2016 WHAT’S COMING UP

FEBRUARY 2016
Wed 17 Prep students do not attend school.
Wed 17 MiniLit Program Professional Development workshop – Casterton.
Thurs 18 Garden Classes to commence.
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Mon 22 to Fri 26 Parent Teacher Interview for Prep students.
Tues 23 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wed 24 Prep students do not attend school.
MARC Library.

MARCH 2016
Tues 1 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wed 2 ‘Play Is The Way’ Professional Development – Mrs Anne Gilbert and Miss Annabelle Forbes will be attending this workshop.
Thurs 3 ‘Making Friends’ performance by School Performance Tours commencing at 2:20pm.
Fri 4 SGSSA Swimming Sports at the Penshurst Swimming Pool.
Mon 7 to Fri 11 Parent Teacher Interview for Grade 1 – 6 students.
Tues 8 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wed 9 MARC Library.
Mon 14 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY.
Tues 15 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wed 16 STEAM Professional Development in Ballarat.
Thurs 17 Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal donations, raffle tickets and monies are due in today.
Fri 18 SGSSA District Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton. Dunkeld Consolidated School will be running the sports this year. P & F Association will be providing food and refreshments. Parents are responsible for transporting their students to and from the sports day.
Tues 22 PUPIL FREE DAY – “High Reliability Schools”.
Tues 22 and Wed 23 MacqLit Professional Development Workshop in Melbourne.
Wed 23 MARC Library.
Year 6 Grampians Rural and Small Schools (GRaSS) Transition Camp at Grampians Retreat.
Wed 23 Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Raffle will be drawn at 1:30pm.
Thurs 24 Year 6 Grampians Rural and Small Schools (GRaSS) Transition Camp at Grampians Retreat. LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
Fri 25 GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday.

APRIL 2016
Mon 11 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2.
Fri 22 ‘Utter Nonsense’ performance by School Performance Tours – 9:15am
Mon 25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

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2016 TERM DATES

Term 1: Thursday 28 January (students start) to Thursday 24 March (Teachers start on Wednesday 27 January)
Term 2: Monday 11 April to Friday 24 June
Term 3: Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4: Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Grounds Maintenance & Mowing form due 24th Feb
Conveyance Allowance application form due 29th Feb
SGSSA District Sports Catering forms due 9th Mar

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

ALL ASSEMBLIES WILL BE HELD AT 2:45pm weekly on a Tuesday, unless otherwise advised.
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

These first few weeks are hectic, particularly with the swimming program adding to a whole lot of ‘newness,’ for everyone here at school.

The swimming program, in my humble opinion was an outstanding success. Thank you Lea McArthur for an outstanding program and thank you also to Jen McArthur for her contribution. The water confidence shown by the Prep and Year 1 children during their ‘displays’ was amazing and simply a joy to watch. It would be fair also to suggest that the children from Year 2 – Year 6 appeared overall to be a much improved swimming squad and so credit again to our swimming teachers. It was again so satisfying to see our parent helpers supporting Lea in making sure small groups of children were supervised and learning at their levels.

Al Prentice came to me a few weeks ago and said, "I'll do the Swimming Sports for you." Aren't we all glad that happened! You did a great job, Al and I think the House Swimming Sports Day was an outstanding success in every way. Thank you.

Later this week, the school will be sending home a document from our ‘Play is The Way’ program. Purposely, it is not included with this newsletter; rather it is coming home on its own so that more people will be inclined to take the time to read this short document, ‘The Good Oil on Good Manners.’ Please, I urge you to read about what the teachers have been discussing in class over the first couple of weeks.

CLASS CAPTAINS TERM 1 2016

The following Term 1 Class Captains have been presented with their certificates and badges: Congratulations to all.

- Prep: Ella Peters
- Grade 1: Hugh Prentice
- Grade 2: Taylor Haley
- Grade 3: Matilda Potter
- Grade 4: Fingal Jackson
- Grade 5/6: Sarah Symes

2016 HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Age Champions on the day:

- 9yrs: Amity Haley & Myles Haley
- 10yrs: Xanthe Huf & Thomas Calvert
- 11yrs: Sarah Symes & Ben Potter
- 12/13yrs: Isabelle Hanson & Zac Burgess

On the day, Sturgeon House (blue) was victorious over Wannon House (red)!

SGSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

Students who have qualified to compete at the Southern Grampians Schools Sports Association (SGSSA) Swimming Sports at the Penshurst Swimming Pool on Friday 4 March will be advised in the near future.

Parents are responsible for transporting their child/children to this event.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016

Dunkeld Consolidated School will be holding its annual elections for School Council during February and March in 2016. In accordance with the Department of Education and Training’s (DET) requirements the election process must be concluded by the end of March. The timeline for the Council elections is given below:

- Monday 22 February: Call for nominations.
- Monday 29 February: Nominations close at 4.00pm.
- (A list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed at the school on Wednesday 2 March).

If an election is required:

- Friday 4 March: Distribute ballot papers on or before this date.
- Friday 11 March: Close of ballot.
- Monday 14 March: Count votes and declare the poll.
- Tuesday 22 March: New School Council will meet.

Nomination forms for election to School Council are available from the school office. Membership is on a two year basis (2016-2018). If you have any queries about School Council membership, please contact the school.

If Council elections proceed according to the timeline then the new Council will be able to meet during March. The proposed date is Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm at school.

The retiring councillors are as follows:

- Co-Opted P & F member: Emma Gordon
- Co-Opted Community Member: Mark Lazzari
- DET Members: Terrie Nicholson, Vacancy

POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

The following school policies will be reviewed by the School Council Policy Sub-Committee in 2016 include:

Asthma, Environment and Sustainability, Head Lice, Dress Code, Hire/Loan of Equipment, Student Engagement and Student Code of Conduct, Recognition Awards and Memorials and Leave.

