

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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The Dunkeld Rodeo Committee is pleased to announce they will again be saddling up with the Woodall Rodeo promotion team to produce a cracking day's family entertainment in 2018.

The second annual Sturgeon Stampede – Dunkeld Rodeo is to be held on Saturday 10 March 2018, which is the long weekend and will be held at the beautiful Dunkeld Racing Club.

Gates will open at 3:00pm, and the Rodeo action will begin at 5:00pm, with some of the best bulls and bull riders in the country. Also barrel racing, rodeo clowns and bull fighters! With the open bull ride final under lights at 9:00pm and a live band playing until the event ends at 11:00pm.

The Sturgeon Stampede will continue to focus on being a family friendly event, with a large alcohol-free area designated to accommodate families with free children's activities including mechanical bull, jumping castle, petting zoo and face painting.

A multitude of community-group provided food options including BBQ, pizza, hot dogs, chips, donuts and ice-cream will ensure that funds raised on the day will stay local.

This is a strictly No BYO event with drinks available at the venue at bar prices. Free camping is available but camp fires are strictly prohibited.

With adult prices at \$25 per head, \$10 for a child under 16 and \$60 for a family entry, the Rural Steel Sturgeon Stampede Dunkeld Rodeo promises to be a "cracking arvo".

Get along and support this event that is supporting your community!!



## DONATIONS

Dorothy Blanch	\$25
Liz Myers	\$25
Rex & Gaye Beveridge	\$30

We rely on donations to the Community Newsletter to offset all expenses relating to producing it. Please send in your donation to the Dunkeld Consolidated School office where it will be receipted and an acknowledgement made via the Newsletter. A receipt will be provided. **Please make cheques payable to the "Dunkeld Consolidated School."**

## CHURCH TIMES

### Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Sunday	March 11		No service (mass at Glenthompson)
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Week	Easter Sunday	April 1	8.30am	Mass

\*\*Please RSVP by Tuesday 13 March for Saint Patrick's Day Irish Dinner.\*\*

### Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Anglican Church Dunkeld.

Everyone is very welcome.

March 11	Hamilton		Check Spectator
March 18	Anglican	9.00am	
March 25	Uniting	9.00am	
April 1	Anglican	5.00pm	Easter Day
April 8	Uniting	5.00pm	Janet Shalders
April 15	Anglican	5.00pm	
April 22	Uniting	5.00pm	Janet Shalders
April 29	Hamilton		Check Spectator
May 6	Anglican	5.00pm	
May 13	Uniting	5.00pm	
May 20	Anglican	5.00pm	
May 27	Uniting	5.00pm	Rev Bill Clark

\*\*\*\*\* Please note change of time to 5.00pm Sundays from Easter Day onwards\*\*\*\*\*

Enquiries June Cashman 5577 2592 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277.

### Pannyabyr Uniting Church

To be advised.

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

An Easter Service will be held at the Mirranatwa Uniting Church on Sunday 1 April at 2:30 pm, followed by afternoon tea. All most welcome to attend.

The following members can be contacted at any time:

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

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Issue Number	Cut-off Date	Distribution Date
<b>4</b>	<b>Mon 19 March</b>	<b>Wed 21 March</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
5	Mon 16 April	Mon 18 April
6	Mon 30 April	Mon 2 May
7	Mon 14 May	Wed 16 May
8	Mon 28 May	Wed 30 May
9	Mon 11 June	Wed 13 June
10	Mon 25 June	Wed 27 June
<b>JUNE HOLIDAYS</b>		
11	Mon 23 July	Wed 25 July
12	Mon 6 August	Wed 8 August
13	Mon 20 August	Wed 22 August

