

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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DUNKELD COMMUNITY PLAN IN THE MAKING.....

Last Call – Do you have a great idea for Dunkeld?

Community Ideas for the Dunkeld Community Plan

What do you think Dunkeld needs over the next one year, five years, ten years??

Over the last 18 months the Dunkeld Progress Association have been asking for bright ideas for the town to be considered to be part of the in the **Dunkeld Community Plan**.

What is a Community Plan? It **sets out a way forward for the town** and **supports the work of groups** in it. The Plan is used to focus the community on projects we can work on together and helps State and Local Government support these projects through access to funding or advocacy.

If you have an idea or the club /group or organisation you belong has a project in mind – it needs to be in the Community Plan!

These are a list of ideas from across the Community that have been suggested so far.....Do you have anything to add?

Email dunkeldprogress@gmail.com or call **0459 774 624** or fill out a form at the **Old Dunkeld Bakery**.

Youth

- Skate/ bike park
- water slide (at pool)
- Drop-in Youth Centre (Maternal Child Health building)

Tourism - general

- Develop Dunkeld as Eco Tourism destination.
- Good public transport links essential for tourism: especially with Melbourne, between Ararat and Portland, and to Warrnambool (Great Ocean Road).
- Keep pool open all through summer to avoid people leaving and going to Halls Gap.
- Review 'free camping' at Freshwater Lake - rubbish management.
- Dump point | disposal of additional rubbish from visitors (public bins overflowing, including Mount Sturgeon).
- Lower-end accommodation option – i.e. backpackers.

Grampians Peaks Trail – End-of-Trail

- Exercise machines around the arboretum for children and adults.
- Walking and cycling trails directly linked from GPT to Dunkeld.

Roads/Footpaths and Streetscapes

- More cycling infrastructure (develop a cycling master plan).
- Review vegetation policy (Too many dangerous roadsides and intersection).
- Improved public transport options (service times/ links).
- Tree-scape and tree management policy.
- Underground power (start with northern side of town - Victoria Valley Road) to avoid damage to historic trees.
- More footpaths including from Caravan Park to Visitor Info Centre and between Post Office to Templeton Street both sides.
- Township bypass.
- Drainage strategy for town.
- Seal roads: Dunkeld Cemetery road sealed to top of hill; Skene Street; Richie Street; Martin Street.
- Traffic-calming measures in Parker Street.
- Weather appropriate bus shelters.
- Bike track from Dunkeld to Glenthompson.

Community facilities

- Use Community Centre for - Food Co-op / online health Consultations/vegetable swap/small lending library.
- Support and improve existing community infrastructure, i.e. pools, library services, sporting and cultural facilities (and involve community - early - in discussions and decision making).
- Bike hire and repair social enterprise.
- Postal delivery/more PO boxes.

Cultural

- Signage to reflect traditional owners with welcome to country.
- Cultural and natural history centre along lines of Halls Gap's Brambuk.

Economic development

- Provide opportunities to facilitate international migration.
- Re-open manned petrol station - consider community ownership structure i.e. Yackandandah.
- Increase in shops, i.e. supermarket, chemist.
- Expansion of local business offering to cater for tourist market.
- Become an employment hub.

Sustainable Dunkeld

- Community renewable energy project.
- Plastic bag-free Dunkeld.
- Sustainable Dunkeld - carbon footprint audit, more info on how to reduce and report on targets.
- Organic waste facility.

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DONATIONS

Lake Repose Partnership

\$50

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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

4th Week	Sunday	February 25	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1 st Week	Sunday	March 4	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	March 11		No service (mass at Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Saturday	March 17	6.00pm	Saint Patrick's Day Mass followed by dinner**
	Holy Thursday	March 29	7.00pm	Mass
	Good Friday	March 30	3.00pm	Mass
4 th Week	Easter Sunday	April 1	8.30am	Mass

Please RSVP by Tuesday 13 March for Saint Patrick's Day dinner.

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Anglican Church Dunkeld.

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

Feb 25 Mr Roger Thompson 9.00am

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

To be advised.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

– FEBRUARY / MARCH 2018

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		21	22 Dunkeld Mobile Library Red Cross meeting	23 Community Centre feedback due	24 Grampians Premiership Reunions Meditation Orientation	25
26 Dunkeld Progress Association meeting Defibrillator Training	27 Small Business Bus - Hamilton	28	1 Mirranatwa Mobile Library	2 The World Day of Prayer	3	4
5 Newsletter contribution cut off	6	7	8 Dunkeld mobile library Grampians Piecemakers Quilting Group	9 Pilgrim Walk	10 Sturgeon Stampede Rodeo	11
12	13	14	15 Mirranatwa Mobile Library	16	17 Dunkeld Catholic Women's League Saint Patrick's Day Mass & Dinner	18

DUNKELD COMMUNITY PLAN IN THE MAKING (continued from page 1)

- Good environmental design guide for new houses - lists of resources and businesses / Solar / Energy / Design / Productive gardens.

Advocacy

- Improved internet speeds to encourage new business.
- Business Support Training. To help support and link in the local start-up /online / tourism businesses.
- Having a publicised 'go-to' person to connect residents with services.
- Improved advocacy/ relationship with Council.

Social

- Quarterly 'community tea' at the Community Centre.
- Encouragement of younger people to be more involved as community volunteers.
- A formal welcoming process for new residents.
- Annual conference for all local sporting and social groups to gather.
- Establish a youth group.

After we have received a full list, all the town will be invited to say which ideas Dunkeld should work on over the next few years.

