2016 WHAT’S COMING UP

MARCH 2016
Thurs 3 ‘Making Friends’ performance by School Performance Tours commencing at 2:20pm. There will be no SAKG Garden Classes held after lunch.
Fri 4 SGSSA Swimming Sports at the Penshurst Swimming Pool.
Mon 7 to Fri 11 Parent Teacher Interviews for Grade 1 – 6 students.
Tues 8 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wed 9 MARC Library.
Fri 11 Funky Hair Day - students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear a ‘funky hairstyle’ in aid of the Leukaemia Foundation. Please bring a gold coin donation.

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. A reminder that the Prep students will not be attending the District Athletics Sports, they will attend school as normal.

Mon 21 National Harmony Day - students and staff are encouraged to wear a “touch of orange” (e.g. ribbons, scarves etc) to school.
Tues 22 PUPIL FREE DAY – “High Reliability Schools” PD Workshop in Hamilton for school teaching staff.
Tues 22 and Wed 23 MacqLit Professional Development Workshop in Melbourne.
Wed 23 MARC Library.
   eSmart PD workshop in Hamilton – James Stephens.
   Year 6 Grampians Regional 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 Regional 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
Sun 10 Farwell Afternoon Tea for Mr Rob Smith commencing at 2:00pm at the Grampians Golf Course.
Mon 11 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2.
Thurs 14 Glenthrop Dunkeld FNC NAB AFL Auskick commences at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Please contact Ally Gordon on 0429 900 747 for details. NetSetGo! Commences at 4.30pm at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve (ages 5-10 years). Contact Rebecca Howell on 0437 965 577 for more information.
Fri 22 ‘Utter Nonsense’ performance by School Performance Tours – 9:15am
Mon 25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

MAY 2016
Thurs 5 Caulfield Grammar School concert commencing at 1:00pm. P & F Association will provide lunch for the visiting students and staff. Dunkeld Consolidated School students will have their lunch from 12:30pm to 1:00pm and playtime from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. No SAKG Kitchen or Garden classes will be held today.

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES
Mon 7 March P & F Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm.
Mon 22 March School Council Meeting No 1 – 7.30pm

FORM’S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
Mary Doumany Ticket Request Form
SAKG Kitchen and Garden Roster Term 1 2016
Invitation to a “farewell” Afternoon Tea for Mr Rob Smith on Sunday 10 April
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

Our school is excited to announce that we have made the decision to introduce a new reading intervention program specifically designed for children around the Year 1 and 2 level who for any number of reasons might be finding learning to read more difficult than that of others.

The program is called MiniLit and we have invested in training both Clare Kennedy and Helen Trahar. This program will offer small groups of children, four sessions of up to one hour per week of extra reading support. For now, Clare will be running the sessions and her enthusiasm to get started is plain to see. Furthermore, Clare will be travelling to Melbourne for further training in late March in a new program (from the same institution as MiniLit) called MacqLit which is specifically designed for children in Upper Primary who also may benefit from some intervention to improve reading. I thank Clare and Helen for taking part in these two day training sessions and wish them well.

This coming Friday we send a team of swimmers across to Penshurst to take part in the Southern Grampians Schools Sports Association (SGSSA) swimming carnival. Good luck to those swimmers and in advance we thank those parents who were able to help on the day and also to Mrs Alison Prentice who accompanied and supervised the students for the day.

Thank you to Jo Aarons who has recently become our volunteer ‘Library Monitor’ whereby book returns are scanned and put back onto shelves. If there is someone else, maybe a parent from the Prep to Year 2 classes who might be interested to share with or occasionally relieve Jo we would be grateful if you could please let us know.

FAREWELL TO MR ROB SMITH

You are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea at the Grampians Golf Club, Victoria Valley Road, Dunkeld on Sunday 10 April commencing at 2.00pm to farewell Mr Rob Smith (on his retirement). Formal presentations will commence at approximately 3.00pm.

Could you please bring a shared plate of either sweet or savoury food to share for afternoon tea. Tea and coffee will be available at no charge. Cold drinks may be purchased at bar prices.

If you have any queries please contact the school on 5577 2384.

We hope you will be able to attend this enjoyable afternoon!

SCHOOL TIMES

For a smooth start to the day, parents are requested to have their children at school by 9.00am. Children are not to arrive before 8.45am unless prior arrangement is made with the Principal, as staff are not on duty until 8.45am.

- 9:00am School Begins
- 10:00am Fruit Break
- 11:00am Recess
- 11:30am Classes resume
- 1:30pm Lunch
- 2:20pm Classes resume
- 3:25pm Home

MEDICATION

In the interest of safety, no medicines will be administered by teachers unless written permission and instructions are given by parents. All medication and instructions must be given to the teacher to look after. If this is necessary, please assist us by providing medication in the original packaging that indicates your child's name, the dose required and the time the medication is to be given. Signed parental permission is required.

Parents must notify the school of any asthma attacks their child has had and an Asthma Plan is written. The school must also be notified of any allergies that their child may have.

BUS TRAVEL

To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses at all times the following conditions apply, and students must agree to the following:

- At the bus stop do not play on the road or try to get on the bus before it has stopped.
- Make sure you and your belonging are inside the bus at all times.
- Do no throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out of the window.
- Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
- Get on and off the bus quietly an in an orderly manner.
- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Do no distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
- When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
- No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, for example aerosol cans.
- Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
- Seat belts must be worn where fitted.
- It is strongly advised that children have supervision at pick-up and drop-off times.