## EVENTS CALENDAR - MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>5</b> Newsletter contribution cut off	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Dunkeld Mobile Library  Grampians Piecemakers Quilting Group	<b>9</b> Pilgrim Walk	<b>10</b> Sturgeon Stampede Rodeo	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Dunkeld Tourism Association Meeting	<b>15</b> Mirranatwa Mobile Library	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Dunkeld Catholic Women's League	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Newsletter contribution cut off  Defibrillator Training	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Instagram Workshop Dunkeld	<b>22</b> Dunkeld Mobile Library  Red Cross Meeting	<b>23</b> Dunkeld Heritage Trail Unveiling	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Grampians Retreat Family Day for Trevor Morelli
<b>26</b> Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Meeting  Budget Information session Dunkeld	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Mirranatwa Mobile Library	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> DRASS Garage Sale CBD Dunkeld	<b>1</b>

## GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

### *Walk Victoria's Icons*

On 15 February twenty community members met at the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre to walk along the Salt Creek trail to discuss proposed upgrades as part of the Grampians Peaks Trail construction works.

Members from Parks Victoria, Southern Grampians Shire Council and the Dunkeld Public Land Committee Inc were available to answer questions, and discuss the proposed design and upgrades to the small flood affected area along the walking trail behind the Royal Mail Hotel.

Community feedback on the night indicated:

- an interest in the trail being of a higher standard of track as the trail is used by residents on a daily basis;
- where possible retain some of the boardwalks;
- minimise vegetation clearing; would like signage outlining the history of the boardwalk;
- replicate historical pathway surfaces by using cobblestone and corduroy if possible and
- stabilisation of creek banks.

Parks Victoria and Southern Grampians Shire Council as part of the Flood Recovery works will work together to evaluate feedback and responsibilities for upgrades in the near future.

The Salt Creek walking trail will link with the southern section of the Grampians Peaks Trail when completed in late 2019. It will form a world-class 13 day - 12 night walking experience showcasing the spectacular natural and cultural landscapes of the Grampians National Park.

For more information about the Grampians Peaks Trail visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or [www.grampianspeakstrail.com.au](http://www.grampianspeakstrail.com.au)





## P A R L O U R

**The Australian Blues Music  
Awards 2018 Artist of the year  
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intimate show!**

*Erin Hinchliffe*



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

**The Block. Griffins Hill. Dunkeld.  
23 March 2018  
From 7.30pm**

**Tickets: \$50  
BYO Drinks**



All tickets to be brought through the  
Facebook page  
Lloyd Spiegel Live at the Foot of Mt  
Sturgeon via Parlour Gig  
Or

Erin Hinchliffe  
0456 018 891

## AMBULANCE VICTORIA SEEKS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Ambulance is currently looking for new recruits from within the Dunkeld and surrounding area to assist as Ambulance Community Officers (ACOs). For many years the Glenthompson Ambulance Branch has provided a wonderful service across the district. However, as demographics and services change we are looking to expand our pool of ACO's including in Dunkeld.



ACOs are First Responders, who are employed on a casual basis to work "on call". As an ACO you are trained to provide first response emergency care in response to a "000" call. We are typically "backed up" by the arrival of a Paramedic crews. We are currently seeking people who are keen to help out in the Community. You certainly don't need to have a medical background as we will provide all training required.

Do you think you would be interested in:

- Receiving nationally accredited training?
- Learning and practicing skills that really can save lives?
- Be part of a team maintaining our skills each month?
- Being available "on call"?
- Looking after one another and the community?

If you think you could help or know someone who might be, please call or SMS James Haley on 0428 376 941, or even pop in and say g'day to me at 30 Recreation Road, Dunkeld and we can have a chat.

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## DUNKELD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Invite all to a **Celebration of Saint Patrick's Day** on **Saturday 17 March**. Mass at 6.00pm. 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.

## DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ORCHESTRA VICTORIA - STRINGS CONCERT  
FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018
- "ALL MY LOVE" TUESDAY 10 APRIL

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

**—CHANGE OF DATE—**

**Monday 19 March**

There will be training in the use of defibrillators at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Monday 19 March 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**

## DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26 March, 8.00pm, at the Dunkeld Community Centre. All welcome.

**Heather Hampton, Secretary**



## GRAMPIANS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

An invitation is extended for interested people to join in a day of creativity, chat and companionship each second 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.

