on 0438 345 336.

## Dunkeld Racing Club says THANK YOU

On Saturday 17 November, a crowd of over 12,000 people attended the 2018 Dunkeld Races and were treated to fantastic day of racing under clear sunny skies, with *Penny to Sell* taking the honours in the \$45,000 feature, the William Thomson Cup.

With numbers far exceeding last year's crowd of 9000, and unprecedented in the club's history, the Club's aging infrastructure and portable facilities were under a lot of pressure, and long wait times for facilities took the shine off what could have been a perfect day. The Club strives for a high level of customer satisfaction and are already closely examining the 'pressure points', with the aim of alleviating such issues should we again see these large crowds in coming years.

Despite these factors, the Club and Police were happy with the crowd behaviour, with everyone arriving and leaving the course without incident, and no arrests to report. The course did see a significant increase in those coming by bus, from 150 last year, to 274 this year (90% of these arriving between 12.00-12.30pm causing massive gate congestion), which is in line with the Club's mission to see safe passage to and from the event and something we will need to cater for in coming years.

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

An event such as the Dunkeld Races relies on this community spirit and volunteerism, and the Dunkeld Racing Club Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who has chipped in over the course of 2018 and we hope to see you again for an even stronger and better event in 2019. We

would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

**Edward Blackwell, President**



## DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Museum members are reminded that our Christmas celebrations are on Friday 14 December at the sawmill. BYO meat, drinks, chair and a salad or sweet to share.

### THANK YOU

To Pauline Matthews for answering our call for an original Dunkeld Consolidated School girl's tunic. Pauline has donated her tunic to the Museum for a new display.

### MUSEUM CLOSED IN FEBRUARY

The museum will be closed during February. Volunteers are having a break during this relatively quiet month in Dunkeld.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Museum Committee wishes the Dunkeld community a very enjoyable festive season. Thanks to everyone who has supported the Museum in some way during 2018.

### Museum Duty Roster

Sun 16 Dec: Bill Funk, Wally and Carol Allan

Sun 23 Dec: Kerren Collins, Lyn Collins

Sun 30 Dec: Kay Leyshon

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

Saint Patrick's Dunkeld has become a beautiful church, including meeting room, toilet complex and surrounding grounds due to hard work and planning by the CWL members and men of the local church. As a whole church community group, we have contributed, financed and worked many volunteer hours to Saint Patrick's. All the community has been involved. The native garden planted, watered and now trees at the back are lovingly tended with beautiful green lawn grass mowed. Saint Mary's, the mother church in Hamilton, through Father Pat Mugavin and Mr Joe Hockey has supported our projects.

We thank all the men and women involved. Saint Pat's is looking good.

Over the past year we have raised money with wood raffles, an Irish Day and Saint Patrick's 17 March dinner. Money has been donated by individuals and outside benefactors.

At Christmas we had a CWL Christmas dinner for the CWL ladies, their families and special guests. Mass was held beforehand, followed by a sit down dinner.

On Sunday 28 October a 5.00pm Mass was said by Father John McKinnon and surrounding parishes were invited; Glenthompson, Penshurst, Macarthur and Balmoral. The CWL catered with refreshments, soup, pies, pasties, sandwiches, drinks and sweets.

Our parish of Saint Mary's is now part of Saint Mary MacKillop Western Border Parish. An enormous parish area with so few priests, with Father Pat Mugavin and Father John McKinnon (retired) in Hamilton and Father John Corrigan in Casterton.

There has to be more lay led communion services and individual support.

We are a vibrant community. The good Lord will look after us if we allow him to.

**Liz Hinchey, Secretary, Saint Patrick's Church CWL**



# DUNKELD GENERAL STORE

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info@dunkeldgeneralstore.com.au Phone: 5577 2418



**MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 6.30am – 5.30pm**

**SATURDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm**

**SUNDAY- 8.00am – 1.00pm**

**Times may vary on Public Holidays**

## DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN



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

*Monday 24 December  
commencing at 7:00pm.*

*\*Out of town children are welcome to wait at the Post  
Office end of the Memorial Park.\**

*\*Grandparents are welcome to ring Heather and she will  
make sure that Santa knows that grandchildren are  
visiting.\**

Many thanks to the Dunkeld & District Lions Club; Melissa and Adrian Field from the Dunkeld General Store; Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade; Victoria State Emergency Service – Dunkeld Unit; Kerri and Alan Jones; Cee Blackwell and Family, who all make this community event possible.

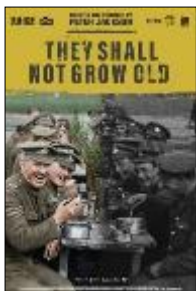
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## DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

**RSL Membership:** We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal (\$40.00 per person) for 2109 is due by 31 January 2019. Renew your membership before 21 December 2018 to enter the draw to win a new release Hyundai Kona Go. All financial RSL Victoria members are eligible to win, including members who renew online at [www.rslrewards.com.au](http://www.rslrewards.com.au)

If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms for new members are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.



**They Shall Not Grow Old:** Theatre Royal, Castlemaine Invites RSL Sub-Branch members to their special event screening of Peter Jackson's incredible new documentary, *They Shall Not Grow Old*, on Sunday 13 January 2019 at 5.00pm.

Marking the centenary of the end of the First World War, Academy Award-winning director Peter Jackson

(Heavenly Creatures, The Lord of the Rings trilogy) was given unprecedented access to the Imperial War Museum's extensive archive, much of it previously unseen. Combining it with audio interviews with servicemen who fought in conflict he has crafted an extraordinary new film telling the story of life on the front line.

### Ceremony to mark the end of the War at Gallipoli:

Senator Jim Molan AO DSC (Major General-Rtd) and Turkish Consul-General, Mr Ihan Sener, will be guests of honour at a commemorative ceremony to mark the end of the war at Gallipoli between the ANZACs and the Turks at the Shrine of Remembrance on Thursday 20 December 2018 – 12.00 noon for 12.30pm.