If anyone has an interest in any of these policies please contact the Policy Sub-Committee Convenor, Mrs Sarah Crawford. Policies are guided by the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO MIRRANTWA SCHOOL BUS ROUTE
After submitting the relevant application forms and consulting with Department of Education and Training (DET), Public Transport Victoria (PTV), VicRoads and Southern Grampians Shire Council (SGSC), to make a change to the Mirranatwa school bus route; the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has recently received approval for this to occur, beginning on Monday 22 February. Families on this bus route will be notified regarding bus stops and the bus timetable.

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP)**

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus.

To be eligible a student must:

- Be a Victorian resident;
- Be school aged and enrolled three or more days per week at a school;
- Attend their closest government or non-government school/campus, appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and is located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary, and;
- Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended.

If approved the allowance payable is based on the one way distance to make the journey to and from school.

(Students who are privately transported 4.8km or more to a public transport or government funded school bus stop may be able to claim a private car conveyance allowance as well to cover this distance.)

If you are eligible for Conveyance Allowance, please complete and return the attached application form to school by Monday 29 February 2016. Families who have received the conveyance allowance in the past must submit a new application form.

**MISSING items of clothing**

| Blue Bucket hat, initials “HB” inside the brim and a pair of blue thongs belonging to Heidi Burger. |
| School shoes belonging to Hayden Phillips, Clarkes black lace-up size 2. Lost at the swimming sports. |

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND MOWING ROSTER**

If you are able to help with grounds maintenance and mowing, could you please complete and return the attached form to school by Wednesday 24 February. Work is usually carried out on the first Saturday of each month from 9.00am to 11.00am. If you have any queries, could you please contact the roster co-ordinator, Mr Ben Kelly on 0419 355 933. Thank you for your support to help keep our school yard looking neat and tidy for our children to enjoy throughout the year.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

The first Parents and Friends meeting was held on Monday 8 February and was well attended. You may have seen the Grade 2 students on the WIN news last Thursday night with the coding robots. These robots were purchased through funds raised by the Parents and Friends in 2015. It is extremely pleasing to see that our hard work is benefiting the students learning and development in many ways.

SGSSSA ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY: The first major fundraiser for the P & F will be the Inter-School Athletics Canteen to be held on Friday 18 March 2016 at Pedrina Park in Hamilton. Each year a different school is responsible for running the Inter-School Sports, including providing food and refreshments. This year it is Dunkeld’s turn. Please refer to the attached form requesting donations of food items and also volunteers for the BBQ and canteen rosters. As all parents want to be able to watch their children in events throughout the day, we will be asking for just one hour of your time to assist. We are looking for volunteers from the whole school community not just the P & F members.

**Meetings:**

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- School Council Co-Opted member

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

**From the Kitchen...**

Welcome all new families into our school community. You, together with all families are very welcome to visit on ‘kitchen garden’ Thursday’s to see what all the wonderful fuss is about in our busy Kitchen and Garden. I look forward to meeting you and your children. Feel free to swap recipes, or gardening and cooking tips that you may have or borrow a cookbook on the Thursdays we have Kitchen Garden classes. Some of you may be aware that I have had some knee surgery and not quite up to the task of providing good food education to our Year 3 chefs as yet, but have marked Thursday 3 March as the inaugural date for SAKG Kitchen classes to begin. After much discussion and thought, Lisa McIntyre (Garden), Ann Howard (SAKG Co-ordinator) and myself made the decision to have the Year 3 class for the last four Thursdays of this term. This will allow consistency in learning as we felt every three weeks would be too long a gap. We thank you for your support in trying new ways to get the best out of the program when we are faced with the challenges of a Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5/6 class in 2016. Thank you to the families that have returned the Friends of the Kitchen Garden program form. The roster for the Kitchen Garden classes will be placed in the community and school newsletters in the future.

Happy preparing and sharing together.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

**From the Garden...**

Friends of the SAKG Program: Reminder to complete and return your volunteer Garden and Kitchen form to the school office ASAP. The roster will be distributed shortly.

SAKG Raffle: A book of tickets has been sent home with each school family, which we hope you will help sell to
support the program. There are five tickets in the book, tickets are $1.00 each. More tickets are available; just let us know if you require more books. Thank you for your help.

**SAKG Fundraising**
We have been given two wonderful opportunities to help raise funds for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program this March. We appreciate any time that you can give for one or both of the following events:

**Dunkeld & District Lions Club – French Dinner Evening – Wednesday 2 March:** The Dunkeld & District Lions Club will happily give a donation to the SAKG Program if we supply staff (10 men or women required) for the evening of Wednesday 2 March at the Dunkeld Community Centre. Hamilton District Skills Centre will be catering for the event.

**Mary Doumany Performance – Saturday 19 March:** With one of the most original voices in the Australian Arts Community, talented artist Ms Doumany will cover classical, folk, jazz and contemporary genres at a performance at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Saturday 19 March commencing at 7.00pm. $35.00 per person - drinks and canapés will be served prior to the event (tickets available from the Dunkeld Consolidated School and Dunkeld General Store).

We would welcome the assistance, from men and women, to help on the evening with setting and cleaning up and serving from 6.00pm onwards.
If you haven’t already done so, could you please complete and return the assistance form ASAP.

Looking forward to starting back in the garden this Thursday with a few of our lovely volunteers.
Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**
Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Insurance policies may be purchased from commercial insurers.

Personal property brought to school by students, visitors or staff, including electronic games, mobile phones, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises are not covered by insurance. The DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

**ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**
Each year the Dunkeld Consolidated School supports the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. (If you wish to make a donation by cheque please ensure the cheque is made payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School” and a receipt will be forwarded.)

One book of raffle books (books of 20 tickets @ 20 cents each) will be distributed to each family shortly. Each year the Royal Children’s Hospital provides a prize to raffle. If children wish to sell more than one book of tickets could they please contact Terrie or Ally in the office. Raffle tickets and monies will need to be returned to school by Thursday 17 March.