VERY IMPORTANT - If you or your club/organisation have a project you want supported by Community and Government - it should be in the Community Plan.

Make sure you get your idea in! Email dunkeldprogress@gmail.com or call 0459 774 624 or fill out a form at the **Old Dunkeld Bakery by FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018.**

Any questions, please contact me on 0459 774 624.

Lucinda Peterson
President, Dunkeld Progress Association

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be **Monday 26 February 2018 at 7.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre.**

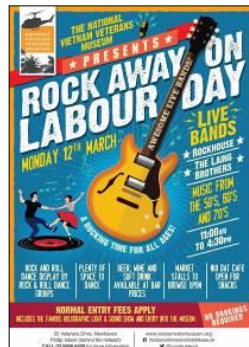
Eda Williamson will be attending to explain the L2P - Learner Driver Mentor Program. This program matches volunteer mentors who have a full license with Learner drivers (under 21) who do not have access to a vehicle, so they can gain the driving experience they need to apply for a probationary license. If you are interested to know more about the program, come along.



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Membership renewal for 2018 is now due. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

Rock Away on Labour Day 2018: Do you love Rock n Roll? Save this date to your diary – Monday 12 March 2018. Come along to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip



\$12.00 concession, \$10.00 for children 5yrs – 15yrs and \$40.00 for a family. The Nui Dat Café will be open for light refreshments. Have a look through the Museum while you are there and watch the famous, holographic Light and Sound Show. No need to book. Visit the following website for more details: www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org or call 5956 6400.

Running Rabbits Military Museum:



The Running Rabbits Military Museum is located at the Upwey-Belgrave RSL and has been named in recognition of the Kokoda Campaign. The Museum displays weaponry, documents and equipment from the Boer War through WWI and

WWII to the current day. There are over 2,500 items of memorabilia, photographs and artifacts on display and a library of books and magazines available. There are some major items on display in and outside the Museum.

The Museum will educate and entertain all ages and take them on an emotional journey through time. Open: Thursday 10:00am to 2:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 2:00pm. Other times – by appointment only, please contact the Upwey-Belgrave RSL on 9754 3665. Entry is by gold coin donation. Check out their website for further information: www.upweybelgravesrsl.org.au

The Museum has a school program in place for all levels. Computer access is available for individual and general research. Volunteer guides are available for groups by arrangement.

Light refreshments are available from the RSL Bistro/Bar. The Ariettes Bistro is open for lunch and dinner every day.

MCC Military Veterans Group Luncheon: The next Military Veterans Luncheon will be held on Wednesday 14 March commencing at 12.30pm, with guest speaker, Wing Commander Sharon Bown. In 1999, idealistic 23-year-old Registered Nurse Sharon Bown left her comfortable family life in Tasmania and joined the Royal Australian Air Force with the aim of providing humanitarian aid to the world.

Through her 16 year military career she deployed on three operations, barely survived a helicopter crash, struggled to return to military service, mixed in political circles in Canberra and around the world as Aide de Camp to the Minister for Defence, and commanded a combat surgical team during some of the most intense fighting in Afghanistan.

Bookings are now open online through the MCC website.

For further information please contact Miss Anna Fowler, Club Operations and Interest Groups Co-ordinator on 9657 8827.

Meditation & Mindfulness



Orientation Day: Saturday 24 February 9.30am-4.00pm with lunch

If you have an interest learning about the practice of meditation and how to commence and maintain a practice. The day will offer an introduction around approaches, practice knowledge and benefits.

Cloud Mountain Retreat: Armitage Street, Dunkeld.
Booking: 0407 833 515
Email: cloudmountain97@bigpond.com
Contribution: \$30 & \$20 Con.

APPLY NOW FOR YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Young Wimmera-Mallee residents wishing to influence Victorian law have the opportunity to do so as part of the YMCA Youth Parliament program according to The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP.

Ms Kealy said applications for this year's 2018 program were now open to interested people between the ages of 16 and 25.

"The YMCA Youth Parliament Program provides young people with an insight into parliament and gives participants the opportunity to debate and express their views and participate in the parliamentary process," Ms Kealy said. "It is a great opportunity to hear what the young people of today consider are major issues of concern. It is also an opportunity for them to put forward their own ideas for possible solutions to those issues," she said.

Since 1987, Parliament of Victoria has supported a two-day Parliament organised by the YMCA with the youth 'parliamentarians' from across the state gathering in Parliament House to debate 'Bills' dealing with issues of interest and importance to them.

"Youth Parliament develops the debating, public speaking and team building skills of our future leaders and builds their confidence and self-esteem," Ms Kealy said. "I encourage any young people with an interest in politics to apply for the program," she said.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/government-info-assistance/youth-programs/youth-parliament.

Applications close on Thursday 8 March 2018.

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SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TO WANNON VOLUNTEERS

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan has called for local volunteers to apply for a scholarship to attend this year's National Volunteering Conference.

Mr Tehan said the scholarships would support volunteer coordinators and community leaders in Wannon to travel to Sydney for the national conference.

"The scholarships recognise the vital role volunteers play in our communities by funding conference registration, accommodation and travel costs for managers and leaders of volunteers in rural, regional or disadvantaged communities," Mr Tehan said. "Volunteers in Wannon are at the heart of our community – from fighting fires to raising money for local sport and caring for our most vulnerable. "I strongly encourage the leaders, managers and coordinators of volunteer and community organisations to apply for the scholarships, so they take an active part in shaping volunteering into the future."