The guns fell silent and peace arrived in the ANZAC Sector at Gallipoli in the early hours of 20 December 1915. This signalled the end of hostilities between the foes which began on 25 April 1915 and caused many thousands sacrificed from both sides. The 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of this important event is to be commemorated at the Shrine of Remembrance with a wreath laying ceremony at the Sanctuary.

This significant commemorative ceremony at the Shrine co-ordinated by Friends of Gallipoli Inc. This year's ceremony will be seventh such event in Melbourne.

You are invited to witness this important event to mark the arriving of peace between the Turks and the ANZACs at Gallipoli. As Ataturk declared in 1934 "... *Johnnies and Mehments are now lying in the bosom of a friendly country and are in peace ...*"

The ceremony will be preceded by the presentation of the Friends of Gallipoli Award at the Australian Turkish Friendship Memorial at 11.00am. The Memorial is located 200 metres north-east of the Shrine. After the presentation, the participants will move to the Sanctuary of the Shrine for the commemorative ceremony. For further information and registration of interest please contact Dr Vecihi (John) Basarin OAM, Chairman, Friends of Gallipoli Inc via email: [chairman.fogi@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.fogi@gmail.com)



*The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, supporters and the Dunkeld and district community a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!*

## DUNKELD PUBLIC LAND'S COMMITTEE

2018 has been a very busy year for the DPLC. The Caravan Park has new caretakers, Geoff, Erin and Dan and they have settled in well. A team certainly makes the job easier and I do not know how Gary coped for so long.

More improvements are planned for the Park. Occupancy has been improving and we hope this continues.

I thank all who have helped the DPLC over the last year. Our committee is all about making Dunkeld a better place. Prustie falling ill has meant more work for all of us. We wish Prustie well and look forward to him being back on deck.

The newsletter is an important part of Dunkeld. We thank Vicki Kearney and her team for all the voluntary work they do.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe festive season. In March next year, our committee finishes its three-year term. I am sure we will be looking for some new members to continue our work.

**John Smith, President**

## Dunkeld Community Energy

**Get free help from experts with what you need to do to prepare for solar panels on your home.**

Our next get-together for Dunkeld Energy will be a drop-in session with people from the Community Power Hub (CPH) Ballarat. We will let you know the actual times closer to the event but we anticipate it will be a couple hours on a Saturday or Sunday late January. This drop-in event is suitable for anyone who thinks they might be interested in either solar panels and/or improving the energy efficiency of their house.

To find out if solar panels are right for you, an analysis needs to be done on how much electricity you use in a 12 month period. This information is available for download from Powercor and/or your retailer and you can do it yourself and then have it analysed but, **as part of the Dunkeld Bulk Buy, we have been offered free, independent analyses for 20 local households (valued at \$275.00 per analysis).** Even if you have the analysis done, there will be no obligation to install solar or be part of the Bulk Buy.

As everyone probably realises, the decision about whether or not to get solar panels is made easier if you know:

- exactly what to ask for in terms of the size of the system;
- how much you are likely to save in electricity costs;
- whether or not a battery is worthwhile; and
- whether or not your roof is actually suitable for an installation.

So, what will you need to do to be a part of this forthcoming drop in session? You will simply need to drop in with your NMI (National Metering Identifier; a unique 10 or 11 digit number used to identify every electricity network connection point in Australia) which can be found on your electricity bill.

If you can't see it on your bill, bring the whole document with you to the drop in session and it will be found for you. Together, you and the CPH people will download your data

and you will confirm that you are happy for the CPH technical staff to take it with them to complete the solar analysis. The results will then be sent back to you and we will plan the next step for more solar in Dunkeld.

Once you have this information, then you can work out if spending money on solar panels is the best use of your dollars or whether it might be better to do other things like insulate your roof or block up gaps or install double glazing or, indeed, something completely unrelated to sustainability!

Stay tuned! More will be posted closer to the actual date. Happy holidays everyone!

**Eleni Rivers**  
studio@elenirivers.com

## **Grampians Ag**

**The Team at Grampians Ag  
would like to wish everyone a safe  
and Merry Christmas and a  
happy New Year.**

**We will be CLOSED from  
Monday 24 December 2018 to  
Monday 20 January 2019.**

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### **WORKS COMMENCE TO REPLACE MOUNT ROUSE STEPS**

Construction of new steps to the pinnacle of Mt Rouse in Penshurst will commence next week. Council advise that there will be no access to the summit during the work, expected to be completed by late January 2019.

The existing red gum steps at Mt Rouse were identified as a safety issue due to being uneven and dangerously steep, as well as their extensive deterioration over time. It was subsequently identified that the existing hand rail had become loose and that a more secure alternative was needed.

The upgraded stairs and viewing platform designed will reduce the risk to visitors of Mt Rouse by eliminating hazards posed by the existing steps and providing a safe and secure replacement, made from a combination of recycled plastic material and galvanised steel.

The design of the steps also allows for resting areas and space for passing and includes a new viewing platform at the top, vastly improving the visitor experience.

The pinnacle of Mt Rouse provides tourists and locals with one of the most spectacular views in south west Victoria. With its 360-degree view of the region, the summit of Mount Rouse is visited by more than 15,000 visitors a year and is a key experience of the Kanawinka Geopark. The site is often included in group tours with 30+ visitors walking the summit at any time. Mount Rouse is also a well promoted stop off for those travelling the internationally renowned Great Southern Touring Route.