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

## DUNKELD TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 March at 5.00pm** in the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre meeting room.

The Dunkeld Tourism Association is a proud Bronze Sponsor of the Sturgeon Stampede Dunkeld Rodeo. Looking forward to a fun afternoon.

- ❖ The Visitor Information Centre has some lovely locally made and sourced Dunkeld souvenir and gift items for purchase. Don't forget to pay us a visit when you are next looking for a special gift.

**Vicki Kearney Purchasing Officer**

## GLENTHOMPSON DUNKELD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



### NETBALLERS WANTED!!!!

The Glenthompson Dunkeld Netball Club are having their first junior training session

on Thursday the 8th March, 5pm at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve. We would like to invite any 13&under, 15&under and 17&under girls to come out and have a run around with us for the season.

We would welcome any girls (and boys under 13) who may also play another sport but would like to try a bit of netball for fun ... flexibility in availability will be supported. If you have any further questions, please speak with Jo Frost 0428 585 434 otherwise we would love to see you there!!

## GRAMPIANS RETREAT FAMILY DAY

*Calling Big Kids, Little Kids and Kids on the inside...*

Dunkeld Progress Association and Grampians Retreat welcome you to: The Grampians Retreat Family Day

**Sunday 25 March 2018**

Open	10.30 am
Flying Fox Rides	11.30 am
Lunch	1.00pm
Giant swing rides	2.00pm

Admission includes sausage sizzle lunch, swimming, low ropes course, face painting, wildlife hunt and rides. Bring a picnic if you want and BYO drinks. Swim. Relax. Enjoy.

**\$10 per head**

*All proceeds towards Trev's Treatment, supporting the Morelli family.*



## Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group

## GARAGE sale in a GARAGE



**EASTER SATURDAY,  
31 MARCH – 8.00am  
MECHANICS GARAGE,  
DUNKELD CBD**

Donations of goods gratefully received on site - Good Friday 1.00pm.

Or prior, to Judy Warne (0432 786 245) or Maree Willey (0448 387 998).

(Please no electrical goods).

## SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS GREATER HAMILTON LIBRARY MOVES HOME

The Greater Hamilton Library will close the doors on its temporary home at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (PAC) this Friday as the refurbishment works near completion.

The Library will close at 5:30pm Friday 23 February and will reopen in the new-look building at 105 Brown St on Friday 2 March.

Library Coordinator Kelly Pitt-Lancaster said the week-long closure will allow for the mammoth task of moving the collection back into the building.

"We have a big job ahead of us to move back into the Library and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by our short closure. Items are able to be renewed online during this time and items can be returned through the returns chute.

"We are confident that our patrons will be pleased with our new look space and we know the changes we've made to the Library will significantly improve our ability to deliver quality library services to our community," Ms Pitt-Lancaster said.

The refurbishment was made possible thanks to \$121,000 in funding from the Victorian Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure program. A new and vibrant space has been created, which enhances browsing and collection accessibility for library users and includes new flooring, mobile shelving, new service desk, improved staff space and the creation of a dedicated area for creative play.



## MOBILE LIBRARY

Will be visiting every Thursday fortnight  
12.00pm – 1.30pm, Sterling Street (Community Hall)

### Dates for MARCH

Dunkeld: 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mirranatwa: 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (3.30- 4.30pm)

Phone: 5573 0470

[www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library)

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## DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

**Next meeting: 26 March 2018**

Southern Grampians Shire Council Budget Information  
Session 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

Followed by Dunkeld Progress Association meeting 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

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*Lucinda Peterson, President*



### 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 as an Affiliate Member. Affiliate Memberships are also available to members of emergency services (Police, Fire Brigade, CFA, Ambulance and/or SES). Social memberships are available to any member of the community who wishes to join an RSL Sub-Branch. 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 fees payment may be made to the Secretary. Application forms are also available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

### Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day

**Dawn Service:** The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held on Wednesday 25 April commencing at 6:30am sharp at the Dunkeld Cenotaph in the Memorial Park. Guest Speaker will be local identity, Mr Peter Flinn.