For any change of travel arrangements, please send a note or make an entry in the child’s diary so it can be noted on the relevant bus roll. A late change may mean a phone call. We will not take the student's word for a change in bus travel.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016

After calling for nominations for School Council, three nominations have been received for the four parent members for the 2016 – 2018 term. This is a second and final call for those who may be interested in nominating as a parent representative for School Council. Nomination forms are available from the school office and must be returned to school by 4.00pm on Monday 7 March.

A reminder that the first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 22 March in the Dunkeld Consolidated School Staff room commencing at 7.30pm.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

SGSSA ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY: A reminder that forms for donations and roster are due in by Wednesday 9 March.

Memberships: Never too late to become a member! If you’ve lost your form, please email Ally at sgajgordon@hotmail.com. Memberships are $5 per person payable at the school office.

Meetings: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 7 March commencing at 7.30pm at the school. A general meeting will follow.
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.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS
The 2016 School Swimming Champions were presented with their individual medals at last week’s assembly. Congratulations to all.

SGSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS
Congratulations to the following children who have qualified to participate in the SGSSA (Southern Grampians School Sports Association) Swimming Carnival to be held in Penshurst this Friday 4 March 2016 commencing at 11.30am.

Zach Burgess, Thomas Calvert, Sam Cullinane, Charlie Field, Campbell Glazebrook, Amity Haley, Myles Haley, Isabel Hanson, Xanthe Huf, Ella Jackson, Fingal Jackson, Julia Kelly, Will Kent, Abby Lazzari, Addison Linskens, Ashleigh McNaughton, Jonah Morganti, Lachie Phillips, Ben Potter, India Ross, Anna Schurmann and Sarah Symes.

The students are able to attend school on Friday at the normal time and would need to depart at approximately 10.45am. Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to transport their child/children to the swimming carnival or to organise through private arrangements with another parent to transport their child.

Good luck to everyone.

Isabel Hanson, Amity Haley, Ben Potter, Myles Haley, Thomas Calvert, Xanthe Huf, Zach Burgess, Sarah Symes

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen.....

This week I welcome the Year 3 students and Mrs Higgins to harvest, prepare and share lunch. Potatoes have been harvested together with onions and garlic and ‘woody’ herbs such as rosemary, thyme and sage have survived the minimal water given over the summer. Potatoes and rosemary are a lovely combination and will be delicious as ‘Rosti’ with herbed sour cream.

We will discuss how to be safe in the kitchen and where our dish eaten the night before originated. Parsley is also abundant and will be the main ingredient in our ‘Pesto’.

The Kitchen once again becoming a great learning environment - numeracy and literacy, history and geography, science and teamwork.

WANTED: Glass jars with matching lids.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

Just a reminder that students will need to bring $3.00 for each kitchen class to help cover the cost of lunch ingredients. Money is to be handed to their classroom teacher on the day.

From the Garden...

Please see attached Term 1 Garden Roster.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

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 17th March.

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

Second Hand Uniforms
The school has a number of second hand school uniform items available, which also includes a small number of red polo shirts (if your child is in the Wannon House). The school is always happy to accept any donations of pre-loved uniforms. Please see the school office for purchases and donations.
MISSING items of clothing
School Rugby Jumper belonging to Myles Alderman
labelled Myles. Size 10.
Blue Bucket hat, initials “HB” inside the brim and a pair of blue thongs belonging to Heidi Burger.
School Rugby Jumper belonging to Jasmine Crawford.
Size 8. Has a name on the tag and inside the jumper on the school logo.

FRIDAY 11 MARCH
Staff and students (even parents) are encouraged to wear a “funky hairstyle” on Friday 11 March and give a gold coin donation for participating. Funds raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Some crazy hair ideas: Spike it up! - brightly coloured ribbons, scrunchies, wild wigs, waves, curls, coloured hairspray. *Children please ask your parent’s permission before you do anything to your hair.

HARMONY DAY – MONDAY 21 MARCH
Harmony Day is coming up on Monday 21 March. It’s all about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone – celebrating the cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a “touch of orange” (e.g. ribbons, scarves etc) to school on Monday 21 March to celebrate Harmony Day. Further information may be obtained from: www.harmony.gov.au

AUSTSWIM
Interested in becoming an Austswim Teacher? Austswim teachers are in high demand. Develop essential knowledge, skill and understanding to teach vital swimming and water safety education. Courses are being held at HILAC on 19 and 20 March cost $348.00. For more information please phone 1300 885 666.

HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED!!
The Dunkeld Hockey Club is looking for players for three divisions this season. Games are played in Hamilton on Saturdays and Sundays during Terms 2 and 3.
We are seeking young players for Division 5, who must turn 7 in 2016, Division 4 players who have had some basic experience and played in 2015 or before and Division 1 Women.
If you are interested or would like more information please ring Jen McArthur (5573 3265) or Lea McArthur (5577 2307).

NAB AFL AUSKICK
Glenthompson Dunkeld NAB AFL AUSKICK KICKS OFF in 2016 at Dunkeld Rec Reserve on THURSDAY 14 APRIL from 4:30pm – 5:30pm and runs for 8 weeks. Adrian Field will be coaching, along with assistance from other parents, which will allow the groups to be divided into age groups. Regardless of the weather AUSKICK will be held.

All registrations online at www.aflauskick.com.au no cash will be accepted. Cost $80.00. Packs will be delivered directly to participants. For further information, please call Ally Gordon on 0429 900 747.

NetSetGo!
Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club will be conducting the NetSetGo program again in 2016. Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games for ages 5-10. Commences Thursday 14 April at 4.30pm at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve and will run for 8 weeks.