Mr Tehan said the conference funding was part of the Australian Government's \$63 million support for volunteering to 2020-21. "It's important to support the Australians who sacrifice their time and energy giving back to the community," Mr Tehan said.

Volunteering Australia will assess the applications on merit.

For information on the National Volunteering Conference 2018 (20-22 June) and to apply for the scholarships go to <http://nvc2018.com.au/> Applications close 15 March.



DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018

There will be training in the use of defibrillators at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Monday 26 February 2018 at 7.30pm.

There are a number of defibrillators located around Dunkeld. Please ensure a representative of your club or organisation takes up this opportunity.

Learn how to save lives.

Mary-Ann Brown, Dunkeld Community Centre



SAVE THE DATE

ORCHESTRA VICTORIA - STRINGS CONCERT - FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018

Orchestra Victoria are performing in the region in the week of 2 to 7 April 2018.

There will be a strings concert at Dunkeld Community Centre on Friday 6 April 2018.

More details later.

Mary-Ann Brown, Dunkeld Community Centre



**Dunkeld & Peaks
Pilgrim Walks**
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Guided Pilgrim (Camino) Walk

(3days)
March Long Weekend
Fri 9 - Mon 12

We have just a few spots left for **non-residential** walkers. An easy to moderate *Wannon Circle Walk (15ks each day)*. A guided slow walk with a group, offering opportunity for conversation, reflection and a shared experience of natural beauty. **(Lunch, evening meal, and journal book provided).**

Funds raised goes to: 'Sanctuary Australia', 'Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden' and 'Aquila Eco Lodges Wildlife Care Program'.

Cost: \$300, Concession \$250.

Booking a place: 0407 833 515
Email:
cloudmountain97@bigpond.com



Dunkeld Catholic Women's League invites all to a

Celebration of Saint Patrick's Day

On Saturday 17 March

Mass at 6.00 pm

An "Irish" meal to follow.

Cost \$10 a head.

Raffle of Wood and

**Photographic Voucher (donated by Greg
Gardner) will be drawn.**

Bookings essential by Tuesday 13 March

Helen 5577 2375 or Keryn 5577 2364



-SAVE THE DATE-
"ALL MY LOVE"



COMING TO DUNKELD ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL

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

More details later.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2 March - 11.00 am

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Martin Street, Dunkeld.

"All God's Creation Is Very Good"

**Service prepared by W.D of P Committee of Suriname.
Warm Welcome to all.**

**Please a plate to share for light Lunch
Inquiries: Helen on 5577 2375**



GRAMPIANS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

An invitation is extended for interested people to join in a day of creativity, chat and companionship each 2nd Thursday of the month.

Days begin at 10.30am and finish about 3.40pm. Sessions are shared around the homes of members and you bring your own lunch.

The NEXT MEETING for 2018 is as follows.

❖ 8 March Dot Callander. Martin Street
Dunkeld. 0434 348 757

ATHLETE TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is encouraging athletes across the electorate to apply for a grant through the latest round of the Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program.

Ms Kealy said the grants program helps Victorian athletes, particularly those in rural and regional areas, to cover travel costs relating to their sporting activities. "The program helps aspiring athletes, teams, coaches and officials to realise their sporting potential by removing the barrier of travel and accommodation costs," Ms Kealy said. "Support is available to assist community sport and recreation athletes, coaches, officials and teams with the travel costs of participating in training and competition, and for high performance Victorian athletes and teams to compete at national championships or selection events," she said.

The program has two categories:

Category 1 – State-Sporting Associations

- Grants of up to \$6,000 are available for teams with a maximum of \$1,000 per team member
- Grants for individuals are available up to a maximum of \$2,000
- Travel from 1 July 2018 – 31 December 2018

Category 2 – Community Organisations

- Victorian community organisations delivering sport and active recreation opportunities can apply for up to two grants per funding round of \$750 each to assist athletes, coaches, officials and teams with the travel costs of training and competition
- Travel after 6 March 2018 to 31 December 2018

Applications close on 6 March 2018.

For more information about the grants, eligibility criteria or how to apply, visit <http://www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/athlete-pathway-travel-grants-program>.

GOING THE WHOLE HOG ON LIVESTOCK TRACEABILITY

Australia's biosecurity will be strengthened by the delivery of a national reporting scheme for the pork industry.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan welcomed mandatory reporting of all pig movements under the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS), which will be introduced by all state and territory governments from today.

"Strong traceability is a key part of a strong biosecurity system," Mr Tehan said. "The NLIS for pork, known as PigPass, uses ear tags or tattoos to identify animals. All pig movements onto farms, saleyards, showgrounds and abattoirs are documented in a database using a National Vendor Declaration. This database is used by state and territory governments to trace livestock in an emergency.

"Pigpass means animals can be identified quickly and allows the property of birth and residence to be easily established if there were ever a food safety issue or exotic disease outbreak. "This would be important if Australia had a foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak—it would help find the source of disease and stop its spread. "PigPass will help Wannon keep its excellent reputation for delivering high quality and safe produce. "The Pork industry is important to regional Australia worth more than \$1.3 billion with over 1400 pork farms across this nation. "I encourage farmers and processors across Wannon to familiarise themselves with PigPass."

More information about PigPass can be found at www.pigpass.com.au or by calling Australian Pork Limited on 1800 001 458.

DUNKELD GENERAL STORE

93 Parker St, Dunkeld, 3294

info@dunkeldgeneralstore.com.au Phone: 03 5577 2418



MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 6.30am – 5.30pm

SATURDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm

SUNDAY - 7.30am – 3.00pm

(Times may vary on Public Holidays)



DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

Thank you to everyone for attending our first *Guest Speaker Meeting* on 12 February. Heather Funk gave the presentation and explained how she goes about obtaining facts and interesting information about the people she researches. Thanks Heather - and well done!