Following the service there will be a free barbecue breakfast and tea and coffee served in front of the Dunkeld Visitors Information Centre, generously provided by the Dunkeld & District Lions Club members. Ex-service men and women, the local community and visitors are welcome to attend the service and breakfast.

### Villers-Bretonneux 100 Years Robinvale-Euston 2018:

Due to the strong connections Robinvale has with Villers-Bretonneux, and Euston's connection to France during World War 1, it was agreed that these communities would hold a suitable commemoration to honour the Centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux in 2018.

ANZAC Day Eve, Tuesday 24 April, is the date chosen for Robinvale and Euston to hold such commemorations;



exactly one hundred years on from that battle. The proposed itinerary is:

- 1.30pm Re-consecration of the Euston Cenotaph, Euston Memorial Park.
- 3.00pm Official Opening of Robinvale-Euston Memorial Park.
- 5.30pm RSL Service at the Robinvale Cenotaph.
- 6.30pm Community barbecue tea, Caix Square (local entertainment provided).

This will be a special occasion for the townships of Robinvale and Euston, re-affirming their status as twin-town of Villers-Bretonneux. Members are invited to attend these commemorations honouring the brave soldiers from World War 1.

### Yarraville RSL Sub-Branch – ANZAC Day

**Commemoration Service:** This is a formal invitation to attend the Yarraville Sub-Branch's 103<sup>rd</sup> year, ANZAC Day Commemoration Service to be held at the Yarraville Club, 135 Stephen Street, Yarraville, on Saturday 21 April 2018. Those wishing to march will assemble at the Yarraville Bus Terminal/Train Station at 10.00am sharp. The parade will then proceed past the Cenotaph to the Yarraville Club and assembly inside for the service to begin soon after. Please note that this is a commemoration and not a celebration so the ceremony will reflect this demeanour. Please RSVP to Glenn Hollibone, Hon Secretary on 0413 998 104.

### The Silent ANZAC Project – Our Soldiers Journey –

**Armistice Centenary Tour 2018:** The Footscray-Yarraville City Band (FYCB) has commissioned and produced a beautiful piece of work called, *The Silent ANZAC*, which they performed in 2015 and 2016 before large and appreciative audiences; it has proved to be an outstanding success. The concert features the performance of a major work for brass bands titled, *The Silent ANZAC*, composed by a young New Zealand composer, Todd Smith. A reception for the launch of "The Silent ANZAC Project" will be held on Thursday 8 March at the Maribyrnong City Council Rooms.

Briefly, the inspiration for the concert came in 2013 with the discovery, in the FYCB rehearsal hall, of an old rope-tension bass drum from WWI, and found etched into the antique wood on the inside of the drum were names and signatures of serving WWI soldiers; and so began a journey of discovery. Colin Harrison, a current FYCB bandsman researched the history of those soldiers to find connections they had with the Great War.

Phillipa Edwards, the FYCB Musical Director developed "The Silent ANZAC" based on a concept devised by Jamie Lawson, The Principal Cornet with the FYCB and current Victorian State Cornet Champion. It was inspired by the story of the Australian submarine the HMAS AE2. This submarine successfully penetrated the heavily mined Dardanelles Straits into the Sea of Marmara to disrupt enemy shelling of the Gallipoli shore which enabled the ANZAC troop landing in the early hours of 25 April 1915.



The FYCB is travelling to the Western Front in November 2018 to commemorate the Centenary of Armistice. They felt that these men needed to be honoured for their sacrifice and service to our country. And this story needs to be told to a wider Australian and international community especially considering the daring feats and influence the HMAS AE2, "The Silent ANZAC", played on the course of the 1915 Gallipoli invasion.



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## DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

### UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

#### 1. Please note the change of date to the Dunkeld Heritage Trail Unveiling:

now Friday 23 March, at 2.00pm, at the Information Centre. After a short ceremony, follow some of the trail, guided by Museum Committee members. Afternoon tea at the Museum to finish. All welcome! Free – however, for catering purposes, please RSVP Kay Leyshon 0439 992 250 by 19 March if attending.