The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 23rd March**. All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

**NEW MAIL BOX**
Thank you to Iven Field for all the time and effort he has put into our new mail “house”. It is a welcome change to the old wheelie bin we used to have.
Thanks also to Hamilton Sheet Metal and Rain Water Tanks for bending up the required steel and to Hamilton Rural Steel for their donation of steel.

**GEORGE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE**
Saturday May 14th 9:00am to 4:00pm
Market stalls
Show Us Your Toys Boys
BBQs/High Tea
Jumping Castle
And more
The Dunkeld Recreation Reserve Committee have been working hard over the past four months to secure grant funding, along with planning events in order to raise capital to upgrade the facilities at Dunkeld’s Recreation Reserve. There are currently some exciting upgrades planned and occurring at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve.

These include:

- The resurfacing of the netball courts
- New lights and fencing around the netball courts
- New poles and extra lights around the football oval
- A shelter / viewing shed at the netball courts

Allan Fort rewiring the lights.

The Dunkeld Netball courts have come to the point of disrepair that without an upgrade, we will be unable to play any netball or football in Dunkeld this year or until resurfaced. As a community, we should not allow this scenario to play out and hence, we have decided to launch a community appeal that will assist in making the project of resurfacing the netball courts occur, in time for the first whistle in April.

Paul McKay prepares the light brackets for top of poles.

It would be fantastic to see the community come together on this and keep our town and club going forward by contributing toward facilities that will see at least the next two generations enjoying sport locally.

All donations, large or small will be kindly accepted at The Dunkeld Bendigo Bank, where there is a savings account open for the cause. We will continue to update information as we progress. We will acknowledge the support of those who contribute (unless you would prefer to be anonymous) and so please add your name and contact details when donating at the bank. For further information or any queries on the project, please call Russell Macgugan on 0438 314 390 or Dale Bruns - 0458 899 918.

Russell Macgugan

The Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club are contributing a minimum of $30,000 cash towards the netball court resurfacing and will continue to assist with in kind work and funding throughout the process.

$100k in the coming 6 weeks. We have applied for various grants of which we will update the community as they evolve.
DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

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

4th Week Sunday February 28 8.30am Mass
1st Week Sunday March 6 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion
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Anglican - Uniting Church Services – combined services held at St. Mary’s - all Services at 9.00am ALL WELCOME

Holy Communion will be conducted by Anglican clergy on 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

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

Judeo Christian Church
Cnr Adams and Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld Pastor Greg Gardner Mobile: 0403 960 900
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VARIETY CONCERT
The Dunkeld and Panyabyr Uniting Churches are holding a Variety Concert in the Dunkeld Community Centre on 1 April at 8.00pm. Admission will be $15 (school children free)

Rev Peter Cook is organizing a great line up of musicians to entertain us. We are pleased also to have locals Lachie and Alec McIntyre in the line up.

There will be a light supper at the conclusion. Come along and enjoy a great night of entertainment.

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Monday 28 March 2016
Monday 25 April 2016 [to be confirmed]

Meetings are held at 8.00pm at Dunkeld Community Centre.

Thank you,
Mary-Anne Brown, President

WANTED- LIVE IN HOUSEKEEPER
A position for a live-in housekeeper is available in Dunkeld.

General housekeeping duties and cooking are required.

Single mothers will be considered.

This is a long term position.

For further details please call Tommy on 0473 051 720.

AUSTRALIA POST CONCESSION STAMPS
With a free MyPost Concession account, you'll pay just 60c per stamp, instead of $1. You can buy up to 50 stamps per year, in booklets of 5 for $3.

You'll even get a free booklet of 5 concession stamps to get you started

The information can be found at http://auspost.com.au/parcels-mail/concession-stamps.html or the form can be collected from the Post Office.

The following Australian Federal Government concession cards are accepted as proof of eligibility for a MyPost Concession account

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card (all types)
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Department of Veterans’ Affairs Card
- Veterans’ Repatriation Health Card

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

- $2.00 per ticket or 3 for $5.00.

Heather Napier

EUROPEAN WASPS
Once again the wasps are making themselves known in Dunkeld and the surrounding districts. Simple wasp traps can be hung up outside, containing undiluted cheap raspberry cordial, but the best form of control is by locating their nest and destroying it. However this can be a hazardous task and care is needed.

Further information on wasps and their control will appear in the next newsletter. And, as we all know, if everybody does a little bit, we can make a huge difference to the wasp population.

MIRRANATWA LANDCARE and CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Landcare members and others interested are gathering at the Mirranatwa Hall 10am Sunday 6 March for registration and a cuppa, before scouring the roadsides for unwanted litter.

Some vests (courtesy Kylie McIntyre Southern Grampians Shire Council) will be available but please bring one if you have one, along with gloves, hat, and sturdy boots. Bags are supplied.

If enough people are interested we can finish with a sausage sizzle, or just go home.

Please contact: Site Manager Rex Beveridge 5574 0225 or coordinator Iris Field 5574 0202.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
Devotions; fun activities with friends and supper; for junior youth (Grades 4 to 7).

The Amazing Race on Friday 18 March from 7.00pm to 9.00pm: Meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hamilton. Please bring supper and a gold coin donation.


U12 Football 2016 Registration Day
Melville Oval – 16 March 4.00pm - 6.00pm

For Children 9-12 years

For new and existing players - Existing players must re-register.

Contact: Daniel Hallam 0428 129 512 or Lachie McCrae 0418 540 790.
Pilates & Just Be Retreat

This retreat is about literally being away from all the craziness of life to simply come back and take time on YOU. With all meals, activities and entire schedule done for you, all you need to do is simply relax, unwind and remind yourself how it is to not have routine but to just be.

What will this retreat entail?
- focusing on you! Remember that person?
- Inner child work through sand tray therapy, creativity and fun!
- 5 yoga sessions with Viv
- meditation
- healing sessions and animal spiritual animal guidance readings by Louise
- discussions
- movie night!
- group fitness sessions with Tina (do not worry you can choose to do these)
- Empowerment workshop
- free time to chill out
- reflection
- learn to let go and go with the flow!
- lots more so trust your gut and come along!