Cost is $49.00 and includes registration fee and pack. Last year we had fantastic numbers, if this is again the case we will be grouping differently and I will require someone else to assist, along with weekly helpers. If you would like to take on this role, please let me know. Details on how to register Online will be included in the next newsletter.

Contact Rebecca Howell on 0437 965 577 for more information.

Hamilton Junior Football League
U12 Football 2016 Registration Day
Melville Oval 16th March 4pm – 6pm
For children 9-12years
For new and existing players.
Existing players must re-register.
Contact Danial Hallam 0428 129 512 or Lachie McCrae 0418 540 790

Fast4Family Tennis Day
Come along and enjoy a day of casual tennis.
Where: Dunkeld Tennis Courts
When: 12 March, at 1.00pm.
Who: All ages welcome.
Cost: $5.00 per player.
Ring: Jen McArthur on 5573 3265 for more information or to sign up or, just turn up on the day.
Dunkeld Community Plan

We ♥ Dunkeld
Community Planning Forum and Lunch
Come and help plan your vision for Dunkeld

17th April 2016
Dunkeld Community Centre
11.30am — 3pm

RSVP Essential - Wed 13th April
Phone Jane on 55730243 or
e-mail jcoshutt@shgrampians.vic.gov.au

In partnership with Dunkeld Progress Association

This is your chance to get involved in building a better future for Dunkeld

What is a community plan & why do we need one?
A community plan will provide Dunkeld with a focus on key future directions and a common reference when working with all levels of government. A plan provides a community with a stronger voice and strengthens connections and communication across the general community. The plan outlines a vision, short to medium and long-term goals, with solutions that will assist the future development of the town. It is a ‘whole of community’ focus and identifies partnerships which help achieve action.

Dunkeld Community Plan Survey
Please complete the Dunkeld Community Plan Survey to help us discover what is most valued about Dunkeld and how to plan for our future.

You can get a copy of the survey from the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre

Please return completed survey to the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre by: Friday 18th March

Contacts:
Mary-Ann Brown
Dunkeld Progress Association
Ph: 0412 528 176
Mary-ann@mabinsurance.com.au

Jane Coshutt
Community Engagement Coordinator
Southern Grampians Shire Council
Ph: 5573 0243
jcoshutt@shgrampians.vic.gov.au
Shop locally at the Dunkeld & District Community Bank® and go into the draw to win this basket of Easter Eggs. It will be drawn at the branch on Tuesday 22 March 2016.

Pictured holding the basket of eggs is Branch Manager, Anna Watson.
The Grampians Piecemakers Quilting Group has been established since 1985 with around 10 - 12 members from Dunkeld district and Hamilton. An invitation is extended for interested people to join them 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 contact person for any queries is Jennifer McIntyre at Karabeal and her phone number is 5574 9266.

The programme for 2016 is as follows.

- **March 10**  Meeting at Dunkeld Information Centre at 9.30 to travel to Koroit. We are going to visit Diana Webster in her new home in Koroit and then visit a quilting shop.
- **April 14**  Faye Gordon’s home, Sterling Street, Dunkeld - 5577 2388.
- **May 12**  Judy Trompf, 364 North Boundary Road, Dunkeld – 5577 2414.
- **June 9**  Shirley Lovell, 256 Kent Road Hamilton – 5571 1726.
- **July 14**  Iris Field, 'Spring Vale', Mirranatwa – 5574 0202.
- **August 11**  Jennifer McIntyre, 'Northwood' Karabeal – 5574 9266.
- **September 8**  Geraldine Bradshaw, 65 Kent Road, Hamilton – 5572 5076.
- **October 13**  Margaret Roberts, 30 Gray Street, Hamilton – 5572 2562.
- **November 10**  Betty Lacy, 32 Gray Street, Hamilton – 5572 4667.
- **December 10**  Christmas Luncheon - to be arranged.

**MIRRANATWA CLEAN UP OZ DAY**

Eleven ‘eager beavers’ braved 35 degree heat and cleaned up around the Hall and roads in Mirranatwa on Sunday. Supervisor Rex directed participants to selected sites, where supplied bags were filled with mostly discarded bottles, cans and plastic, and the occasional odd thing was unearthed.

The group returned to the Hall for a delicious sausage sizzle, supplied by Landcare and prepared by members John and Fiona. It was hot but healthy fun and thanks to: Rex, Gaye and Kristy, Deb T and Marcia, Ian, John and Fiona, Ron (from Ballarat), Iven and Iris, Kylie McIntyre at the Shire and Peter Day for the road signs.

**VICTORIA VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE**

**Raffle and Stall**

The Victoria Valley Hall Committee will be holding a Stall in front of the Bendigo Bank on **Easter Saturday morning 26 March**.

Donations of items to sell will be greatly appreciated. We will also have a Raffle. Tickets will be available shortly.

Prizes will be:
- A Trailer load of wood
- A $50 gift voucher
- A basket of Easter eggs

**Fast4Family TENNIS DAY**

Come along and enjoy a day of casual tennis.

*Where:* Dunkeld Tennis Courts
*When:* 12 March, at 1.00pm.
*Who:* All ages welcome.
*Cost:* $5.00 per player.
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**SCULPTURE APPEAL NEWS**

*AN UPDATE -* Thanks to everyone who has pledged a donation to the Michael Shells Fools Vessel Sculpture for Dunkeld appeal. The sculptor has generously agreed, not only to give us a $1000 reduction on the price, but to leave it in situ pretty much until we can get over the line with the target at $3,000. We have applied to other avenues for some extra funding, and we continue to get more pledges trickling in.