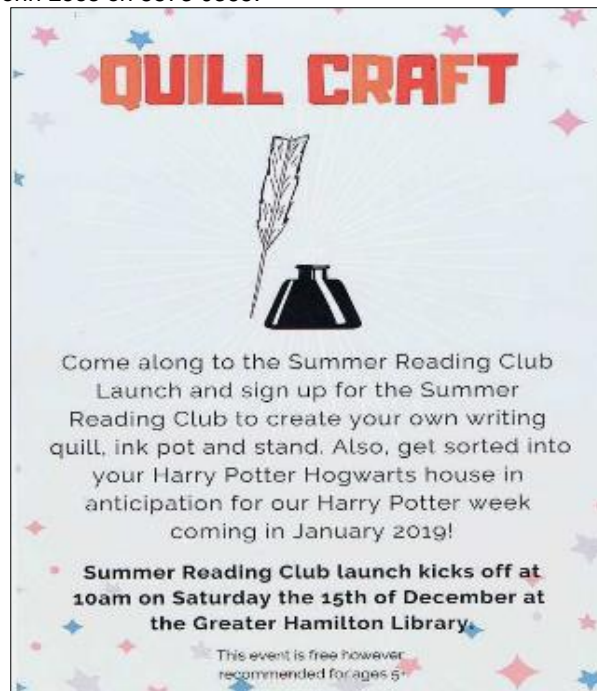
Council's Manager Assets StJohn Lees said the project is an important one, particularly to the Penshurst community.

"The Penshurst community and the Progress Association identified this project as a priority some time ago. Unfortunately it has taken us some time to get the solution right and we thank the community for their patience over this time. We are confident that the plans we now have in place will not only provide much greater safety, but also a superior visitor experience for the thousands who come to Mt Rouse each year," Mr Lees said.

The tender for the works was awarded to EBAZ Pty Ltd for \$114,000 and construction of the new stairs and platforms began offsite in October.

Demolition of the existing staircase will commence from next week (10 December) and construction is expected to be complete by the end of January. While there will be no access to the summit for visitors throughout construction, emergency services will be provided admittance as necessary.

For more information, please contact Manager Assets StJohn Lees on 5573 0365.





# Dunkeld Bowling Club Presents:

## 2019 TWILIGHT BOWLS

### TEAMS WANTED!!

**Come along and join the fun. No experience needed.  
All welcome: Make up a team from clubs, businesses or friends  
or just come along and join a team on the first night.  
Play will be 3 Bowl Triples but teams can have up to 5 members.**

Friday 18 January 6:30pm

Continues for 3 following Fridays to 8 February

#### Contacts:

Monty 0427 772 424  
Peter 0404 172 739  
Christine 0417 823 749

Sausage Sizzle each night

## LET'S ROLL!

#### Sponsors:

Café 109 Ray Keilar  
Kelly's Hardware  
Dunkeld General Store

### DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

#### COMING EVENTS

**Club Championships 15 and 16 December**

**The entry sheet is posted on the noticeboard, draw completed Friday 14 December.**

#### PENNANT

On Saturday November 24, Division 1 travelled to Heywood and with Cat's team firing, had a convincing win 34 – 12. Gus, with a handy win, 31 – 27, and skipper Syd, led his team to another win, 25 – 19. An overall win of 90 – 63 and all 3 rinks.

Division 4 ventured to Penshurst, with Bob Napier's team needing a calculator to score, having a massive win 41 – 12. Frank's team continued their good form, 27 – 22 and Skeeta's group battled for a draw, 23 – 23. All up, a 34 shots win and two and a half rinks.

This places our Div 4 team on top of the ladder. Well done to one and all.

Saturday December 1 at home against Grangeburn, the local lads scored a convincing 74 – 59 shot win. Dunkeld struggled for the first 7 – 8 ends and then slowly inched ahead. Cat, Prewie, Rod C and Shanks had a day to forget. The opposition, bowling exceptionally well, won 34 – 14, thankfully Cat's squad stopped the "bleeding" after smoko. Fiddler, with Gus, Cookie and Tony came away with a solid 24 – 14 win, and again, the yet defeated skipper, Syd, bowling like a man possessed, took his team of Coud, Banga and Monty to a huge win, 36 – 11. A great effort, winning 14 of the last 15 ends.

Another great win, 74 – 59 and two rinks. This leaves our Div 4 team sitting second on the ladder.

Div 4 playing at Balmoral had another win, 88 – 57 and two and a half rinks. Bob with Steve (Special K) and Matt (Smiley) Cole again continued their brilliant form with a 30 – 15 shots win. Frank, with a new team of Heather and Neil Scott, were also dominant with a 28 – 12 win.

Skeeta, Grub and Peter Mc, with a good effort, as Peter was most unwell, battled all day to salvage a draw with a very high scoring 30 – 30. Two draws in a row for Skeeta!

December 8 saw Div 1 play at Penshurst, in cool and breezy conditions. The team was very optimistic and confident, however, with some great bowling from Penshurst, Dunkeld went down by one shot, losing 61 – 60 and one rink only.

Cat's team, holding a fair lead late into the game, went down 23 – 24. Fiddler's team down 17 – 25 and Syd, still winning, got up 30 – 22. Unfortunately, this loss will see us now sitting third on the ladder.

Div 4, playing at home against Grangeburn, enjoyed an enormous win of 103 – 47 shots. Frank, down at lunch, got close with a 20 – 21 loss. Bob with another big win, 40 – 13 and Skeeta breaking the run of draws, 43 – 13.

RINK and GREEN – A huge thank you to all who keep and prepare the bowling green and surrounds. A special thanks to Special K for the trimming of the hedges, the area is looking in great shape.

**Scribe – Gary Wall**



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## Dunkeld Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group (DRASS Group)

*(Member led group supporting each other's ideas and social activism)*

### Member of the Rural Australians for Refugees

Thank you to our generous members and supporters again in 2018. You have donated time, goods, venues, food, craft, money and moral support to the cause of asylum seekers.

This year we have raised \$7,633.22 bringing the total since the group began three years ago, to \$14,800.83.

#### Projects undertaken

- Ongoing monthly donation \$100 to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne
- Ongoing monthly donation \$100 of phone credit for people detained on Manus Island and Nauru
- Annual tertiary scholarship to a student from a refugee background
- Humanitarian appeals
- Local appeals
- School building fund donation to Obbo village, South Sudan (organisation headed by local Dunkeld member- Jim Hewett)
- Continue to raise awareness of the plight of asylum seekers
- Lobbying politicians

We have partnered with Dunkeld not-for-profit organisations and are always looking to increase opportunities with other groups, individuals or businesses. Please contact us if you would like to discuss any ideas or give any feedback. We also welcome you to join our group or mailing list. [drassrar@gmail.com](mailto:drassrar@gmail.com)

Thank you once again.