This retreat is like a fun camp. Yup, about just having fun and to just be with the nature of life. It’s all about letting go, doing the fun things you did or didn’t do as a child and also adding in healing and learning along the way.

All food, all equipment, accommodation included!

Place: Corea Quarters in Dunkeld Victoria (http://www.coreaquarters.com.au/)
Dates: 15, 16 and 17 April
Cost: $699* per person shared room
$300 deposit needed to book your spot (non refundable)

* $600 for Dunkeld residents
* $400 if you wish to do the 3 days but not stay over both nights but return in the mornings for the day and leave after dinner and night activities.

Tina Louise Ciavarella
www.pinkrosehealing.net
Facebook/pinkrosehealing  Instagram pinkrosehealing
Historical photographs and personal mementos will be held on Wednesday and may be presented as a small business. With over 50000 visitors each year, we feel free to discuss the fascinating stories with particular reference to the contribution of Victorians.

Find out about the hardships that our men and women endured and the battles that they fought alongside Allied nations – from the landings at Gallipoli to the battles in Palestine, Passchendaele and Fromelles. Away from the frontlines, discover the experiences of the people in Victoria, their contribution to the war effort and the growing social divisions which climaxed in the bitterly contested, and unsuccessful conscription referenda in 1916 and 1917. For further information, please visit the Hamilton Art Gallery’s website: http://www.hamiltongallery.org/

Bomber Command Commemorative Association Victoria (BCCAV) Cocktail Party: Wednesday 9 March from 6.00pm to 9.00pm at the Toorak RSL Sub-Branch. All welcome – veterans, family members and friends. Bubbly, beer, red and white wine, soft drink and some yummy fancy finger food. $45.00 donation per head. Please note that this party is aimed at not only continuing and promoting the wonderful developing fellowship of the Bomber Command Family but also unashamedly a fundraiser to enable the BCCAV Inc to continue its work in hosting the Annual Commemorative Service. RSVP with payment to Mike Leicester on 0419 818 178 or 5395 6219 or email: mike35p@tpg.com.au

Australian War Memorial's donation process refined: The Australian War Memorial's vast National Collection comprises objects, photographs, documents, and works of art relating to Australia’s military history, dating from the nineteenth century through to the present day. In order to sustain and add to this unique collection, the Memorial relies in part on items donated by the public.

Donated items are cared for at the highest standards, and a renewed interest in Australia’s military history has meant that as many as 50,000 items are being offered for donation annually. As a result the Memorial is selective about what it collects. In order to fully appraise and care for these items in a timely manner, we have introduced new procedures to manage offers of donation and improve the donation experience from beginning to end.

We encourage people who wish to donate items to first make contact using the online offer form on the Memorial's donations webpage (www.awm.gov.au/collection/donations). This provides a step-by-step process for donors and gathers all the information the Memorial needs to make a comprehensive appraisal. Once a form is submitted, a staff member will get in touch to discuss the next stage of the donation process.

Please note: As of 2 November 2015 the Memorial will no longer meet with prospective donors who visit the Memorial with donation items, unless they have submitted a web form and made a prior appointment.

Men’s Health at The ‘G’ on Tuesday 22 March commencing at 6.00pm: Featuring renowned GP and Australia’s leading health communicator, Dr Sally Cockburn (Dr Feelgood) and iconic Melbourne newsreader Mal Walden as moderator and a keynote address from cricket legend and TV personality, Merv Hughes. Come along and hear from the person behind the moustache, Merv Hughes as well as Dr Feelgood talking on important men’s health issues. You will also hear from local medical experts Dr Christopher Love, Associate Professor Sree Appu and Dr Darren Katz on men’s health topics ranging from the latest treatments for prostate cancer. Getting your life back after prostate cancer treatment and other men’s health conditions. Venue: Premiership Club Room, MCG Southern Stand, Level 2. For more information or to register online visit: www.menshealthg.com or phone 1800 170 009. (This is a FREE public health forum. Bookings essential for catering purposes.)

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. 2016 subscriptions are now due. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

Australia will be there (Victorians in the First World War 1914-1919): Through historical photographs and personal stories, this exhibition at the Hamilton Art Gallery (from 29 January to 28 February) will present the chronology of the First World War (1914-1919) and provide the opportunity to discover the fascinating stories with particular reference to the contribution of Victorians.

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We encourage people who wish to donate items to first make contact using the online offer form on the Memorial’s donations webpage (www.awm.gov.au/collection/donations). This provides a step-by-step process for donors and gathers all the information the Memorial needs to make a comprehensive appraisal. Once a form is submitted, a staff member will get in touch to discuss the next stage of the donation process.

Please note: As of 2 November 2015 the Memorial will no longer meet with prospective donors who visit the Memorial with donation items, unless they have submitted a web form and made a prior appointment.

Men’s Health at The ‘G’ on Tuesday 22 March commencing at 6.00pm: Featuring renowned GP and Australia’s leading health communicator, Dr Sally Cockburn (Dr Feelgood) and iconic Melbourne newsreader Mal Walden as moderator and a keynote address from cricket legend and TV personality, Merv Hughes. Come along and hear from the person behind the moustache, Merv Hughes as well as Dr Feelgood talking on important men’s health issues. You will also hear from local medical experts Dr Christopher Love, Associate Professor Sree Appu and Dr Darren Katz on men’s health topics ranging from the latest treatments for prostate cancer. Getting your life back after prostate cancer treatment and other men’s health conditions. Venue: Premiership Club Room, MCG Southern Stand, Level 2. For more information or to register online visit: www.menshealthg.com or phone 1800 170 009. (This is a FREE public health forum. Bookings essential for catering purposes.)

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE INC

The Committee is completing its three year term this month. Elections for a new Committee will be held on Wednesday 23 March at 8.00 pm, at the Community Centre. Nominations must be completed before the meeting and are available from John Prust or John Smith. If you would like to join the committee and serve your town and district, please feel free to discuss the role of the Committee and pick up a nomination form.