Donated Items.

- We have been donated new photographs of the McNeill and Fry Families.
- Scrapbook about the Agnew family and featuring the career as a jockey of Doug Agnew.
- A portrait photograph of Roderick McLeod, born 1822, died 1898.

The Museum already hold information and photos of the above families and these additions are a typical way in which we build our Dunkeld and District history, so if you have any photographs hidden away in the cupboard that are "endangered items" and likely that the next generation will take them to the tip, please bring them down for the Museum- they might be a treasured item for someone else.



Alexander McNeill and wife Elizabeth nee Fry



Roderick McLeod (1822-1898)

THE MUSEUM IS OPEN FROM 1pm-5pm on SUNDAYS, THURSDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Admission is \$7.50, children \$3. No admission is charged for current members.

ROSTER DUTY

Feb 25th Jenny Crawford & Pauline Crawford

March 4th Jeff Hinchcliffe, Erin O'Neill & Joyce Gordon

March 11th Heather Funk & Beryl Gordon

March 12th (Monday) Kay Leyshon

**DON'T FORGET... NEW CEMETERY
WALK ON
EASTER SATURDAY 31st MARCH**



RED CROSS NEWS

Just a reminder that **the first meeting for 2018 will be held at the Henry Leech RSL room this Thursday 22 February at 2.00pm.**

Hopefully we will have a report from last week's Zone Meeting which was held in Port Fairy. New members are always welcome and we look forward to greeting all members who can attend on Thursday.

Iris Field, Secretary Dunkeld Branch

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: We are on the way to selecting a new caretaker. Damien Logan from WDEA has been organising this. We are set to interview six applicants next week. Tanya Griffin-Wilson has offered to help us when we need her.

Salt Creek: Parks Victoria organised a meeting last week. About 20 people walked the track west of the white bridge. The land has been surveyed to allow the Grampians Peaks Trail to come into Dunkeld. Some of the old track was on DPC land. We thank the Myers family for allowing some readjustment to the land.

The boardwalks are past their use by date. They are probably 25 years old. They were a great effort of John Ross and Bill Richie. They were well built for the cost and what was available at the time. We may be able to have two replaced under the Flood Reconstruction. The Peaks Trail Group has no money to replace them. More about this soon.

Our committee's major problem is doing work along the creek. Most of us are past working bees. We have explored options, but still cannot get it done. Any ideas?

Sawmill: Don't forget our Open Day on Sunday 29 April. All the usual attractions. The Cavendish Community is holding a River Red Gum Festival on Saturday 14 April. We are supporting them and hope many residents can go. It will be a great day.

Arboretum: David Hampton, Kevin McArthur and I removed a dangerous falling tree along the walking track. David and I have snagged a few dead trees from the water. School groups use the reservoir for kayaking and canoeing and the trees were a bit dangerous. The new pump has been installed after the flood ruined the old one. Joy Darroch has treated the ant nests, which should make walkers and their dogs happy

John Smith, President

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Erin Hinchliffe



**Lloyd Spiegel live at
the foot of
Mount Sturgeon**

The Block. Griffins Hill. Dunkeld.

23 March 2018

From 7.30pm

Tickets: \$50

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All tickets to be brought
through the Facebook page
Lloyd Spiegel Live at the foot
of Mount Sturgeon via
Parlour Gig

Or

**Erin Hinchliffe
0456 018 891**



COUNCIL AWARDS TENDER FOR RFID INSTALLATION

Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) readers will be installed at the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange next month after Council approved the awarding of a contract for the project at last night's meeting.

The contract for the RFID readers was awarded to Aleis Pty Ltd for the supply of RFID reading equipment and installation at a cost of \$398,411.20 (incl. GST) and Outcross Company limited for the supply of software and hardware at a cost of \$60,858.16 (incl. GST).

The Mayor and CEO awarded the works under delegation following consideration of feedback from Councillors. At the December Council meeting, Council delegated the awarding of the contract to the Mayor and CEO due to the limited time for procurement of the infrastructure to meet the legislated implementation date of 31 March.

Council was successful in securing funding for the project implementation through the State Government up to a maximum of \$460,080 (GST exclusive) under the Electronic National Livestock Implementation Scheme (Sheep & Goats) transition package Saleyards – phase 2 program.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown thanked the Victorian Government for this significant investment into the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange, saying it is a major boost for the region.

"The Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange is the first in the country to receive funding for RFID installation and we thank the State Government for their investment. We are proud to be leading the way with EID technology. In doing so, we are ensuring the long-term viability of our saleyards, which are such an important asset to our region" Cr Brown said.

"The Hamilton saleyards process almost one million sheep each and every year – making it one of the largest in the state. Our redevelopment project is also nearly complete and with an investment of approximately \$6.6 million we have created the premier livestock selling facility in South West Victoria," Cr Brown concluded.

The State Government introduced legislation in 2016 to make it compulsory for sheep and goats to be ear tagged and agents are required to ensure scanning and reporting on these tagged animals at livestock exchanges. As such, Council is required to install infrastructure by 31 March 2018 to enable the agents to meet their obligations.

Work to install the RFID readers is expected to commence on week beginning 5 March 2018.