The **MIRANATWA** end of year **Christmas Party** will be held **Saturday 22 December** at the Mirranatwa Hall from 7.00pm. BYO drinks and the usual food to share. Santa will arrive about 8.00pm and the Victoria Valley tennis team will also be present. Friends and family welcome.

Contact: Louise Patterson 5574 0277



### FROM THE LION'S DEN

As previously mentioned the International Night next year at the Dunkeld Community Centre, will be about Mexico, a country with a long and interesting history.

Obregon, Alvaro (1880-1928) - Revolutionary and President of Mexico.

In 1912 he joined Madero in the struggle against Diaz, and supported Carranza in the counter-revolution following Madero's death, defeating Huerta (1913-1914), Zapata and Villa in 1915. He was a man of liberal ideas and forced Carranza to agree to the restoration of land to the Indians, and later, when Carranza attempted to violate the constitution, Obregon raised a revolt which resulted in his becoming President in 1920. His administration (1920-1924)

was notable for its land, educational and financial reforms and the establishment of friendly relations with the USA. In 1928, Obregon was again elected as President, but was assassinated before he could take office.

### Christmas

Yesterday I had to take my three-year-old granddaughter to the doctor (the humourless one). He said, "What is wrong with her?"

I said, "Tinselitis".

He gave me that you are an idiot look and said, "You mean tonsillitis."

"No Doc, tinselitis," I said, "I found her eating Christmas decorations."

The Lions would like to thank everyone who supported us in any way during the year and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and until next year may God keep you in the palm of his hand as you journey through life, or, as in the old Hinchey saying may you have been in heaven half an hour before the devil hears of your death.

*Peter Hinchey*



### OFF THE RAILS End of Year Report

After eleven years at the helm of Off the Rails art space, Trevor Flinn has decided to step back and move on to fulfil his dream to travel more and concentrate on his own art. While we will still see Trevor around town, we will miss his input as chair of the committee, yet totally understand his decision. Trevor has gifted much of his time, energy and creative talent into forming OTR as a space to welcome artists, musicians and as a place to create.

Off the Rails is an asset to a small town such as Dunkeld. As someone fairly new and as Secretary of the committee, I hope we will continue to support the aspirations Trevor and friends had in mind back in those early days when it first opened its doors in 2008.

Now we welcome Josie Ahearn as the new Chair. I am sure she will bring a fresh perspective to OTR, which will help the association grow and flourish. Josie brings a clear head for procedures and is catching up fast with all the details that the role of Chair of the Committee entails.

I would also like to thank the rest of the committee for their continuing support. As we were closed for many months while the 1875 building underwent some much-needed repairs, the year started off with some challenges. However, Off the Rails then opened its doors to offer musical events, exhibitions, art markets, workshops, creative retreats, as well as the memorable Dawne Chorus Extravaganza!

Coming up first thing in the New Year, we warmly endorse Virginia Ryan's Residency (commencing 21 January) and workshop (26 and 27 January) and encourage interested members of the community to sign up to be involved. She is an artist of international repute so definitely do not miss what she has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year for yet another art-filled year!

Happy Festive Season.

*Eleni Rivers*  
**Secretary, Off the Rails**

## Maw's Mowing



### COMPLETE GARDENING SERVICE

# Pruning # Chainsaw work # Landscaping  
# Broad Leaf Spraying \*# Irrigation

### SLASHING

# Fire breaks # Large grassed areas  
SIX FOOT DECK – (Largest in Town)

**PH : Brad Mawson 0407 864 525**

*Nick Millard*

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## KOALAS TO BE MOVED FROM LAKE HAMILTON ISLAND

Koalas will be moved from Lake Hamilton Island following ongoing concerns surrounding the available food source to sustain the koala population on the island over summer.

There are believed to be between 26 and 28 koalas currently on the island, which has been heavily defoliated in recent times. Council, as the responsible land manager for the health and welfare of the koalas inhabiting the island will move the Koalas at the start of summer, on 12 and 13 December.

Wildlife officers from Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) will assist Council staff in the relocation process. Koalas will be captured by experienced handlers and will undergo an assessment process by specialist veterinarians on site according to the *Guidelines for Assessment of Animal Welfare during Koala Population Management Programs* (the Guidelines).

Council's biodiversity Officer Sherie Bain said that following their assessments, healthy koalas will be translocated to Claude Austin State Forest near Rocklands.

"We chose this location as it has the same vegetation as their current environment and has already been subject to background studies and assessment. Once the Koalas are in their new home, we will undertake regular monitoring to make sure they're doing well in their new environment," Ms Bain explained.

"Translocating the entire koala population will assist us to determine the possible re-inhabitation rate of the island and guide future our koala management plans if necessary. It also allows a chance for the island and the trees to rehabilitate.

"We have spoken with local wildlife carers, including the care for koalas group and they are supportive of the move to shift the koalas due to the lack of available food and the interbreeding that is occurring on the island," Ms Bain said. Female koalas captured will be treated with fertility control hormone implants as per the Guidelines in an effort to control koala population. Koalas not meeting the release criteria (very poor health or deemed a risk to other Koalas) will be humanely euthanased in accordance with the Guidelines.

The Community are advised that while the Lake Hamilton walking track will still be in use on 12 and 13 December, people will not be permitted on the eastern end of the lake while the translocation is taking place.

Anyone requiring further information on the Koala translocation can contact Sherie Bain on 03 5573 0223.