This may sound very official. We are heavily regulated by the Government of the day when forming our Committee and the results have to be ratified by Parliament. There are many Committees across Victoria that look after Crown Land for the Government (saving them a considerable amount of money). However it is much more sensible that locals have a say in the running of community assets.

Our Committee is one of the few that look after more than one asset. The Caravan Park, Memorial Park, Salt Creek and the Arboretum are our responsibility. (The Arboretum is leased to the Arboretum Committee). The Caravan Park has been our main focus and we have worked hard to develop it so it can stand alone as a small business. With over 5000 visitors each year we are contributing so much to the livelihood of our business community. This is a big task and we do our best. Salt Creek is one area that is difficult to maintain and we always seeking help. Brian Mathews and I are going to Beaufort next week to a meeting that will discuss the use of prison work gangs as a way of getting help.

Retiring Committee members are John Prust, Joy Darroch, Ian Macgugan, Brian Mathews, Herman Jansen, Elva Jones, Frank Raymond, Wendy Prust and John Smith. All are eligible for re-election.

John Smith     President
Meet the Victorian Small Business Commissioner

Geoff Browne, Victorian Small Business Commissioner will conduct an information session on a range of topics to assist your business practices including:

* How to resolve commercial disputes quickly and at low cost
* Retail leases - what are the main problems arising
* Unfair contract terms in business contracts
* Potential pitfalls for start-up businesses.
* The cost of litigation to your business
* Farm Debt mediation

This session will also discuss the role of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner in encouraging good business conduct, preventing disputes arising, and resolving disputes quickly and at low cost when they do arise.

A light supper is included.

Date: Tuesday 8 March

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: The Ted Kenna VC Room

Performing Arts Centre

113 Brown Street

Hamilton

Would you please RSVP by booking direct on Event Brite https://vsbchamiltonsession.eventbrite.com.au or phone Amanda on 5573 0256

For more information, please refer to the Small Business Commissioner website at http://www.sbc.vic.gov.au

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FROM THE LIONS DEN

This is a fairly busy time for the Lions. We have just had Australia Day, and in the next couple of months we have the French Night, (fund raiser); Challenge Cancer Weekend (catering); Anzac Day Service (catering); and we have been invited to run a Farm Safe Day at Forrest on the 23rd April. All the above are really great projects to be involved in, and if anyone wants to help by becoming a Lion please give one of our members a call.

FRENCH NIGHT – POSTPONED TO 18 MAY

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The Museum can copy your original death certificates and return them safely to you. This valuable genealogical information would be most welcome; please contact Dunkeld Museum Committee member, Mrs Heather Funk on 5577 2407 or 0438 594 449 or email: heather@mereweatherestate.com.au if you have any certificates, which you would like copied.

By actively collecting local archives, the information about life in Dunkeld, both in the past and present, will be kept for future generations.

Opening Hours: The Museum is open every Sunday and on public holidays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm, and also from 10.00am on the first Sunday of each month.

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:

Sunday 28 Feb  Beryl Gordon & Joyce Gordon
Sunday 6 Mar  Terrie Nicholson & Barbara Dohle

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.

Terrie Nicholson, Publicity Officer

OFF THE RAILS

DUNKELD

Off the Rails, Dunkeld would like to invite the Dunkeld and district community to the Official Opening of the recently refurbished Dunkeld Railway Station which will operate as a community arts hub.

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

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

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

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The Royal Children’s Good Friday appeal is fast approaching. Unfortunately, there isn’t anyone to organise the “Tin Rattling” to take place in Dunkeld on Good Friday this year.

However, if you wish to make a donation, The Dunkeld Consolidated School does have donation envelopes available. If you wish to make a donation by cheque, please ensure the cheque is made payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School” and a receipt will be forwarded.

Tickets for the annual Dunkeld Consolidated School Good Friday Appeal Easter raffle are available at the school office or DCS students. The raffle will be drawn Wednesday 23 March at 1:30pm. Winners will be notified.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal, please contact Ally Gordon on 0429 900 747.

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Sundays 7:00am – 1pm
From the Kitchen...

Welcome all new families into our school community. You, together with all families are very welcome to visit on ‘Kitchen Garden’ Thursdays to see what all the wonderful fuss is about in our busy Kitchen and Garden. I look forward to meeting you and your children. Feel free to swap recipes, or gardening and cooking tips that you may have or borrow a cookbook on the Thursdays we have Kitchen Garden classes. Some of you may be aware that I have had some knee surgery and not quite up to the task of providing good food education to our Year 3 chefs as yet, but have marked Thursday 3 March as the inaugural date for SAKG Kitchen classes to begin.

After much discussion and thought, Lisa McIntyre (Garden), Ann Howard (SAKG Co-ordinator) and I made the decision to have the Year 3 class for the last four Thursdays of this term. This will allow consistency in learning as we felt every three weeks would be too long a gap. We thank you to the families that have returned the Friends of the Kitchen Garden program form. The roster for the Kitchen Garden classes will be placed in the community and school newsletters in the future.

SAKG Fundraising
Don’t forget to get your tickets to the following to support us and to enjoy a great event.

Dunkeld Lions Club French Evening: We are providing the staff for the evening. If you wish to support us and be part of the staff please contact me. This event has been postponed to Wednesday 18 May. Thank you to all of you that have returned your ‘willing to help out’ form. I will keep them in a safe place and be in touch closer to the new date.

Mary Doumany Classical Harpist: 19 March 2016. Tickets are for sale from the Dunkeld General Store or Dunkeld School

Happy preparing and sharing together.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

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From the Garden...

We had such an enthusiastic group of students enter the garden for their first lessons last Thursday. It was a joy seeing their interest and enthusiasm! Every student has been allocated a garden bed to care for again this year and now they are busy planning their plantings and landscaping now, but especially they are busy watering.