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FROM THE LIONS DEN

Lions are involved in many and varied projects. While our Club was involved in the sausage sizzle for the students at the local school, and our Australia Day involvement, the Lions Club of Epping

Eastwood with assistance from the Australian Lions Foundation and the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight and Public Health Care Foundation, raised and donated \$49,000 to Sydney's Ryde Hospital. The money will be used to update three anaesthetic machines. The machines are used to deliver anaesthetic gases and monitor a patient's vital signs during an operation.

I have mentioned the above projects to give an indication of what Lions are involved in, not that I want Epping Eastwood to feel jealous in any way of our local projects, in fact they are to be congratulated for their achievement.

Interesting

*Macron, the French President, has no children.

*German Chancellor Angela Merkel has no children.

*British Prime Minister Theresa May has no children.

*Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni has no children.

*Holland's Mark Rutte, Sweden's Stefan Lofven, Luxembourg's Xavier Bettel and Scotland's Nicola Sturgeon – all have no children.

*Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, has no children.

"So a grossly disproportionate number of the people making decisions about Europe's future have no direct personal stake in the future."

Lions have just celebrated 100 years of service, I think that we will be here and needed for the long haul.

Peter Hinchey

LANDCARE NEWS

There are many interesting events and projects planned for this year, and as usual, they are not restricted to members of Panyyabyr, Mirranatwa, Bushy Greek, Bunnugal, Reedy Creek, Nevertire and Delaney's Creek Landcare Groups. ***These are open to any interested people.***

We have received the great news that six local families have received funding to undertake fencing and tree planting activities, and that our fox control program has been funded for another three years.

If gorse is an issue, funding has been made available to apply for.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, or would like to join any groups, please get in touch.

For the information of participants, residents and visitors.

"Grampians Ark" & "Grampians To Grasslands" Fox Control programs

The next Fox Baiting Pulse* will run from:

Monday 5 February 2018 - Monday 9 April 2018.

For participants, remember to notify your neighbours. Your baits can be collected from Kelly's in Dunkeld.

*****Please remember to keep a record of the number of baits you have laid, and the number of baits taken, to pass on to me later.*****

Congratulations on all the work everyone has been doing to control foxes, your achievements have been recognised state wide!

For any queries, please just call.

* areas covered include Mirranatwa, Victoria Valley, Karabeal, Moutajup, Dunkeld, Strathkellar, Croxton East, Glenthompson.

Beer, Bait & BBQ – Friday 23 March 2018 – more details to come soon!

Yarns on Farms

Thanks to the help of Ryan Jones (Indigenous NRM Project Officer, GHCMA), and Tyson Lovett-Murray (Knowledge & Learning Senior Project Officer, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation) we will host a very relaxed and informal morning: "Yarns on Farms"

"Yarns on Farms" is an extension program that brings together farmers, land managers, Gunditj Mirring Project officers and GHCMA staff, to share stories and knowledge about land use and management across the Budj Bim landscape.

Topics to be discussed include understanding of landscapes, respecting and protecting cultural heritage and identifying and protecting plants and animals.

By sharing stories, history and experiences, both Indigenous and non Indigenous perspectives about working on country are considered.

Where: meet at "Tooronga" 1143 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Karabeal 3294. We'll travel to site.

When: Monday 26th February 2018 10am - 12 midday

Bring: suitable clothing & footwear for walking through long dry grass

Cost: Free - and morning tea is provided! ***Please RSVP.***

Woodland Bird Monitoring

Our next outing will be on **Saturday 21 April**, we'll meet at the Information Centre at 8.00am. More details to follow soon.

Cavendish Red Gum Festival

As the date draws nearer to the Festival, we need to get our ***Red Gum photos organised.***

If you recall, a few months ago, we asked whether you would like to be a part of the Festival, by taking a photo of your favourite red gum.

Some people have taken just one photo, while others have taken up the challenge and visited the same tree over that time, taking photos (perhaps once a week/month, different times of day, different parts of the tree, animals, birds, insects etc on the tree).

Please, now is the time to get back in touch with me, and we'll work out the best way to send your pictures in (e.g. email to me).

And, it's not too late to take photos now - especially with these beautiful sunsets we've been having.

We will arrange the photos on a file, and have that playing continuously on the day, in the "Celebrating Red Gums" marquee. It will be a fantastic display of the many wonderful trees we have living around us.

So go and take a photo and be involved - for people of all ages!!

If you could ***send the photos by 5 March***, that will give us time to get them organised properly!

Cheers and thanks,

Lisa McIntyre

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PRINCES HIGHWAY WEST GETS LONG-AWAITED UPGRADE

Vital improvement works are underway to fix some of the worst sections of the Princes Highway between Mumbannar and the South Australian border.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Barnaby Joyce said a 9.6-kilometre section would be rebuilt and resurfaced to make the highway safer and more reliable.

"The Princes Highway is a big deal for freight through south-western Victoria, and so this upgrade will give a real kick to the dairy and forestry industries which regularly transport goods from the border region into the Port of Portland," Mr Joyce said.

Federal Member for Wannon Dan Tehan said the improvement works would occur along the highway in eight different sections, starting from near Mumbannar before moving out towards the South Australian border.

"The old surface will be churned and topped up with new crushed rock to increase the road's strength, while bitumen resurfacing will create a smoother and safer surface," Mr Tehan said.

Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan said the start of the works showed the government's dedication to fixing and maintaining regional roads in south-western Victoria.

"The Princes Highway upgrade will give drivers a more comfortable journey and ensure the road can cater for the 700 or more heavy vehicles that already use the road each day," Mr Donnellan said.