If you have already made a pledge we will not call it in until we reach the target, which could take another month or so. Don’t forget to go and have a look at the work hanging near the western end of Salt Creek. It’s good weather for a walk and the sculpture is inspiring.

If you haven’t got around to adding to our total, please email me at rozgreenwood@bigpond.com and I will be happy to add your name to the list.

*Roz Greenwood.*

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**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.

*Mary-Ann Brown, President*
JULIAN BURNSIDE AO QC
Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate. Australian Living Treasure and recipient of the Australian Peace Prize

"Is this really Australia?"

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre
Sunday 10 April 2016
Time: 2.00pm

COST:
Adults $10.00
Students $5.00
Includes light afternoon tea

BOOKINGS: Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, Brown St, Hamilton
Phone: 5573 0429
www.hamiltonpac.com.au

ENQUIRIES: Hamilton and District Rural Australians for Refugees
Email: refugee2015hamilton@outlook.com

Hamilton Library
Proudly presents visiting Author:
Sallyanne Pisk -
accredited practising dietitian and nutritionist and former Monivae College student.

EATING FOR YOU
Sallyanne is passionate about sharing her nutrition and health knowledge in a way that allows you to make mindful choices, to move from where you are today to where you want to be.

If you’re keen to improve your health and wellbeing, this informative session could be for you. Books will be available for purchase.

Tuesday 15th March @ 12.30pm
ADMISSION IS FREE
Bring your lunch and relax.
Bookings @ Hamilton Library
Phone: 5573 0470 or email: library@shbgramplains.vic.gov.au

MON – FRI
Open from 10.30am til Late

SAT
Open for Breakfast from 9am til Late

SUN
Open for Breakfast from 9am til Late

Take-away available & Fully Licenced

Ph (03) 5577 2288
109 Parker Street, Dunkeld, VIC 3294
Bookings Welcome

DOING IT COUNTRY STYLE.
GRAMPIANS ARK AND GRAMPIANS TO GRASSLANDS FOX CONTROL PROGRAM
This fox baiting pulse runs from Monday 1 February 2016 until Sunday 10 April 2016.

If you are laying baits, please inform your neighbours. If you have bait take data from the last pulse, please email or ring me with the details, I’d greatly appreciate that! Baits can be picked up from Kelly & Henson in Dunkeld, but we may also find a supplier in Hamilton to support us - if that concept would work better with you please get in touch with me ASAP.

Any queries or questions, just call or email - thanks!
Lisa 5574 9235  advancel@bigpond.com

VARIETY CONCERT
The Dunkeld and Pannyaabur 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 Lachy 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.

DUNDELD RED CROSS
The Dunkeld Branch has sent $400 of their funds to the Cyclone Winston Appeal appeal for Fiji so far.
Apart from a few personal visits, RED CROSS CALLING will be using collection tins at Izzy’s, General Store, Cafe 109, and the Post Office with all donations going towards the Cyclone Winston Appeal.

President Jenny Cook has volunteered for Red Cross Emergency Services for the Western region to the SA border and will begin training sessions.

Next meeting will be Thursday 24 March in the Henry Leech RSL Room.

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
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.

DUNDELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP – NEXT MEETING
Monday 21 March 8.00pm
Dunkeld Community Centre

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.


OFF THE RAILS
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 on 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.

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

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 an 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.

MOBILE LIBRARY
DUNKELD
COMMUNITY CENTRE CARPARK 11.30am – 1.30pm
March: 10th & 24th
April: 7th & 21st

MIRRANATWA
HALL, SCHOOL ROAD 4.00pm – 5.00pm
March: 17th & 31st
April: 14th & 28th

Phone: 5573 0470 www.sgrampians.vic.gov.au/library
The Mobile will not operate on Extreme and Code Red Fire Declared days
DUNDELD
GENERAL
STORE
93 Parker St, Dunkeld, 3294
info@dunkeldgeneralstore.com.au
PHONE 03 5577 2418

Long Weekend Hours
- Saturday 12th 7am – 4.30pm
- Sunday 13th 7am – 4pm
- Monday 14th 7am- 4pm
(Spectator available Tues 15th)

Phillipa’s Easter has arrived
at Dunkeld General Store.

*Kennedy and Wilson Chocolates...........see in store

Easter Hours
- Good Friday 25th 7am-5.30pm
- Easter Saturday 26th 7am-5pm
- Easter Sunday 27th 7am-4pm
- Easter Monday 28th 7am-4pm
(Spectator available Tues 29th)

School Holidays
Normal hours with Sundays 7am-3pm

OPEN 7 DAYS 8:30am – 5:00pm
35 Williams Street Dunkeld
Ph: 0400 744 612

Café and Tea Garden

Come in and try our
Homemade Waffles.
They are sensational!

Options include:
- Canadian Style with Bacon and Maple Syrup
- Salted Caramel
- Kiwi and Passionfruit
- Banana and Choc fudge sauce
- Strawberries and Raspberry Coulis

We have a large range of sweet options available. Enjoy a morning, afternoon tea with us or book in for lunch.

Call Shantelle on 0400 744 612.
We look forward to welcoming you.
Cheers from the team at DD
FROM THE LIONS DEN
Several of our members were at the
Funeral Service for Bob Turner. Not only
is Bob the father of our member Pam
Turner, but also over the years he helped
out at various functions. One he
particularly liked to help at was the cooking for the Challenge
Cancer Group weekend, at this we cook breakfast and lunch
for approximately 25-30 young cancer sufferers and carers and
helpers for the day; in all approximately 90-100 people. Bob
always appreciated the fact that his family had good health
and told me he found these weekends to be very humbling.
Our condolences to Pam.