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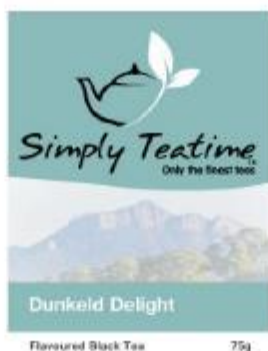
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## LANDCARE NEWS

Last Friday we held our "What Critters are in the River" event, at Grampians Retreat. It was a lovely setting and with calm and mild conditions - a perfect evening. We were able to see many of the critters that call the Wannon River home. The Retreat has quite a few drought refuges along the river - deep holes that hold water during the long dry seasons, so it was a great opportunity to learn what relies on this water to keep surviving in our environment. A list of species we found is being produced. Nicole Mojonier, from Nature Glenelg Trust brought along her waterwatch gear and caught some Western Swamp Crays from Walker's Swamp, to show us. They are only found in the Grampians region, so a very special species to find! As the salt levels of the river were 5000 ec we were unable to try the electro fishing, as it was deemed too risky. So instead we saw how the fyke nets were used. Dion Jervasi set them in place - laid across the river, with a sweeping net that directs critters in. He left them there for 24 hours, as many critters are nocturnal. He placed

a screen inside to prevent platypus and other air breathing critters from entering. We went back the next morning to find numerous Southern Pygmy Perch (endemic), Western Carp Gudgeon (native but not endemic), flat headed gudgeon (endemic) and three River Blackfish (endemic) in the nets.



Endemic means that these species naturally occur only in this region. Stephen Ryan and Dave Nichols (both GHCA) helped explain our findings and the possible reasons for them. We thank Maree and Dennis Willey for their wonderful support in hosting this event, and Nicole, Stephen and Dion for their expertise, equipment and endless enthusiasm and Dave Nichols for all his work in organising and setting the event.

The Panyyabyr Landcare Group has funding available (\$500.00 per project) for those members interested in erecting a stock proof fence around their red gum trees. This will protect the roots from compaction and nutrient overload (no stock camps close to the trunk), as well as encourage the regeneration from seed. Many of our magnificent trees are over 400 years old, and in many cases any germinating seed is soon eaten by stock or ploughed. Please get in touch with me if interested.

Grampians Ark fox control - our recent baiting pulse finished on 26 November 2018. Please remove any baits and dispose of correctly, then pass your bait take data on to me, thanks! Next baiting pulse is Monday 4 February 2019 - Monday 8 April 2019.



There are quite a few grants and opportunities available at the minute, for projects and to run events. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please get in touch pretty soon.


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COMING SOON

## HARRY POTTER WEEK

14th - 19th January 2019

The Greater Hamilton Library will be hosting a Harry Potter week in January that will be full of magic, crafts, games and potions! If you have signed up for the Summer Reading Club then not only will you receive first priority access to all our activities, but you will have early access to our Colouring Competition and Spells Matching Game. You are welcome to complete these and hand them back to the library to go in the running for a prize! Winners will be announced during the Harry Potter Week. You will also have been sorted into your Hogwarts house. We encourage you to come along to the events (should you choose to attend) dressed up in your house colours. A program will be available at the Library soon!





## STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM (SAKG)

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

Thank you to the Royal Mail Hotel team for providing an educational and tasty experience for our Year 6 students. It was wonderful to spend one on one time with Kitchen Gardener, Michelle Shanahan and to see all of the beautiful organic produce in one of the 1.2-hectare kitchen gardens. The students then recognised many foods on the plate that had come from the garden, presented like artwork in the restaurant at Parker Street Project. Broad beans, asparagus, spinach, rhubarb and rosemary.



We are so very thankful to Mr John Myers, Kylie Schurmann, Michelle Shanahan and Executive Chef Robin Wickens and staff for their generosity and making us feel so welcome.

### From the Garden... by Lisa McIntyre

Our school year is wrapping up very quickly now, but it seems like the garden is just beginning to flourish; growth is abundant, flowers are glorious, perfumes are exquisite and critters are flying, hovering, hopping, crawling and gliding everywhere. This is the most wonderful time of the year and we leave it all as school closes.

Here we are doing some weeding and cutting the flower stalks off the parsley and French sorrel, to try and keep it in its vegetative stage as long as possible, as once the flowers start to form, the leaves become bitter.

The Grade 1 and 2 students created some beautiful natural artwork last week. They collected a great variety of leaves,



flowers, stalks, bark, sand - whatever they wanted, and laid them out on coloured paper. The patterns and designs they produced were truly beautiful and the children captured the image by taking a photo on their iPads. Then the material was put in the compost heap to decompose.

Our Grade 4 students had a hands-on lesson in teamwork and fine motor skills last week, as we needed to get the orchard net out of storage and onto the trees. They carried the bird netting across the oval, unrolled it, sewed up the numerous holes in it, and then carried it to the orchard. They all had to work together, and they showed plenty of patience and fine sewing techniques! Later our Grade 3 and 6 students helped put the net up. Using wide brooms and rakes covered by feedbags, the lot of us, with plenty of encouragement and

heaps of effort, managed to get it up and over the trees. Thank you so much to our Friends and teachers for helping us. It was a massive effort!

Our Grade 6 cohort, with Clare Kennedy, Mrs Ann Howard and myself were honoured to be invited to visit Michelle Shanahan (head gardener) in the Royal Mail Hotel's wonderful glasshouse. Michelle showed us the many plants she is growing for the Hotel's Kitchen, and then we all tasted the tuberous Begonia flowers, and marvelled at the banana plants thriving in there. We then enjoyed a beautiful lunch at the Parker Street Project, and recognised many of our lunches' ingredients from our garden tour. Thank you to the wonderful staff, who looked after us, explained the dishes and answered our questions. It was a fantastic educational and social experience for our group, one they will long remember.

The school holidays are fast approaching and I would really appreciate some help to look after the chooks over that time. **Please contact me with any dates that you are able to help, and I will draw up a roster.** The more families we have helping, the less time each needs to spend. As "payment", you get to keep the eggs, and any herbs and vegies that you may like!