Victorian Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney said the \$7 million improvement works were part of the Australian and Victorian governments' \$40 million investment to improve the Princes Highway from Colac to the South Australian border.

"Drivers will be able to see and feel the immediate difference the works will make in just a few months' time," Ms Tierney said.

For more information on the Australian Government's infrastructure investment program, visit http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure_investment/index.aspx.



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JUNIOR CRICKET REPORT

For meeting 11 February

Our juniors have been representing our club and region over January and February.

Vincent Huf has been to Queensland for the Under 15 School Sports Australia Cricket Championships.

Tom Letts represented the Hamilton and District Cricket Association in Under 17 Country Week in Warrnambool.

Vincent Huf and Josh Gordon represented Hamilton and District Cricket in Under 15 Country Week in Horsham where they were successful in winning the Grand Final.

Tom Calvert and Ben Potter represented Hamilton and District Cricket in Under 13 Country Week in Portland.

Lachie Field played cricket for Western Waves and is continuing to represent in other cricketing teams.

Jess Field played Western Waves in Adelaide and recently with Miranda McIntyre played on Melville Oval in competition.

Vincent Huf, Zach Burgess and Josh Gordon played Western Waves in Melbourne in January and all contribute to their team's efforts of 2 wins and 3 losses.

Thank you to Fiddler for putting up on the Facebook page when our juniors are playing competition outside our club. Another thank you to Casey Hollard for putting profiles of our juniors on the Facebook page also.

The Under 12 competition was extended by five weeks. Our coaches Jack and Mac were unable to commit due to previous commitments and Will Collins very kindly agreed to coach for the remaining five weeks. There are 18 players on rotation for the five games. Thank you, Will.

The under 14's are set to play finals. The grand final is 17 and 18 March.

I sent an email out to this seasons coaches asking for who is available next season. We will probably need- Milo Coordinator -I have approached Ally Gordon but she wasn't keen to commit

-Under 12's coach, are we having two teams then we will need two coaches.

-Under 14's coach

-under 13's girl coach

-under 16 girls coach.

Darren Gordon is happy to coach the Under 16's, if the club is happy for him too. He may have two extra players, as to those he has already names.

Have thought of putting out an email/letter to the junior parents asking if anyone is interested in being coach or taking on any other roles at the club. Fiddler mentioned coaching courses we can direct them to if they wish to but are unsure. Also inviting them to the AGM or to join the committee.

I am following up on unpaid junior memberships.

Please empty inside bins at the end of training and games. I am trying to get them all empty so we do not have to leave rubbish in the clubrooms. Please remember to tidy both ovals when they are in use. No small bins, green or blue are for our use as they do not get picked up by the trucks and have to be tipped in to another bin to be emptied. Milly has brought two light green bins that need to go out Monday nights to be emptied on Tuesday mornings. Sometimes they are emptied and sometimes not. Which is frustrating and I am working with the school to sort out the issue.

There has been an issue with the junior tops. The XS ones do not fit all the kids and if possible for next season could we get size 10, 12, 14 ones to fit the juniors. If they are ready for start of 2018/2019 season that would be awesome.

There is a junior meeting tomorrow night that Kim, Darren and I are unable to attend. Nic Cullinane has said that he would attend representing the club.

GRAMPIANS PREMIERSHIP REUNIONS

24 February from 7.00pm at the clubrooms.

Open Invite to all club members.

I have been making contact with the majority of premiership players from 1997/1998 and 2007/2008, we would encourage all club members to get along, recognise some past glories and enjoy what will be an informal social evening for the whole club.

BBQ tea and dessert for \$10 head, with sit-in movie (probably Avengers) at dusk (should have any formalities done by then!).

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ORDINARY TO EXTRA-ORDINARY

by Marion Colton

It is both amazing and uplifting how the ordinary can suddenly change into the extra-ordinary! About midday, I was casually crossing the very dry, golden, grassy area from the Old Ararat Road to the path circumventing the Arboretum lagoons, when, emerging from a group of shrubs I nearly bumped noses with an emu. I don't know who was most surprised! It was Dad taking his two young, deep grey, juveniles for a walk. His presence of mind was impressive. After the initial reflex, he calmly and fearlessly changed direction, setting an amazing example for his young. It is lovely to see them in the Arboretum, another reason why it is considerate to have dogs on leashes, as most people do.



I was on my way to photograph some, to me, unusual spider dwellings in a "Castlewellan Gold" Cypress tree that I had noticed the previous evening. The upper part of

the young tree was slung with complex, fine, hammock formations on all sides. What intrigued me were the spiders' homes, or possibly egg sacs, within the webbing. The latter was of a white silk in rounded, irregular shapes, three to four leaves which must have been chewed off by the spiders. Sometimes a whole segment of a leaf decorated it, sometimes a collection of dried pieces that looked like old seeds.

The evening before, I had noticed a spider that seemed to be entering one of these homes, but it might have been hiding underneath or around the other side. I was waiting for an opportunity to photograph one of the rounded, pale beige spiders. As I slowly circled the tree, carefully watching each dwelling, the "ordinary" suddenly changed into the extraordinary. A long, black wasp, with barred abdomen was grappling with a spider, and then flew easily out of the webbing. As I progressed to the other side of the tree, the wasp had entered a different web and spider and wasp were in tight embrace. I wasn't at all sure who was attacking whom! I watched the two wrestling with each other for about ten minutes. At times, there was a short pause while, still interlocked, they renewed their energies. It was a life and death struggle between two very equal forces.