Thank you to those who have returned their SAKG Volunteer Roster forms - our roster is being drawn up now, but we are always looking (and needing) more Friends to help us. It is a great experience for the children as they interact with adults that they may otherwise not do, and great friendships have formed because of it.

We also thank (in advance) everyone that is able to help us with our fundraising this term. With the Lions Club French Dinner, Mary Doumany’s magnificent recital and our raffle, it will be a very busy time and we appreciate any help we can get. As a reminder, in our raffle we have four tickets to give away, to see Paul Bangay’s magnificent garden “Stonefields”. I was there a few years ago and had a lovely day out with good friends. Thoroughly recommended! If you can’t make that weekend we also have a beautiful set of salad bowls, and two wonderfully informative and practical garden books. As a prize winner, you get to choose your prize! For further information on any of the above points, please contact me.

Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235

SAKG Raffle: Each year the SAKG program needs to raise funds for day to day expenses (Kitchen and Garden supplies). Our first fundraiser is a raffle with three fantastic prizes (which are yours to choose)! Firstly we have four tickets to Paul Bangay’s Amazing Open Garden “Stonefields” on either 16 or 17 April 2016. Secondly there is a set of beautiful salad bowls, and thirdly an amazing garden book. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 7 April.

(Tickets available at the Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld School, or contact Lisa 5574 9235).
Birthday Celebrations for Dunkeld.
We're Five Years Old!

Pictured: Susan Tully, Anna Watson and Rebecca

On 8 February 2016 celebrations occurred at Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch. It was all smiles throughout the day, partly because there was cake involved, but also because we have reached our Fifth Birthday! Everyone including the Board and Staff are extremely excited to have reached this milestone.

In just five years we are proud to have contributed $115,000 to our local community, we could not have achieved this without your support as when you choose us you give us the power to make great things happen in Dunkeld & District.

We would like to take this time to thank you for your encouragement and we look forward to your continued support in the future.
Anna Watson, Branch Manager

Thank you to all those who supported our Pink Night & Stand Up for the Bush, we are proud to say over $500 was raised for each event.

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Bookings Welcome
DUNKELD RED CROSS
Five members attended and enjoyed the Zone Conference in Hamilton. Delegate Glen Schwarz will present a report at the next meeting on Thursday 25 at 2.00pm in the Henry Leech RSL Room.

Red Cross Calling is coming up soon and changes may take place. These will be printed in the next newsletter. Red Cross is working in Fiji following the horrific natural disaster this week and the Tropical Cyclone Winston Appeal has just been launched by the Red Cross. Our help and support is needed.

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

SCULPTURE FOR DUNKELD
Thanks to everyone who has pledged a donation to help secure the amazing ‘boat sculpture’ which is still displayed down by Salt Creek on the sculpture walk. For those who haven’t seen it yet, it will be in place for a few more weeks until we have to make a decision to purchase it.

We are getting closer, but still need more contributions. If you can pledge $10 or more, we would welcome some extra funds.

Please email me at rozgreenwood@bigpond.com or call in to the bookshop on the weekend.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported the appeal.
Roz Greenwood

HILAC OCCASIONAL CARE CENTRE NOW OPEN FRIDAYS
In response to increased booking demand and parent requests, the Hamilton Leisure and Aquatic Centre Occasional Care Centre are pleased to announce they will be offering child care on a Friday morning for a trial period.

In addition to the usual Monday to Thursday mornings HILAC Occasional care will offer occasional care and ongoing bookings between 9am and 12pm on Fridays for the first term. If the service is well utilised, the Friday service will continue for the rest of the year.

Centre Coordinator Susan Pope says the announcement has pleased a number of currently enrolled families who have already taken advantage of the extra day. “Parents have said that Fridays particularly suit them because it’s a good opportunity to get organised for the weekend without their little one in tow. For other parents, it means they can now attend Friday gym sessions and exercise classes they had to miss out on previously”.

This service cares for children between the ages of 7 weeks to 7 years and provides a high quality, child-driven, education and care program.

“Families do not have to be using sporting facilities at HILAC to access this child care service. This is a valuable community service run by Council and is available to all families. The service is approved to apply the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate for those families eligible to receive these subsidies” Mrs Pope said.

Enrolment forms are available from Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre reception, Council’s website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or by visiting the Occasional Care Centre located in Shakespeare Street

MOBILE LIBRARY

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February: 25
March: 10 & 24

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4.00Ppm – 5.00pm
March: 3, 17 & 31

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abc ONLINE
Hey Dunkeldians, what’s it like trying to access health in Dunkeld? Great? Or tricky? Or a mix? Do you think anyone would be interested in sharing their experience in writing, whether that experience be positive or negative?

I’m asking because there is a short project running for 2 weeks; the theme is:

How healthy is our health system?

A postcode can mean the difference between life and death. Are you a patient, carer or health care provider outside a capital city? Tell us about your experience accessing health care and suggest some solutions.

Please forward on to anyone who might have something to say, an experience and opinion to share. This topic is open to anyone living in Australia, and I can help edit / upload a piece so it is ready for online publication.

Cheers, Emily Bissland
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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB

PENNANT – A trip to Portland Memorial RSL proved to be rather a disaster with RSL giving us a proper belting, its hard to beat the top team with a depleted team but full credit to a very good RSL team. Next up at home was Grangeburn, a great contest played out to the very last end. Sadly, we went down by two shots and that “kissed” any finals hope “goodbye”.

On February 20th, Dunkeld played host to Division 4 finals (first round). The combined team of Penshurst/Dunkeld was successful over Memorial RSL with all three rinks winning. A special mention to our three players: Lead: Neil Scott; Second: Paul Callander; Skip: Peter McLean, who held their end up for a very good win. Good Luck next week lads!

ASSOCIATION SINGLES – As mentioned in the last newsletter, Stephen (Fiddler) Field went on to Camperdown to represent our region. Though he felt he did not play well, he was only just beaten. Bad luck Fiddler, but well done for your efforts in the event.