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE INC
A Public Meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 23
March at the Community Centre. At this meeting the new
Committee for the next 3 years will be elected. Nomination
forms are available from John Prust or John Smith. It would
be great to have some new members on our Committee.
The DPLC manages the Caravan Park, Memorial Park, Salt
Creek and the Arboretum area, on behalf of the Government.
We have done our best to improve facilities so our town and
district can prosper.

Caravan Park: We are approaching the busiest time of the
year. Gary works very hard at our Park and we appreciate all
that he does. A well patronised Caravan Park is very
important to the prosperity of our businesses. We hope they
appreciate our efforts.
The Office will be completed soon. A big thank you to all who
have assisted us with its siting.

Labour: Brian Mathews and I went to Beaufort last week and
sought information about the Landmate Program. Groups of
workers from the prisons do community work all over
Victoria. This area has not been serviced because there are
few prisons within travelling distance. We will talk to the
Landmate Co-ordinators soon about getting some help.
John Smith President

EUROPEAN WASPS
The wasps are appearing in the
town and surrounding districts in
great numbers this year. They
make living, working and enjoying
the great outdoors over the warmer
months very uncomfortable,
stressful, and possibly painful, as
they can repeatedly and
aggressively sting. However,
keeping their population under control is achievable and not
too onerous a task. At the Dunkeld School, the children
have been learning about the wasps during their garden
classes. They have learnt that these wasps ‘migrated’ (on
planes and ships) from Europe, northern Africa and
temperate Asia about 57 years ago, and so have little or no
natural predators here. The climate is also very liveable for
them – it is the very cold winters that help to keep their
populations under control in their native countries. Because
our winters are relatively mild, the wasps can easily live
throughout the year, which also means the nests can
become very big. The children made wasp traps using used
orange juice bottles, and used a small amount of cheap red
cordial as a bait. While this will trap wasps, thankfully we
now have available a registered product to treat the wasp
nests. Finding the nest takes a little time, but can be done!
The wasps like to drink water, so you’ll see them gathered at
pet water bowls, troughs, dams etc. Watch as they take off
after drinking (late afternoon is a good time) – they’ll head
directly back to their nest, usually in a very straight line. See
Jason at Kelly & Henson’s Mitre 10, as they stock Yates Ant
& Roach Dust, which is a pyrethrum dust that can be “puffed”
directly into the nest. The safest way is to dust at night,
when the wasp activity is very quiet. Using a torch with red
cellophane over the light is also another precaution. There is
also a bee-keepers suit available to borrow – it’s at the Post
Office. Hang a piece of tape near the nest, so you can revisit
in 2 days’ time to check that the nest is dead – there will be
no wasps moving in and out of the nest. If there is some
activity, use the dust again. The Blackwell’s at “Corea”,
south east of Dunkeld, have been destroying nests for many
years. Last year they reached an amazing target of 85
nests, but this year they are already up to 64 nests and still
counting. The wasps nest in
a variety of places, Cee is
now finding the nests at
ground level against fence
droppers. They’ve also
found them on dam banks
and she says it appears
they need a clear space
around their nest entrance.
She also finds they don’t like
disturbance, having found nests in long phalaris. Cee says
she listens for wasp activity – their droning sound is lower
than a bee’s and quite strong, which can draw your attention
to the nest site. The Blackwell’s together with many
individuals and families in and surrounding Dunkeld are all
doing their bit to help keep these introduced pests under
control. Please help them if you can, we’ll all be better off!
Lisa McIntyre

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DUNKELD by Marion Colton

One of the aspects I love in Dunkeld is the natural beauty and I hope I never take it for granted, as can often happen when places, people and things become familiar.

It delights me every day to see the wonderful forms of Wurgarri (Mount Sturgeon), Mud-Dadjug (Mount Abrupt) and little Bainggug (Piccaninny). They are the same yet not the same. I can look at them from many different aspects and see them anew. They stand majestic and powerful, emanating their great force of ages. They remind me to be grounded, to be “steady as a mountain”. They are so still yet always changing, transformed by the morning light, shrouded in soft white clouds, backed by dark thunder clouds, painted in the rose, yellow and orange of the setting sun, and sometimes brilliantly illuminated in the silvered light of a full moon.

Not only do they offer these marvels, but walking in their shelter reveals a host of other wonders...the amazing variety of plant life indigenous to this area. I am so much enjoying discovering the different species, learning about them and enjoying all the wildlife they harbour and nourish.

As I walk, I drink in the stillness, the peace, the pure air and the space uncluttered by human endeavours. In our modern age we are fortunate indeed to be able to daily imbibe these qualities.

I love also wandering along Salt Creek. In the Spring, the flowering gums; pink, red and cream, the mauve and cream melaleucas, the red and pink callistemon and the long, deep green, weeping casuarinas filled me with joy. Looking closely at their forms, colours and textures, all reflecting the light, I am humbled by the magnificent, intricate artwork of Nature, that, no matter how hard we humans try, we can never compete with.

My heart thrills to have the opportunity to watch the little Swamp Wallabies hiding among the trees and reeds. And, in how many places can we observe a male emu and his four chicks walking in single file or foraging beside the lagoons in the Arboretum? It is so special. It reminds me that I am but a tiny part of a natural world that is rapidly disappearing.