Sometimes the wasp, still encircling the spider, flew to an overhanging leaf; sometimes they tumbled into the middle of the web. Interestingly, other spiders of the same species seemed indifferent to the battle. Not one went to their kin's aid. They were definitely aware of the struggle, some camouflaging themselves beside their dwellings but others, maybe the males, of a different, smaller and elongated shape, fearlessly staying exposed in their webs. Eventually the battle ended. The wasp shot out of the webbing carrying its prey towards the far lagoon.

What an incredible example of the struggle of two opposing forces! of the struggle, too, of life and death.



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PREP STUDENTS

Our school welcomed fourteen new Preps on Tuesday 30 January. Mrs Jayne Greig, Bridget Campbell and the Preps have been busy settling into a routine which has included the swimming program and having a 'day off' on a Wednesday for the month of February.



Welcome to: Elodie Cochran, Jasmine Etherton, Lulu McDonald, Isla Oldfield, Henrietta Patterson, Zoe Trotter, Edward Alderman, Nate Elliott, Will Griffin-Wilson, Jim Herrmann, Zachary Lance, Seamus McDonald, Finn Parker and Tyson Riddle.

CLASS CAPTAINS – TERM 1

It is with excitement that we announce the Class Captains for Term 1, 2018. The class captains were presented with their badges and certificates at assembly on Friday 9 February. (Their roles may include delivering notes and diaries to the office, Class Captain reports at Assemblies, welcoming visitors to their classrooms etc).



Jasmine Etherton
Prep



Mhairi McDonald
Year 1



Charlotte Comer
Year 2



Mitchell Gordon
Year 3



Myles Alderman
Year 4



Addison Linskens
Year 5



Charlie Adams
Year 6

AFL PLAYERS CLINIC

On Friday 2 March, the Dunkeld Consolidated School will host an AFL clinic for some of our students. The clinic will be held by players from the Western Bulldogs Football Club. Students will take part in a number of activities from approximately 10:30am – 11:45am at our school. In the past we have had to travel to Hamilton to take part in AFL clinics so we are grateful to have this opportunity to have a clinic held at our school.

From the Garden....

To Fiona King, Jo Aarons, Vivien Brodsky, Bev Hampton and Valetta Bolton and their families, thank you on behalf of the school community, for caring for the garden over that particularly dry and extremely hot weather during the holidays. There'd be nothing left now, if you hadn't been there!

Classes begin on Thursday 22 February and we are asking for you to please consider being a Friend in the Kitchen and Garden. Our garden class timetables have changed slightly, and we are now able to offer one hour classes to each grade, which will be fantastic!

Please also spread the word amongst the wider community, we would love (and need) to increase our volunteer list.

It is going to be another wonderful year, I am looking forward to getting back in the garden with the students and our volunteer Friends!
Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

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QUAD-STRAIN MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE AVAILABLE

To help protect our youngest children in Wannon from the devastating consequences of meningococcal, the Turnbull Government will add a quad-strain vaccine to the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

Member for Wannon, Dantean said the new vaccine (Nimenrix) covers against A, C, W and Y strains (MenACWY) and will be added to the NIP ahead of the next peak meningococcal season which, based on previous years, is expected to be in the second half of the year.

"Meningococcal is a rare but very serious infection that occurs when meningococcal bacteria from the throat or nose 'invades' the body. The consequences are devastating for individuals and their families," Mr Tehan said. "In recent years we have seen a rise in the number of invasive meningococcal cases in Australia. In 2017, there were 382 cases reported nationally, compared with 252 cases in 2016 and 182 cases in 2015."

"Deaths associated with meningococcal have also risen, with 28 deaths in 2017, compared with 11 deaths in 2016 and 12 deaths in 2015." "Currently, infants aged 12 months are given a single-strain Meningococcal C vaccine."

Health Minister, Greg Hunt said upgrading to the quad-strain is great news for parents and infants, but it's only the first step in the Turnbull Government's broader approach to reducing the impact of meningococcal.

"In March 2018, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) will consider the listing of a MenACWY vaccine for adolescents," Minister Hunt said. "We are committed to strengthening Australia's world-class national vaccination program, and we urge all Australian parents and carers to have their children vaccinated."

"The announcement follows the decision by PBAC to recommend the listing of Nimenrix for infants aged 12 months of age." "This is part of our rock solid commitment to making medicines accessible, and because immunisation is critical to maintaining public health and preventing the outbreak of infectious diseases," Mr Tehan said. "Vaccination works and is an effective and safe tool to prevent the spread of many diseases that cause hospitalisation, serious ongoing health conditions and sometimes death."

I encourage everyone to get the facts about immunisation by visiting <https://immunisationfacts.gov.au>

PERU AUSTRALIA FTA SLASHES OVER 99% OF AGRICULTURE EXPORT TARIFFS

Farmers across Wannon in the dairy, grains, red meat, wine and horticulture sectors will have their tariffs to Peru slashed following today's historic signing of the Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement (PAFTA).

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said PAFTA would eliminate 99.4 per cent of tariffs that exporters face into Peru, putting Australian farmers on equal footing with foreign competitors.

"This new trade deal is a huge win for farmer's right across Wannon, creating expanded export opportunities for our The key tariff outcomes for Australian agriculture through PAFTA will include;

- Immediate elimination of all tariffs for seafood, sheep meat, kangaroo meat, most horticulture products and wheat (current tariffs are up to 9 per cent).
- Elimination of all tariffs for beef within five years and immediate elimination of most tariffs for pork (current tariffs are up to 17 per cent).
- Immediate elimination of tariffs for wine across lines of commercial interest to Australia, with the remainder being phased out over five years (current tariffs are up to 9 per cent).