COMING EVENTS

- The Mattiske & Henderson Pairs, a major event – Thursday 25/02/16.
- Men’s B Grade Championships – entries please – Saturday 12/03/16.
- The “Stuart Darroch Day”, a major annual event – Saturday 19/03/16.
- Men’s 21 UP (entry form on noticeboard) – Saturday 09/04/16.

LADIES 21/UP – Heather McIntyre played the club legend in Elaine Mac in a great final with Heather prevailing. Those new bowls have surely made Elaine more competitive! Well done Heather and all that contested the event.

MIXED PAIRS – The first round of the Mixed Pairs was played with 8 teams on 16 February – further report in the next edition.

SUPER VETERANS BADGE – One of our long serving and dedicated bowler/club persons, Beryl Lowe, was awarded a Super Veterans Badge by Vic Bowls Regional Representative, Marg Sumner recently at an event in Portland. A great achievement and thoroughly deserved. Well done Beryl!

TWILIGHT BOWLS – The Twilight Bowls was held over 4 weeks and completed on 19 February. Though the entries were lower this year, a great time was had by all. It was nice to see some first timers having a go and hopefully we can find a few regular bowlers. There were some that showed good potential.

Steve Kennedy’s Team – “Special K’s” won the event with the Cricketers being runner-up.

Our thanks go to our valuable sponsors – Kelly & Henson, Cafe 109 and the Dunkeld General Store. Their support is invaluable and without such support these events would struggle.

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

HONOUR BOARDS: The Club has just had all of the honour boards updated which includes major event winners and Office Bearers.

FOOTBALL TIPPING COMP: It is almost that time of the year again, with practise matches underway and the main season coming upon us, it is time to start thinking about winning a few dollars and a bit of kudos. A footy tipping comp will be held at the Bowls Club. If you wish to enter please see Gary or Monty.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer

DUNKELD CRICKET CLUB

All teams are heading towards the end of the season, with our two women’s teams, U16 boys team and A Grade team set to participate in finals.

Women:
Grampians Pumas: Ros Thatcher continued her good form with 28 not out in the final round loss to Balmoral. Grampians won on forfeit from St Marys.

U14’s: A great finish to the season on the beautifully prepared Dunkeld Turf oval, with the young guns making their highest score for the season. Zach Burgess making a brilliant 50 against the top team St Andrews, with Vincent Huf 13 and Bailey Holmes 10 helping the team to 140. St Andrews managed to make the runs, with Josh Gordon and Ollie Fenwick 2 wickets each.

U16’s: Mid way through the final game against College we are chasing 138 and currently 3/23. Josh Gordon only 11 years of age scooped the pool with a brilliant display of off spin bowling to take 5/20.

C Grade: After a competitive couple of weeks Patto’s boys ran into a red hot Pigeon Ponds outfit and lost convincingly. Plenty of positives for the youngsters and others looking at next season. A great thrill for the McMahon family with all four siblings playing together.

B Grade: James Stephens produced the goods with 4 wickets against Tahara as they travelled away. Club legend Andrew Povey enjoying his last game against his old side.

A Grade: Alec McIntyre in his 50th game top scored with 88 not out against Tahara in a run feast with the team making 8/361. Heinrich Joyce 68, Mac Cuming 50, Joe Sutherland 43 and Will Collins 42 all enjoying some time at the crease.

Junior presentation night will be Friday 11 March 6.30pm at the Grampians club rooms – parents to bring a salad.
We had 12 playing competition and Sheila teamed up with Pam on the motor buggy and had a few hits. Brenda and Iris came later to help organise us in the office and kitchen respectively. Then we all sat down to a multi choice shared lunch followed by a Women’s Committee meeting chaired by Ladies President Mary Fenech - some discussion ensued re course management, painting Ladies rest room, Food Handlers Course, new urn, kitchen manners, awarding trophies at the completion of competition instead of at the end of the year and voices on General Committee. Captain Sue Morse reminded members to check notice board for upcoming events and to organise own entries in said events. Many are travelling to Hamilton Golf Club next Wednesday for Presidents Day. Sue has also organised a trip to 13th Beach for 5 contenders who wish to have intensive tuition and play the course. Her main advice for the day though, was for all players to take advantage of Martina's month of absence and try to get as many birdies as possible before she returns. For those not in the know at the start of a new season all of the 18 holes offer a golf ball for the first person to birdie the hole and as Martina is our top player with the lowest handicap she usually snags the easier holes early in the year. Results: A Grade: 36pts Kerren Collins, R/U 35 pts Margy McIntyre from Shellie Peardon. B Grade: 33pts Heather Macgugan, R/U Marcia Macgugan 29 pts. NTPs: Jenny Crawford 3rd, Kerren Collins 12th. Photo: Presentation Dinner 2015 - Kerren Collins- outgoing Captain,}

**Group Fitness Classes** are up and running for Term One, here is our current program:

- **Monday** 6:20pm Cardio Blast & 7:00pm Core
- **Tuesday** 6:15pm Boxing
- **Wednesday** 6:15am General Fitness, 9:30am General Fitness (kids are welcome), 10:30am Move More, 6:15pm General Fitness
- **Thursday** 6:15pm Move More

Move More is a new class specifically designed for women who are new or returning to exercise. It is low impact and focuses on basic functional movements using correct technique.

**We Run For Fun** is on a Tuesday and Thursday morning this year at 6:10am. Each week we meet at a different location with Tuesday's being a leisurely run (as leisurely or not as you wish) and Thursday's seeing a session with running focus, taking you perhaps a little out of your comfort zone and your regular training regime. All ages welcome - under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**One-on-one PT** - available by appointment on Monday’s and Wednesday’s between the hours of 9:30am and 2:00pm.