#### 2. Dunkeld New Cemetery Tour Saturday, 31 March (Easter Saturday).

- Join a walking tour of the cemetery, hearing the sad, puzzling, tragic and intriguing stories of some of those buried there.
- Meet at the cemetery gate at 1.30pm. \$10 admission; children free.
- Finish with a delicious country afternoon tea.

#### Commemorative Plaque at Mount View

The 28 February this year marked the centenary of the death of Bill Funk's grandfather, William Mereweather. William had served in the local Light Horse for several years before enlisting during World War 1. He survived injury during the war; however, tragically, only a short time after returning home from the war, he was killed in a chaff cutter engine accident. To commemorate his passing 100 years ago, the Funk family installed a plaque at Mount View last Wednesday, on the site of his death. Three of William's grandchildren and other family members attended.



Left to right: William Mereweather's grandchildren Bill Funk, Gladys Hay, Curl Chauncey; great grandchildren Robert Funk and Claire Quinn; great great grandchild Pippa Quinn.

#### VALE LES CLARKE

The Museum committee, on behalf of all members, offers sincere sympathy to the Clark family on the passing of Les, a life member of the Museum. He and Beryl have made significant contributions to the Museum over many years.

#### Museum Roster

MAR 11: Heather Funk; Beryl Gordon

MAR 12(Mon): Kay Leyshon

MAR 18: to be advised

MAR 25: David Gordon, Wally & Carole Allen

The Museum is open on Sundays, public holidays and Thursdays, 1.00pm - 5.00pm. Admission is \$7.50. No admission is charged to current members.  
Contact the Museum: email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com  
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## RED CROSS NEWS

Ten members attended the first meeting for 2018 and discussed the successful Remembrance Day and Christmas lunch, both in November 2017. Our card lady Dorothy has sent many greeting and get-well cards to the local folk who have had problems and illnesses. The branch received a small, attractive wooden box from the RSL at Christmas time and will find it very useful. They thank the RSL for their gift.

March is Red Cross Calling month and the main fundraiser will be an Easter Raffle. Books are already in several venues and the group will be selling tickets in the street on Saturday 10 March ... from the card table kindly donated by Marj Kearns.

This week, President Jenny Cooke took some of the beautifully knitted Trauma Teddies to the Emergency Department of the hospital in Hamilton. We also congratulated long serving member Barbara Dohle on her recent 90th Birthday!

The school sausage roll bake-off will be held probably in Term 2 when the school community may be less busy.

Jenny attended the Emergency Services Meeting in Hamilton and found that we can ask Red Cross HQ for Emergency Money for local needs if they arise.

**Next Meeting will be Thursday 22 March at 2.00pm** at the Henry Leech RSL Room. All welcome.

**Secretary, Iris Field**

## DUNKELD LIONS CLUB

### Thai Dinner



Wednesday 2 May 2018  
Dunkeld Community Centre  
**7.00pm for 7.30pm.**

**Cost \$35 per person. BYO drinks.**

*Catering by the Dunkeld Consolidated School's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program*

All bookings through **Herman Jansen**, preferably by email: hermanj7@bigpond.com  
Text - 0458 405 187 Phone – 5577 2492

Numbers are limited so get in early.  
Bookings close on Friday 27 April 2018.



Dunkeld & District  
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### Bendigo Bank leads satisfaction levels

Despite the strong numbers for the banks overall, the big four lagged behind in the satisfaction levels of Mortgage customers. **Bendigo Bank led from the front with a 91.8 per cent satisfaction level from these customers**, leaving National Australia Bank (77.7 per cent), ANZ (77.6 per cent), CBA (76 per cent) and Westpac (74.1 per cent) behind.  
Source Roy Morgan poll of industry



### Trev's Treatment



Well known local resident, Trevor Morelli, his wife Sam and daughter Leah, are in urgent need of community assistance to raise much needed funds to undertake Immunotherapy. This treatment is not available to Trevor on any medical trial due to the rare nature of his cancer. He has battled this debilitating disease since December 2015 and it is vital that he receive

this treatment as soon as possible to prolong his life. The cost is around \$4,000 every 3 weeks and if successful, he could be receiving treatment for up to 2 years.