And what can I say about the magnificent River Red Gums with their wonderful, serpent-like limbs, their fierce uniqueness and their mixture of soft and dark hues twisting this way and that? I so much love these ancient trees, as does the resident Willie Wagtail.

In the early morning or at dusk, in the stillest parts of the day, it is a joy to see the kangaroos grazing. Some are so huge, strong and powerful, and move with a wonderful, fluid energy.

To discover meadows of native grasses and flowers was, and is, a special treat. So many are disappearing. As well, we have trees from all around the globe offering us their gifts, challenging us to learn about them, to appreciate them. May I not take all this for granted and may I daily grow more aware of the natural world that nourishes me.
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GARDEN NOTES – MARCH

Most potato crops should now be ready for digging, take care not to damage the tubers as their storage life will be considerably reduced. Store clean, dry, undamaged tubers in a cool, dark and dry position and they will last for several months.

Early plantings of peas and broad beans can now be made into well drained soil which has been prepared with a dressing of garden lime and superphosphate or complete fertilizer. Remember, that animal manure should not be used on legume crops such as peas or beans.

Sweet Peas can be sown now and will make a very colourful display during the late winter and early spring. Their requirements are the same as for peas and broad beans except that a fence or trellis is required for support.

The flowering period of many flower crops such as Dahlias and Roses will be extended if you pay attention to “dead heading” i.e. removal of spent flowers.

Lawns can be sown during March to take advantage of soil temperatures still warm after summer.

Don’t forget to regularly water your established fruit trees after harvest as this is when next seasons fruit buds are formed.

Pumpkins should be handled very carefully after harvest as they can bruise easily thus reducing storage life.

The combination of warm daytime temperatures and cool, often dewy nights experienced during March can encourage the development of fungus diseases on some vegetables particularly the pumpkin group, also parsnips.

Removal and disposal of affected leaves and light regular dustings of sulphur will usually control this problem. Also avoid overhead watering as this can increase the incidence of diseases, especially mildew.

A reminder not to dump or burn fallen autumn leaves, they are very valuable as mulch or compost.

Happy Gardening,
Stephen Hughan
From the Kitchen...

Year 3 students with Mrs Higgins and a willing group of friends enjoyed a great day in the kitchen for the first class of 2016. Andre McLoughlin, together with the ‘Tasty Tomatoes’ group, grated our harvested potatoes and onions to make Potato Rosti. Rosemary Salt pounded with the mortar and pestle was a very tasty addition. Carol Burger and Ali Howgate, together with the ‘Munchy Muffins’ mixed freshly chopped herbs of parsley and chives with sour cream as an accompaniment to the Rosti and weighed and processed ingredients for the cream cheese icing for our Zucchini Cakes. Melissa McIntyre and the ‘Happy Hams’ beat eggs and sugar together using the electric beaters adding grated zucchini and the dry ingredients. Together we placed the cream cheese icing on top with crushed walnuts and with a candle in one for Andre we sang happy birthday. Heather Hampton with the ‘Beaming Bananas’ harvested a beautiful bunch of parsley to make parsley pesto using the food processor and adding it to the warm pasta to serve.

- The kitchen once again becoming a great learning environment - numeracy and literacy, history and geography, science and teamwork.
- Thank you to the generous donors of jars, zucchini, capsicum, cucumbers and plums.

Learning to approach new food from the SAKG Foundation

…..‘In the kitchen we encourage all children to have a taste of all dishes that have been made. We encourage tastes all through the preparation process, before it is cooked, after it is cooked before and after seasoning. It is important that we stretch their boundaries and explore new things. Children may need to try a new food 10 – 20 times before they become comfortable with it. We don’t just eat foods that we like – we come to like foods that we try regularly. We are allowed not to like some foods but we will not know that if we first do not taste it.’

Happy preparing and sharing together. Clare Kennedy

From the Garden...

Last week we shared our lessons with seven Friends, two of them new to the program - it was wonderful as each Friend was able to spend time with their group of three children, and both parties had a great learning and social experience.

We learnt some amazing facts about snails, and my favourite fact is that snails have 14,175 teeth on their tongues. I did not know snails had teeth, and also can’t believe how someone had the patience to count them! Snails can also lay 100 eggs at a time, and under ideal conditions (and good luck) can live up to 15 years. The common garden snail (Helix aspersa) is not native to Australia, and we spent time discussing how these snails “migrated” from Europe to Australia.

Other garden activities involved planting lettuce, marigold, pancy and capsicum seedlings, cleaning out the chook yard and in turn be treated to Happy preparing and sharing together.

I hope the Grade 3’s enjoyed their first day of cooking – they were to feast on the potatoes we grew in our potato towers and harvested last week. I am wondering if anyone has a world globe they no longer need, I’d love to have one in the garden to support the garden lessons.

Please support the SAKG program and in turn be treated to a beautiful evening of music or the chance to win fantastic prizes (4 tickets to Paul Bangay’s Open Garden, or 2 beautiful garden books and book voucher, or a lovely set of bowls). Thank you. Lisa McIntyre

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**ANZAC Day Memorial Tributes Feature – The Age:** Once again, The Age is happy to announce that they will be publishing an ANZAC Day Memorial Tributes Feature on Friday 22 April 2016 to commemorate the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

The feature will pay tribute to those who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces. The feature will contain captivating editorial along with memorial tributes. Each tribute will feature a photograph and text as shown in the below example:

The conference, convened by Military History and Heritage Victoria Inc., will be held at the Pompey Elliot Memorial Hall at the Camberwell RSL on Saturday 16 April 2016. Entry fee $50 for MHHV members and concession, $75 for General Admission. The price includes morning and afternoon tea and light lunch. Please register here: http://www.mhhv.org.au/?page_id=673&event_id=1019

**One Day Conference: Kokoda and Beyond: Papua and New Guinea 1942-1945:** In early 1942 the Japanese set their sights on capturing Papua and New Guinea.