I learnt a good lesson the very hard way this year, and want to pass it on so you don't fall for the same trap - never, ever buy cheap potting mix, *especially* if it's on special, just to save a few \$\$\$. Because it does not work. My tomato plants are a dismal failure, and they are shrinking in front of my eyes. So no tomato plant sales this year. I hope by now you be growing some beautiful plants of your own, and will tell me all about their fantastic yields next year!

I think "Thank You" is a term that can never be over-used. Which is lucky, because I use it a lot! Our SAKG program would not be able to operate without so many people's help, support, donations, advice, and inclusion within the School's curriculum. From the donation of garlic cloves to loads of sheep manure, and from chook checking to writing the classroom timetables to include the program, please know that whatever you do, it has always been noticed and greatly appreciated. This is a great example to set for our children, and they too are learning to recognise your contributions and to say thank you. That is a fantastic life lesson.

Have a wonderful Christmas, and enjoy a relaxing, safe Summer!

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### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Clean Up Day on Thursday 13 December 2018

If you have any spare time from 10.00am (earlier by arrangement) to help out in the Kitchen or Garden with a tidy up before the Christmas break, we would be very grateful to you.

Thank you, Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre



## THANK YOU

**Thank you** to John Myers, Robin Wickens, Kylie Schurmann, Michelle Shanahan and the wonderful staff of the Royal Mail Hotel for having our Year 6 students and staff as

special guests for lunch on Monday 3 December.

What an inspirational and educational experience for our students visiting this kitchen garden 'program' we thank you for your generosity.

**Thank you** to all who offered assistance, time and produce for our last fundraiser for 2018, catering for the Glenthompson Community Annual Dinner. To you who helped Friday and Saturday preparing salads and platters, you are a wonderful group of people. To those that baked delicious slices and dropped off donated produce I thank you for your generosity.

**Thank you** to you who have purchased SAKG 2019 Calendars, we still have a very limited number left if you require a last minute gift for someone or yourself. Thank you to the Dunkeld General Store for helping us sell them.

**Thank you** to Mr Jeffreys and all of the staff, school councillors and families of Dunkeld Consolidated School for your support of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Thank you to our 'Friends of the SAKG' who come in each week to help us deliver good food education to our students, we could not deliver this program without you and we are very appreciative of you giving your time to us.

**Thank you** to our community folk that donate goods on a regular basis, you are so very kind to think of us when you have an abundance of produce or goods you wish to donate.

**Thank you** to our businesses, we are so very fortunate to have, they support our school on a regular basis with such generosity.

**Thank you** to all who are involved in sending our newsletter out each edition, it is a valuable tool in helping us get our message out to the masses.

**Thank you** to our students, for your willingness to taste and experience new foods learn new skills and gain knowledge in planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing good food together. Authentic learning at its very best.

We look forward to 2019 with enthusiasm. Enjoy your time together with family and friends over the holiday period.

**Warm regards, Clare Kennedy, SAKG**

## Recreational fishing grants are now open

The Nationals Member for Lowan Emma Kealy has encouraged fishing enthusiasts across the electorate to apply for the 2018-19 Recreational Fishing Grants Program.

The program sees funds derived from the sale of recreational fishing licences collected and invested into projects to improve recreational fishing across the state.

"The Recreational Fishing Grants program provides a fantastic opportunity for local fishers to apply for both small and large grants to improve recreational fishing and provide financial assist for projects," Ms Kealy said.

"Last year over \$1.1 million was allocated to 16 projects across the state that will benefit recreational fishers.

"Increased participation in recreational fishing provides a flow-on effect for regional businesses, including for those in the Lowan electorate."

The Recreational Fishing Grants Program consists of two parts:

- Small grants of up to \$5000 (GST exclusive) for projects to improve recreational fishing; and
- Large grants for projects from \$5001 to \$100,000 (GST exclusive).

The small grants program is open all year round, with a user-friendly application form available for use by angling clubs and community groups and quick turnaround times.

Applications in the large grants program will be accepted until 28 February 2019 and will be sought in the following categories:

- Recreational fisheries' sustainability and habitat improvement
- Recreational fishing access and facilities
- Recreation fisheries-related education, information and training
- Recreational fisheries-related research.

For more information about the Recreational Fishing Grants Program please visit <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program> or phone the Secretariat Richard Rogala on 8392 6872 or email [rec.fishinggrants@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:rec.fishinggrants@vfa.vic.gov.au)



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### From Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

I would like to acknowledge the Dunkeld and District Lions Club, who this year made a significant cash donation to our school. The good people of the Lions Club asked that the school use this money simply to help children via their families in a discrete and respectful manner. We have carried through with that request and I know that people are appreciative. I am thankful for the Lions Club for giving opportunities to children in our school.



There are also individuals who I believe wish to remain nameless who have also contributed to help a number of our children, namely through support for school camps this year and I want you people to know that your contributions have been appreciated. I am astounded by your generosity.

Our Year 6 students visited the kitchen garden of the Royal Mail Hotel during the week before heading up to the hotel for a meal. The Royal Mail has been so generous to allow our children to have such an excursion over several years now. To those involved in allowing our children to experience this gastronomic adventure, I say thank you. The connection between our SAKG program and the Royal Mail Hotel is a truly authentic connection for students between school and the real world.

Upon their return to school from the Royal Mail, I noticed how wonderful the Year 6 children appeared as they came down the corridor. Was it the walk? Was it the good food? Was it just the 'time out' from the school routine? Then it dawned on me ... it was the school uniform! How wonderful they all looked. Full uniform including school shoes: shiny-clean, neat, tidy, beautiful young people. Not for the first time has this Principal written about how lovely and unique our uniform is and so I ask that you support our school uniform policy.

### Recent Assemblies



#### Sausage Roll Drive

Year 5 student, Thomas Gordon presented Mrs Helena Flinn, President, Dunkeld Red Cross with a donation cheque of \$600.00 from the Sausage Roll Drive held in September.