Donations can be deposited at the branch or paid directly to an account opened to assist with raising funds. The details are:

Account name: Trev's Treatment

BSB: 633000

Account number: 162189120

Reference: your name

Thank you for your generous support to this very worthwhile cause.

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## CAFÉ AND TEA GARDEN

35 Williams Street Dunkeld

Ph: 0400 744 612

Hi everyone while Chris, Gary, Shantelle and Jonathan are still cruising around Australia. Aleesha and Tryleen are in charge of the cafe.



**WE ARE OPEN AND READY TO  
WELCOME YOU BACK**



**New Opening Hours**

**Monday – Friday**

**9am – 4pm**

**Saturday & Sunday**

**9am – 5pm**

## DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

### MAJOR CLUB EVENTS PROPOSED DATES:

- B Grade Championships March 10
- Ian & Edna McFarlane Day March 13
- Stuart Darroch Memorial Day March 24

**WORKING BEE:** SUNDAY 11 MARCH AT 9.00am.

(Bring a rake/ shovel/ and or wheelbarrow)

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE WILL FOLLOW.**

### LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

Brian M, Gary W, Peter Mc and Matt C went to Coleraine on February 15 and after four games came home with the winnings. On a very quick rink all bowled well and most importantly all contributed when it was really needed. Dunkeld Strikes again!

On 1 March: Brian M, Gary W and Steve K went to Penshurst for the 3 Bowl Triples, the team won all 4 games but did not have enough shots up so they became the Runner Up, another commendable effort from our small club.

### PENNANT

Men's Pennant: Our pennant season came to an end after a loss to Hamilton, a win against Balmoral and losses to Portland and to the RSL side, the last game we reversed the order of the teams and had a win against Grangeburn. It was another year that we were so close to being in the finals and being very competitive.

### TWILIGHT BOWLS

Another Twilight season has come and gone. It was disappointing to see low numbers playing. However, those that did play had a great time. Thanks to Monty, Peter and Christine for the organisation and all their hard work. Thanks to Brian and his helpers in providing the wonderful BBQ which was greatly appreciated.

Once again, we must thank our wonderful sponsors, **KELLY'S HARDWARE, CAFE 109 BAR & BISTRO, DUNKELD GENERAL STORE** and **DUNKELD DELIGHTS**. Thanks folks!!

The winners were the Little K's: Eric, Ben and Jack, from Macca's Plumbers: Matt, Lisa and Nicki.

Next year we will look at having the Twilight starting in February. This time may suit more players, if you have some feedback for us re Twilight, please let us know. It is our aim to make this event as usable and friendly as possible.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Ladies Championship:** The ladies champion for 2018 is Heather McIntyre. Well done Heather and congrats to all who competed in this major event.

Heather then went on to play in the Champion of Champions event and on the second day, at Penshurst, Heather went on to win and become the Western Division Champion. A great achievement and the Dunkeld Bowls Club duly acknowledge this great win. (Apparently, the bottle of bubbly went down very well that night!!)

Heather went on to represent the Far Western Bowls Division for the Regional Ladies Singles Championship, at Warrnambool. After a good start her opponent was able to change the mat length which Heather found difficult to adapt to in the windy conditions and was beaten in the semi-final.

**Men's Championship:** After some great games and upsets over the qualifying rounds, Monty and Gus played off for the major title. In a tight game, Monty pushed Gus until at about

14 all, Gus showed his class and gradually pulled ahead to take out the Championship.

Again, well done to all who competed, the standard of bowling in all games was excellent. Gus went on to compete in the Champion of Champions event held at Penshurst. After two good wins Gus and Richard Martin played off in the final.