PAFTA will provide a number of industries with duty-free access for large volumes of exports, including:

- 7000 tonnes of dairy, growing to 10,000 tonnes (capped amount) in year five.
- 15,000 tonnes of sorghum, with the volume growing to 20,000 tonnes (capped amount) in year five.

"PAFTA will allow us to better compete in the Peruvian market and supports the potential for expanded trade into the broader Latin American region.

The signing of PAFTA follows the finalisation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, which will lock in greater trade access to markets worth almost \$10 trillion combined, including Japan, Canada, Mexico, Malaysia, Singapore, Chile, Peru, Vietnam, New Zealand and Brunei.

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HILAC ROOF TENDER AWARDED

Works to replace the roof at the Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre will begin early next month as Council last night approved the awarding of the works contract.

The successful tender was Millers Plumbing Pty Ltd, for the amount of \$528,000 GST inclusive.

The contract was awarded by the Mayor and the CEO under delegation in order for the project to commence as early as possible in 2018 and to minimise disruption to HILAC User Groups.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown said Millers Plumbing was chosen for their proven experience with similar projects.

"Millers Plumbing specialise in roofing remediation and therefore have considerable experience on projects of a similar size and nature. They demonstrated a good understanding of project requirements and a solid risk management approach. They propose to complete the works in one financial year and we are really looking forward to seeing the works commence," Cr Brown said.

Works to be completed as part of the capital works program on the roof structure include removal and replacement of existing roofing on various sections and improvement works to other aspects including replacing sky light sheets, painting, rust removal, gutter cleaning and removal of all redundant metal work from the roof.

A 10-year roof maintenance program will be implemented once all capital works have been completed to ensure ongoing management of the facility's roof.

This project was advertised previously in July 2017 but the tender process failed to attract a complying tender. As a result, the tender specifications were reviewed by staff in consultation with SMEC Engineering (who produced the options analysis for the HILAC roof works) prior to the tender being readvertised in late 2017.

"Council staff will work with affected HILAC user groups to minimise disruption while construction is taking place. While there will be some changes to arrangements in the interim, we all acknowledge this work is long overdue and once complete will help build HILAC's reputation as a premier regional indoor sporting facility," Cr Brown said.

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STATE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS WESTERN COUNTRY REGIONAL CRICKET HUB IN HAMILTON

The Western Country Regional Cricket Hub, an elite cricket training facility, will be built at Monivae College in Hamilton

The Victorian Government, Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria through the *Community Cricket Program: On Common Ground*, will contribute \$500,000 towards the project.

Southern Grampians Shire Council is delighted that the facility will be built at Monivae College in Hamilton. Mayor of Southern Grampians Shire Cr Mary-Ann Brown said this facility had the potential to be one of the most exciting sporting, education and community facilities ever seen in Victoria.

"The selection of Hamilton as the location for this unique regional facility supports our strategies to position Hamilton as a major service provider across western Victoria. It also shows the potential of Hamilton's superior education facilities to act as an economic driver for the entire Greater Hamilton region. This facility will attract players, teams and competitions from across western Victoria and south-east South Australia and will support the development of male and female cricketers with the best sports science technologies and education programs.

"We welcome the funding from the Victorian Government and thank them for supporting a project that will benefit cricket in our region. Monivae College is also to be commended for its initiative, vision and investment," Cr Brown said.

Monivae Principal Mr Mark McGinnity is extremely grateful to the State Government for their support.

"This project has been many years in the planning, working with Cricket Victoria, Cricket Australia, local and regional cricket associations, Southern Grampians Shire and Sport and Recreation Victoria. It will support participation, high performance and education pathways building on Monivae's reputation as an elite education provider with first class facilities. The State Government should be commended for its commitment to supporting the development of cricket across the regions, said Mr McGinnity.

Kelvin White, President of Western Waves Cricket Region said the facility would be a huge boost for the region.

"We as a region are obviously very excited to have such a cricket facility develop in our midst. We are sure that it will give impetus to our cricket generally, and provide amazing opportunities for our players. We appreciate all the work that has gone into the planning and look forward to continuing the partnerships with all involved," Mr White said.

The Western Country Regional Cricket Hub will service south-west Victoria and the Wimmera Mallee regions providing state-of-the-art training facilities to support the personal and sporting development of the best cricketers and community access for people from all backgrounds to maximise their cricketing potential.

The Regional Cricket Hub will create a new indoor and outdoor cricket facility. It will feature a main pavilion with scorers' box, indoor training centre with a minimum of four pitches, sports science technology and office accommodation for Cricket Victoria representatives. New unisex change-rooms and umpire rooms, public toilets and spectator seating, will also be built. Outdoors, there will be irrigated ovals, new training nets, and 8-10 fully enclosed turf practice and hard wickets.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1.789 million.



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The changes require farm land to be marketed widely to potential Aussie bidders for a minimum of 30 days and provide the opportunity for Australians to participate in the sale process.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said they had heard concerns some properties were being sold overseas without being advertised locally.

"We want to make sure Aussies get a fair crack at buying Aussie farms," Mr Tehan said. "Today we have brought in new rules that mean sellers have to advertise their property to the locals. We want transparency and integrity in foreign sales of our farmland. That's why we created the farm land

ownership register, which shows us how much of our land is owned by foreign interests. We also changed the rules, so foreign purchases of land worth more than \$15 million face a national interest test – Labor allowed no scrutiny of all farm sales under \$252 million. We're pleased Australians will get a fair go at buying Australian farms."

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