A series of defensive battles at Milne Bay and along the Kokoda Track, as well as the naval victories in the Coral Sea and at Midway Island put the Japanese on the back foot. Then followed a series of Allied offensive operations that drove the Japanese back and provided the springboard for General Douglas MacArthur’s successful advance into the Netherlands, East Indies and the Philippines.

This one day conference examines this critical period of Australia’s military history. This conference will include fresh analysis and insights from a highly informed and relevant range of historians and veterans.

- Dr Adrian Thelfall, author of Jungle Warriors: From Tobruk to Kokoda and beyond, how the Australian Army became the world’s most deadly jungle fighting force is the keynote speaker.
- Dr Peter Dean, editor of the acclaimed Cambridge University Press campaign series Australia 1942, 1943 and 1944-45, will analyse the campaign in the context of the wider war in the Pacific.
- Ian Pfennigwerth will examine the naval aspects of the campaign, Dr Mark Johnson the air force contribution and Neil Sharkey on the Kokoda Track Battles.
- Bill Halliwell will critically examine General Thomas Blamey’s performance as the Commander-in-Chief working to General Douglas MacArthur.

And most significantly, a panel of veterans from these battles will relate their experiences and perspectives.
GLENELG AND SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS PREPARE FOR NEW DIGITAL AGE

Public feedback is now being sought on a new strategy which is maximising the full potential of the south-west region to embrace Australia’s Digital Economy.

The Glenelg and Southern Grampians Draft Digital Strategy is now on public exhibition, calling for business, industry and community opinion on how the region can gain maximum benefit from the roll-out of high speed internet.

Last year the Southern Grampians and Glenelg Shire Council’s united to develop the digital strategy in a bid to maximise the full potential of embracing Australia’s emergent digital economy as a result of the NBN roll-out.

Regional Development Victoria through the Regional Growth Fund – Putting Locals First Program provided funding to undertake the project which has analysed the community’s current digital capabilities. Glenelg Shire Mayor Cr Max Oberlander said the introduction of high speed internet would provide never before seen opportunities for business, health and education and it was vital the community was equipped to respond to the new technologies.

“The next stage of this important project is for the public to provide their input into how we can best transition into this new digital age,” Cr Oberlander said.

“I urge people to visit www.ourdigitalstrategy.com, or grab a copy of the strategy from a Glenelg Shire customer service centre to provide feedback and advice on how this new technology can be best utilised. Alternatively people can use #ourdigitalstrategy to join the social media conversation.”

Glenelg and Southern Grampians have among the slowest ADSL speeds in regional Victoria with only 65 per cent of households currently connected – 15 per cent less than the state average. Research shows the new faster speed internet will drive Victorian business productivity growth by up to 14 per cent.

Southern Grampians Mayor Cr Peter Dark said the vision outlined in the report is that by 2025, Glenelg and Southern Grampians would be leading examples of successful digital communities and local governments in regional Australia.

“We want to enhance digital infrastructure in our towns, nurture a digital culture and build stronger digital skills in our community, particularly with our older residents,” Cr Dark said.

“Through these actions, we hope our councils, in partnership with businesses, service providers and the wider community will have developed a healthy and prosperous local environment that embraces digital change and all of the opportunities it presents.”

Copies of the digital strategy are available from all Glenelg Shire and Southern Grampians Customer Service Centres with a questionnaire survey to guide feedback. Alternatively visit www.ourdigitalstrategy.com to learn more about the project.

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.

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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB
PENNANT – On 27 February the combined team of Penshurst/ Dunkeld travelled to Hamilton for the semi-final against Casterton.
In a game played well and in good spirits, the combine were defeated.

Our lads: Lead – Neil Scott; Second – Paul (Date) Callander and Skip – Peter McLean, played most games and proved to be a handy asset for the combine. The concept of the combined team has been beneficial to all bowlers, enabling them to experience playing pennant. This will put them in good stead for the future.

THE MATTISKE & HENDERSON OPEN PAIRS – Our very popular board event, the annual Open Pairs was played on 25 February with a full rink of 16 teams from far and wide. Playing conditions were perfect, with many visitors commenting on the high quality of the playing surface.

The Winners – John Overall and Ken Prewett, winning all 4 games.

Runners-up – the Penshurst team of Basil Eales and John Page, with 3 wins – 13 shots up.

Third place – Angus Jackson and David Pink, with 3 shots, 4 shots up.

Many thanks to the ladies for the wonderful catering for both lunch and afternoon tea.

Again, our gratitude to MATTISKE & HENDERSON of Hamilton, for their on-going support, with considerable prize money being made available, is greatly appreciated.

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 –

- Men’s B Grade Championships – Saturday 12/3/16
- The “Stuart Darroch Day” – Saturday 19/3/16
- Men’s 21 UP - Saturday 9/04/16

ENTRY SHEETS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB
Junior presentation night on Friday 11 March 6.30pm at the clubrooms – please bring a salad.
Senior presentation night 18 March 6.30pm at Cafe 109.

At 5.30pm Saturday Grampians supporters will have felt that another premiership chance was available with both the Under 16 team and A Grade team, viewed by many to be massive underdogs in a good position. One hour of cricket later and the A Grade dream was shattered and ultimately both teams finished on the wrong side of the ledger.