#### Mine-Thon Schools Award

Ms Melanie Russell, Community Engagement Coordinator with the Shire Council attended our school

Southern Grampians assembly and presented the School with a \$1,000 Gift Voucher to be spent at Grangeburn Office and IT in Hamilton. The school received the voucher due to the voluntary participation in the event by a number of Dunkeld Consolidated School students. *Pictured back: Matilda Potter, Sam Burger, Pippa Williamson. Front Abby Lazzari and Oliver Falla.*



### Emily McNaughton and the Victorian Indoor State Hockey Team

Year 6 student Emily McNaughton has been selected for the Victorian Indoor State Hockey Team, as one of two Goal Keepers to travel with the team. They will be competing in the National Championships in Goulburn, in January 2019. Over the next few months, she is training with the Victorian team in Melbourne twice a week, in order to learn the different strategies and rules played during indoor hockey. Indoor hockey is a rapid game, much faster than field hockey, as it is played on a wooden floor and has small walls lining the edge of the pitch, which players use to rebound the ball from during play.



There are only six Victorian players on the pitch during the game, with another six waiting on the bench to interchange, at any one time. The sticks used are specialised sticks, which are lighter in weight for manoeuvrability, in such a quick game. Emily wears special silk covers over her leg guards, which allows her to slide on her knees, to block shots at the goals.

On Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 December, Emily played with the Victorian team in the Under 15 State Indoor Hockey Championships at Monash University, as training and preparation for the Nationals in January. Emily was playing against 15 year olds, which challenged their skills in a fast played event.

### Save Our Farmers in Drought Project

Over the past three weeks we have had a fundraiser for the Save our Farmers in Drought Project. We would like to thank parents, students and staff for their cash donations of



\$137.00. We would also like to thank Mrs Vicki Heazlewood, Mrs Naomie Phillips and Mrs Penny Fraser who kindly donated the bread and sausages. We raised \$939.00 from the three sausage sizzles. We would like to thank students and staff for their donations of \$385.00 for the casual clothes days. Over the past three weeks we have raised a total of \$1,461.70 for the Save our Farmers in Drought Project. Thank you to everyone for all your support! *By Year 4 students - left to right: Angus Frost, Hayden Phillips, Wil Balkin and Lucy Fraser*

### House Athletics on Friday 23 November 2018

Congratulations to all students and parents who attended our House Athletics on Friday 23 November 2018 which turned out to be a very cold day! Special mention to our successful age group champions as pictured and to Wannon House for winning the day. *Wannon House Sports Captains Xanthe Huf and Tom Kent very proudly holding their winning trophy (final score was Wannon 333 and Sturgeon 309).*



Age Champions: Back – Grace Potter 9yrs, Hugh Prentice 9yrs, Myles Alderman 10yrs, Charlie Field 12yrs, Alexander Prentice 11yrs, Pippa Williamson 11yrs. Front Jack Oldfield 7yrs, Jasmine Etherton 6yrs, Lucy Fraser 10yrs, Phoebe Lazzari 7yrs, Indi Mibus 8yrs and Darcy Potter 8yrs (not pictured India Ross, 12yrs and Edward Alderman, 6yrs)



## Community Christmas Art Project - Prep

Recently our Prep students were asked to design a Christmas stained glass window as part of the Western District Health Service 2018 Art Project. Their design was on display at a morning tea held in the Handbury Courtyard on Tuesday 4 December 2018.



## Kinder to Prep Transition Program



On Monday 26 November 2018 the Year 5 students (2019 Year 6 Buddies) and Mrs Ann Howard visited the Dunkeld Kindergarten from 11.00am to 12.00 noon to

read a story, enjoy a snack and play with the Kinder children.

## LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES IN GREATER HAMILTON

The Greater Hamilton Library is getting behind the Victorian Government's Libraries Change Lives campaign by encouraging everyone to give the gift of a library membership this Christmas.

Libraries Change Lives is a statewide campaign that aims to highlight the economic and social benefits public libraries bring to Victoria. New economic modelling demonstrates that every dollar invested in public libraries generates \$4.30 of benefits.

Public Libraries Victoria Network (PLVN) are calling for both levels of Government to provide:

- a commitment to extra operational funding for libraries to help meet the demands of a growing population;
- investment in modern library infrastructure and facilities; and
- support to broaden the reach of library-run early years' literacy and STEM programs.

PLVN President Joseph Cullen said more people are using public libraries than ever before and libraries were grappling with booming visitation and increased community demands for services.

"Libraries are facing escalating demand for space, longer opening hours, expanded programs and access to online services. We want to meet those community expectations, but we need more government funding to do it," Mr Cullen said.

"Libraries provided four million free Wi-Fi sessions last year – double the previous year. When one in eight Victorian households does not have internet access, we need libraries to bridge the digital divide.

"We can also do more to support early years' literacy. More than 15,000 preschool children and their families attend Story Time at a library each week. That's a great start but we know we can do more by reaching out to disadvantaged communities," Mr Cullen said.

Chris Jenkins, Greater Hamilton Library Services officer said public libraries have evolved beyond their traditional role of simply housing collections, to offering vital community services, including digital connectivity, support for all kinds of literacy and universal access to information and services.

"Today's libraries are about services and programs as much as physical collections. No other place in our community offers the same personal help, equal and free access to information, social engagement, and sense of safety and belonging," she said.

"Public libraries really do offer an incredible breadth of services to support Victorians at every stage of life.

"We are supporting the Libraries Change Lives campaign to demonstrate public libraries are a must-have community service that can play an even greater role in growing the

Victorian economy and delivering social benefits," Mrs Jenkins said.

"This year, the Greater Hamilton Library is giving away Christmas gift membership cards to encourage new members to join our library service. We're encouraging everyone to give the gift of a life-changing library membership to a loved one this year!"

Christmas membership cards are available now from the Greater Hamilton Library. Recipients will need to bring in their gift card, along with identification, to activate before use. For more information on the campaign, visit [www.LibrariesChangeLives.org.au](http://www.LibrariesChangeLives.org.au) or contact the Greater Hamilton library on 5573 0470.