In one of the best games witnessed by many people, Gus went down 24 – 25. Well done Gus!

*Far Western District Ladies Champion, Heather McIntyre*



### THE DUNKELD PAIRS

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On 21 February a full rink of local and visiting teams contested this main event. In excellent weather conditions and on a beautifully prepared rink, 16 teams played over 4 games of 12 ends for the honour of this board event.

At the days end, the only 4 game winners were Cloud (Mark) Astbury and Mirrors (Frank) Logan, who won the day defeating Bob Howland and Ambrose Joyce on 3½ wins and 98 points from Brian Mathews and Gary Wall on 3½ wins and 97 points.

Again, a THANK YOU, to the ladies for their wonderful catering. Also, a thank you, to Neil Scott and Sandy Riddle, who filled in at the last moment due to a team failing to present. It was good to see Sandy back on the rink and he thoroughly enjoyed the day.

### THE M.A. TEMPLETON MEMORIAL 21 UP

Another of our major events was played on February 17 & 18 in beautiful conditions for bowls. After four tight elimination rounds, it was down to Syd and Skeeta to play the final. In a game that could be no closer, Syd managed to overcome Skeeta 21/20 to take the title. Well bowled Syd!

After many people urging Skeeta to get some newer, narrower bowls, he finally succumbed and with his new XG's is proving to be a far better bowler. Good decision Skeet!!

The Ladies 21 UP final will be contested between Anne Colmo and Beryl Lowe.

### FOOTY TIPPING

Yes folks, it is that time of the year again!!!

The Bowls Club will have a tipping competition with good prizes.

Enter at the club or contact Gary on 0488 715 705.

**Gary Wall, Publicity Officer**



## NATIONAL DISABILITY CONFERENCE INITIATIVE GRANTS ROUND OPEN

The Turnbull Government is making it easier for people with disability to participate in nationally focused, disability-related conferences held in Australia.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said grants of up to \$10,000 are available to organisations to help people with disability participate in conferences being held from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. "People with disability in Wannon can benefit from the grants, which will give people the opportunity to attend national events and conferences", Mr Tehan said.

The grants are designed to assist conference organisers in supporting people with disability; including accompanying family members or carers, with costs associated with attending a conference. The grants can contribute to costs such as registration fees, travel and accommodation.

"As well as travel needs, the grants can be used to develop accessible materials, employ Auslan interpreters, or offer assistive computer devices, software, aids and appliances", Mr Tehan said. I encourage local organisations to apply for the grant, to help people with disability better participate in national conferences. •

The National Disability Conference Initiative promotes inclusive and accessible communities as part of the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

The National Disability Conference Initiative can provide more people with disability in [location] the opportunity to engage in national conversations that affect them, allowing them to participate as equal citizens in the Wannon community, Mr Tehan said.

Applications close at 2.00pm (AEDT) on 20 March 2018.

To apply for a grant or more information on the National Disability Conference Initiative grant round, go to Australian Government Community Grants Hub at [www.communitygrants.gov.au](http://www.communitygrants.gov.au).



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## ON THE BEAT

Greetings all.

It's been a long dry spell but it's starting to feel like Autumn weather just now. Beautiful sunrises and skies at night. What a great place to live – the Western District.

Few issues to raise. With the dry weather the kangaroos have really started coming into Dunkeld township. I've noticed a couple of mobs lately that are frequently crossing the Glenelg Highway at speed, giving very little opportunity for a driver to react, so bear that in mind.

It was brought to my attention recently about the number of people who are driving through intersections who are completely oblivious to slowing down and giving way. It would appear the drivers are totally unaware that they've done so until it's too late. These are just a few intersections in the local area and I'm sure other people would add more to the list:

- Hamilton-Chatsworth Road, Caramut-Glen Thompson Road, Nareeb.
  - Templeton Street and Parker Street (Glenelg Highway), Dunkeld.
  - Caramut-Glen Thompson Road, Glenelg Highway, Glen Thompson.
  - Henty Highway, Cavendish-Dunkeld Road, Cavendish.
- Obviously, it's an extremely dangerous situation and there will be various reasons for why this is occurring. One suggestion is a reliance on GPS navigation. I can't provide you with a definite answer. Your best solution lies with
- being aware that drivers may not give way or stop at an intersection.
  - driving in such a way that you anticipate this possibility and being prepared to react as required. Defensive driving is another way of describing this.