Under 16’s: Despite losing two players in the last few weeks of the season our Under 16 boys produced a herculean effort in trying to combat the star studded Macarthur team. On day 1 led by captains Lachie Field (51ret) and Ryan Burgess (26) the team managed a very creditable 170. Last wicket partnership between 11 year old Zac Burgess and Bailey Hermann of 37 giving the boys great hope.

Day 2 and some incredibly tense cricket, with Dylan Mooney smashing through the top order with 4 wickets and Ben Cullinane also prominent. With a few overs to go a direct hit run out had the boys up and about, but ultimately a stronger Macarthur team prevailed and the game was done.

Association presentations followed and our club had award winners with Will Kent winning the Under 14 bowling aggregate award, Lachie Field the Under 16 aggregate and Spectator player of the year award and three Puma’s nominated for the prestigious Les Dahl award in Vincent Huf, Dylan Mooney and Lachie Field. Lachie was fortunate enough to win this in conjunction with Tobi Cook from Hamilton.

A Grade: Will Collins (2-51), Lachie Field (3-14) and Thomas Millard (2 runouts) were on fire as Grampians routed the lengthy Byaduk batting line up for just 133 on Saturday. An amazing effort from the young bowling attack had presented the team with an incredible opportunity to make their way into another grand final.

A fired up Byaduk bowling team then produced a burst of bowling that left the innings in tatters. A few very questionable decisions and some very ordinary on field behaviour from the opposition left most spectators with a sour taste in their mouths, but the Puma lads refrained from joining in and once again displayed tremendous sportsmanship and resilience.

Sunday dawned and our hopes were with the youngest players and they battled valiantly before the final wicket fell at 68. Byaduk batted again but at 3-95 the game was done and our inspirational captain Heinrich Joyce called it quits.

A huge thank you to all Dunkeld and District people and Grampians Cricket Club supporters who came out on the weekend to support our teams. We had a mighty crowd for both juniors and seniors and the players were all very grateful for your support.
Hi there,

My name is Gemma and I'm on the casting team here at The Great Australian Bake Off. After a hugely successful first series on Lifestyle FOOD, Maggie Beer and Matt Moran are back once again on the hunt for Australia's best home bakers to take part.

We are looking for applicants from all over Australia and I was hoping that you might be able to help us spread the word among your club community that applications are closing soon.

Also, please feel free to let me know if there are any up and coming star bakers that you think I should reach out to directly.

Thank you for your time.
Best wishes,
Gemma

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CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR 2016 BUSINESS AWARDS

The Small Business Victoria Southern Grampians Shire 2016 Business Awards are now open. Now in its 20th year, the awards are firmly established as the premier event in the Southern Grampians Shire business community says Council's Economic Development and Tourism Manager, Hugh Koch.

"Over the past 20 years, the business awards have developed into a highlight on the Southern Grampians Shire’s business calendar with dozens of businesses being recognised each year" Mr Koch said.

"The awards are a fantastic way for businesses to receive recognition for their hard work and benchmark themselves against a set of best-practice principles to grow their business”.

Entries for the awards opened Monday 7 March and will close on Friday 15 April. Judging will take place in May, with the Awards presentation evening set for Friday 24 June at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre. The post-awards workshop, which provides feedback to entrants, will be held on Tuesday 12 July from 12.00pm-2.00pm.

Small Business Victoria has assumed the role of major sponsor of the Awards following the departure of long-time sponsor Powercor. The Ace Radio network continues their involvement of 20 years and will be media partners in the event with the Hamilton Spectator, Crowe Horwarth, Bendigo Bank, Hamilton Regional Business Association, Southern Grampians Adult Education and Waltanna Farms continue their involvement in the Awards, while we welcome new category sponsors Iluka Resources, Harvey Norman and South West TAFE.

Independent business consultant Kevin Bennett will once again be the sole judge, and will work with businesses that enter the awards to review their operations and provide feedback on their business processes. Kevin has vast experience in coaching, mentoring and working with businesses and each business that enters will receive a visit from Kevin to highlight the strengths and attributes of their business. Each business will then receive written feedback from Kevin.

2014 Business of the Year winner Trotters Coaches, Operations Manager Mr Con Pattista, encouraged businesses to participate. "The Business Awards process involves turning the spotlight on your internal policies, practices and procedures," Mr Pattista said.

"This process of self-examination permits you to take a step back from the day-to-day management tasks and ask some fundamental questions like 'how is this important, is it still relevant, what does it add to the business, are we doing this out of tradition or necessity?' These, and many other similar questions, need to be asked periodically in an attempt to stay on top of our industry sector, in a fast and ever-changing world" Mr Pattista concluded.

Mr Koch urged all businesses in the Shire to consider entering the awards. "The process is extremely valuable in that it not only allows for each business to receive advice and feedback from a dedicated judge, but also allows them to attend workshops to learn and reinforce skills to assist their businesses. The presentation evening is also a great night to celebrate the successes and innovation of our local business community”.

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Could you please bring a shared plate of either sweet or savoury food to share for afternoon tea. Tea and coffee will be available at no charge. Cold drinks may be purchased at bar prices.

If you have any queries please contact the school on 5577 2384.

We hope you will be able to attend this enjoyable afternoon!
DUNKELD COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY

Your input is valuable to make sure what matters to you is captured for Dunkeld’s Community Plan. This is your chance to get involved in building your town and community. The following questions seek to discover those things you value most about Dunkeld as well as things you would like to see changed or improved.

What would improve services and connections for people in this community?

What would make the local community stronger?

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What things about Dunkeld make it special and unique?

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