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### 2018 WRAP

We've had a very busy and rewarding 2018 and continue to provide outstanding service and products. We were pleased to announce payment of our first shareholder dividend, rewarding long-standing support from all our shareholders. Without your support our branch would not exist, and our local communities would not have a locally owned Community Bank® providing banking services, local employment and funds to community projects. Thanks to our customers, we have reached a milestone of over \$200,000 in Community Investments. This enormous contribution has funded many community groups, schools and sporting clubs. If you belong to a community organisation or sporting body and have a worthwhile initiative that needs financial assistance, consider applying for a Community Investment Grant.

Your choice to support our local Dunkeld and District **Community Bank®** is making a real difference in our communities.



Above: Staff Susan Tully, Carly Behncke, Louise Field and Branch Manager Anna Watson.

Merry Christmas.  
From all of us at Dunkeld & District  
Community Bank® Branch, best wishes  
for the holiday season and thank you  
for your loyalty and support.



### Community Investments

We as a Community Bank® branch are proud to be a part of helping our communities grow.

Here are some of the groups we've supported in 2018:



Glenthompson Community Association - \$700  
Penshurst & District Racing Club - \$825  
Dunkeld Rodeo Sturgeon Stampede - \$1,000  
Braxholme Rec Reserve - \$2,000  
Penshurst Creative Arts - \$500



Mt Rouse Fire  
Brigade - \$1,000  
Lions - \$2,500  
Grampians Golf  
Club Inc - \$350

Glenthompson Community Association - \$500  
Penshurst FNC - \$700  
Penshurst Bowls Club - \$500  
Penshurst Mens Shed - \$499  
Peaks & Trails - \$875  
Three Peaks Festival - \$875  
Cavendish & District Tennis  
Association - \$500  
Cavendish Red Gum Festival - \$4,000  
Glenthompson Dunkeld FNC - \$700  
Braxholme Wallacedale FNC - \$1000  
Cavendish Primary School - \$600  
Dunkeld Museum Inc - \$2,000







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## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY



## GARDEN NOTES – DECEMBER

Watering is one of the main summer gardening jobs and yet it is also one of the least understood aspects of gardening. Some people have trouble understanding how

much water to apply and how often. There are many variable factors; the following are a few of the more important ones.

- Soil type: Sandy soils will dry out more quickly than clay soils but more water will be needed to thoroughly wet clay type soils.
- Which direction does your garden face? How much hot sun or hot wind does it receive?
- The type of plants that you are growing. Large trees and shrubs will need deep watering so that the entire root system will be wet but will need it less frequently than smaller, younger plants with small root systems.
- Is the ground around your plants well mulched? This will reduce the amount of water needed.
- Can water soak readily into your soil or does it tend to run off? General rule try to water small trees such as fruit trees, shrubs, established roses etc about once per week with a thorough watering not just a quick sprinkle. Very large trees can usually survive on natural rainfall, whereas newly planted trees, shrubs etc also young vegetables and annuals may require watering every second day or even daily in very hot weather.
- Best times to water are early morning or evening. Always "run-off" any hot water in the hose if it has been lying in the sun, also avoid the use of very fine sprinklers in windy conditions as most of the water will be wasted. Replacement of any leaking hoses, damaged or broken sprinklers and fittings will also save water.
- Water quality can vary in rural areas. Some bore or creek water can become quite salty as summer progresses. Water with a salt reading of 500ppm or less is generally safe to use on the garden, some very hardy plants can tolerate up to 1500ppm. Dwarf beans in the vegetable garden can be used as an indicator as they are very sensitive to salt; therefore, if you can grow beans then your water is okay for other plants.

Main vegetable plantings during December and January are lettuce, carrots, parsnip, beetroot, beans, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussel sprouts.

Season's greetings. Happy gardening!

**Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery**

## CAVENDISH-COLERAINE ROAD UNDER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Southern Grampians Shire Council advises that a 1km stretch of Cavendish-Coleraine road is currently under traffic management due to extensive damage.

The road has been reduced to one lane with traffic lights on the section, approximately 11km out of Coleraine and a lower speed limit is in place. Drivers may experience delays and are asked to exercise caution when travelling on this road.

Problems with tunnel erosion on approximately 700m of the embankment on one side of the road have caused concern over the stability of the slope. Traffic management is now in place to move traffic away from the edge of the slope until the works to repair the erosion and re-stabilise the slope can be completed early in 2019.

Tunnel erosion occurs when water enters the soil profile and travels beneath the road surface moving soil below the

surface. The large volumes of water movement that occurred in September 2016 floods and storms resulted in this type of erosion at numerous sites around the Shire. The repair of tunnel erosion has required specialist design input and is due to commence, however while the repairs have been in the design phase, the damage at this location has worsened and now requires traffic to be limited to one lane for the safety of all road users.

The Federal and State Governments, through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, are financially supporting Southern Grampians Shire Council in the reinstatement of assets damaged in the 2016 flood event.

Anyone requiring further information should contact Manager Flood Recovery, Nola McFarlane on 5573 0423.



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### Christmas Message from Emma Kealy MP

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the arrival of 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Lowan electorate a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

The Christmas and New Year holiday season is an opportunity to spend time with family and friends and to reflect on the important things in life. I hope everyone enjoys this time but also remains vigilant and safe on our roads, near the water, out enjoying nature and even in the backyard.

Please take the time to look out for others in our community, to extend the hand of friendship and to offer the spirit of Christmas to those around you, remembering that the strength and generosity of our rural communities is one of our greatest assets.

I encourage everyone to support our local traders as we shop for the wide array of products required for the festive season.

It has been a privilege to represent the people of Lowan for the past four years and I have greatly enjoyed the diversity of

individuals, groups and organisations I have worked with to help make western Victoria a better place to live and work.

As your recently re-elected Member for Lowan, I thank you for your ongoing confidence and support and look forward to the opportunities that the next four years will undoubtedly bring.

Again, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year to everyone across the Lowan electorate. **Emma Kealy, The Nationals Member for Lowan**

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