I'm very excited to be launching this April a program called Wickedly Wonderful Women. This is a series of eight 90 minute wellness workshops for women. This program will provide strategies for women to really make sustainable changes to their lives, women will be inspired by their own doings and by one another, they will be empowered and motivated. We will discuss topics such as food, physical activity and wellness, we will create a vision, set goals, take action and be accountable to one another. This program is for women who are really ready and committed to make life long behavioural changes to their own health and wellness.

**The Balancing Act** - are you interested in learning more about food, packaging, labels, nutrients and why I don’t believe in the word ‘diet’!

**Your Inspiration At Home** - If you love PRESERVATIVE FREE FOOD jump online at http://erinparker.yourinspirationathome.com.au/our-story.php to see the great range of YIAH! products I sell.

Like my Facebook page - Erin Parker - Your Inspiration At Home. The next Facebook Mystery Host party is on March 12th - join the party so you don’t miss out! Jump online at www.iwillbe.com.au to register your interest in any of the existing or upcoming programs we offer!

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GRAMPIANS DUNKELD GOLF  
Grampians Dunkeld Golf got underway to a pleasant season start.
Stay, play, see, do... there’s so much waiting for you!

Southern Grampians Shire Council has this week released the 2016 Autumn/Winter Events Guide for the Greater Hamilton region, which will once again play host to a wide variety of events throughout autumn and winter months.

There truly is no better time for a visit to our eventful region. With more than 60 events on the calendar, 20 markets to browse and shop, and nine villages to explore, the Greater Hamilton region has something for everyone.

Highlights of the Autumn/Winter events guide include:

- Branxholme Rodeo – 5 March
- RACV Fly The Flag Tour – 13-15 March
- Balmoral Show – 19 March
- Dunkeld Festival of Music – 1-3 & 3-5 April
- Show Us Your Wheels & Toys Day (Cavendish) – 3 April
- Promenade of Sacred Music – 14-17 April
- Ansett Aflight – 24 April
- Tarrington Swamp Stomp – 1 May
- Hamilton Eisteddfod – 6-11 & 13-19 June
- Serra Terror VII (Dunkeld) – 11-13 June
- Australian Quoits Championships (Coleraine) – 11-13 June
- Sheepvention – 1-2 August
- Coleraine Art & Photography Show – 12-14 August

The Events Guide also includes a variety of markets, sporting tournaments and community activities to be held at venues across the region. Upcoming exhibitions and performances to be held at the Hamilton Gallery and Hamilton Performing Arts Centre are also featured.

Copies of the Greater Hamilton region Autumn/Winter Events Guide are available from the Hamilton and Grampians Visitor Information Centre, Dunkeld and Grampians Visitor Information Centre or from Council offices. The guide can also be mailed on request by contacting, free call 1800 807 056.

The Events guide can be downloaded from our Tourism and Events website at http://www.visitgreaterhamilton.com.au/events/greater_hamilton_events_booklet.html

For further information on upcoming events, or to register an event for inclusion in future guides, please contact Council’s Acting Events Marketing and Development Officer, Simone Logan on 5573 0239.

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**Oak Tree to be Removed from Hamilton Botanic Gardens**

A large mature tree at the Hamilton Botanic Gardens which has been irreparably damaged by fungus and a vertical fracture of the main trunk will be removed this week.

The Swamp White Oak (Quercus Bicolor) located on the Thompson Street side of the gardens (between the fence and the toilet block) was found to be affected by a Ganoderma fungus, which has caused significant internal damage to the tree. The large fracture in the lower part of the main trunk has significantly compromised the structural integrity of the tree and it is now considered dangerous to users of the gardens, pedestrians and vehicles passing the gardens on Thompson Street.

Assessing arborist Lachlan Andrews completed an appraisal of the Swamp White Oak last week and determined the tree must be removed completely. “While it is unfortunate to lose a tree of this age, if left any longer, it will result in complete tree failure. There are no remedial actions which could be taken to mitigate the risk this tree poses to the community in its current state” Mr Andrews said.

The expected fall zone of the tree, which was cordoned off last week, contains a disabled parking space, footpath, public road and overhead power lines.

The removal of the tree is expected to be completed on Wednesday the 10th of February and Thompson Street, between Martin Street and French Street will be closed for the duration of the works. The toilet block in the Gardens will also be need to be closed, however temporary toilets will be made available for public use.

Shire interim CEO Bruce Davidson said “While it is a shame to lose such a lovely tree and one of this age and size, public safety in and around the Gardens is paramount”.

A second smaller tree, a Camphor Laurel, located in the same area of the gardens will also be removed as it too has been assessed as unsafe.

Council engages a qualified arborist on an annual basis to conduct a full audit of all trees in the Gardens.

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**Southern Grampians Shire Community Bus Service**

The community bus is available to all seniors (male/female) travelling to Hamilton on a fortnightly basis from Glenthompson and Dunkeld.

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.*
Paint the Park and Skate Park Grand Final Festival: Youth input needed!

If you are between the ages of 11-25 and have an interest in art, skating or event planning, this is a great opportunity for you! We are looking for young people’s input and ideas for the following events:

**Saturday 26 March – SWS Skate Final Festival**
- Street art/ graffiti demonstrations
- Photo Booth and DJ
- Zombie Face Painting
- Food trucks
- Rock Climbing Wall
- And of course, the SWRS Skating Grand Final!

**Monday 28 March – Friday 1 April – Paint the Park Project**

We will have one or more street artists come to assist local young people like you to brighten up our skate park by covering it in spray paint!

If you have any ideas that could help, any design suggestions, or if you would just like to be a part of this project, we'd love to hear from you, so please get in contact with us!

Belinda Payne on 5551 8459 or Belinda.Payne@wdhs.net
Nellie Patterson on 5551 8450 or Nellie.Patterson@wdhs.net

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Dunkeld General Store 5577 2418 or Dunkeld Consolidated School 5577 2384
Enquiries: Phone Clare Kennedy 0427 823 308

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

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Form and payment to be returned to school by Monday 14 March 2016

Please indicate the number of tickets required:

______ Ticket @ $35.00 each  Amount:  $______

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