In simple terms, you can be driving and doing everything right and still be hit by a driver doing the wrong thing. Concentrate on your driving, before you get to them, scan intersections for vehicles that could be approaching and slow down if in doubt. Most drivers, if they've driven a vehicle for some years and are prepared to be honest, will admit they've missed seeing a vehicle at an intersection and failed to give way – myself included. We're the lucky ones because we survived. Please take care.

I also had a complaint raised to me about cyclists riding around Dunkeld without their bike helmets. Perhaps people may believe that it's kids riding to school. I'd like to say that it's not the kids – they're doing a great job! It's the adult riders that are the problem, which is disappointing because our kids are looking at them as role models.

Really appreciated the assistance of local farmers, SES and CFA members and Ambulance Service at a vehicle rollover at Burnside Lane and Red Hill Road, intersection recently. The driver was stuck in the vehicle which was on its side. The SES used the 'jaws of life' to safely get the driver out of the vehicle, before she was airlifted with the Ambulance helicopter to Melbourne. Country people working as a team to get the job done and help someone in need – thank you!

The Sturgeon Stampede and the long weekend are here shortly. A great time for visitors and locals alike to enjoy what's on offer here. I hope you get to enjoy some relaxing time and maybe partake of the Grampians National Park, the beautiful eateries and shops in Dunkeld, and the entertainment on offer. Stay safe!

Dedicated to Bob.

Bruce McNaughton, Leading Senior Constable  
Dunkeld Police Station, 5577 2260

## DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

**Caravan Park:** We have selected our new caretaker. I am pleased to announce Geoff Hinchliffe is appointed to the role. We had some good applicants, but Geoff impressed us with his enthusiasm and ideas to develop the Park. We all look forward to working with Geoff, Erin and Daniel.

Our committee thanks Gary Wall for his seven years at our Park. Gary has been a great worker and has worked hard to improve the Park. We wish him well and hope a good rest will help him overcome his health issues. Good luck, Gary.

As soon as a large crane can be hired (hopefully after the long weekend), our second part of the residence will be put in place. It should not take long to complete once on site.

**Memorial Park:** We thank the Dunkeld Racing Club for their generous donation of \$2,500.00 to help us fund the Gallipoli Plaque. This is appreciated by us.

**Sawmill:** Organisation for our big day on Sunday 29 April is going well. We are collecting logs and thank Greg Parke for a Cypress log and a donation of a swing saw.

**John Smith, President**

## FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE – MARCH 2018

There are three streams of money that Council's Flood Recovery unit are managing for the reinstatement of assets damaged by the 2016 Floods and Storm event. These are Category B – Roads, Drains, Footpaths, Bridges, Culverts, and public infrastructure; Category C – Community assets (which are not covered by insurance or eligible under Category B); and Insurance claims.

### CATEGORY B

Nineteen locations have received urgent interim works by eight local contractors. These roads have not been restored but have received maintenance work to improve public safety. These sites were considered a high risk to community safety due to the road damage caused by the flood and storm event.

Three large contracts of work, valued at \$20 million, were awarded to contractors Quality Roads and Mibus Bros. Eleven roads have been completed under the contracts so far. An additional 30 sites have had work completed outside these contracts.

The works completed include maintenance grades; resheeting and formation grades; shoulder and table drain works; culvert replacements; embankment restoration on the Cavendish Coleraine Road; and embankment beaching to eight bridges e.g. Dundas Creek Bridge and Wannon River Bridge.

Contracts are currently being prepared for tendering. These include works to restore damage to major culverts and bridges, minor culverts, bridge replacement, underground drainage, footpaths and parking bays. Tenders are currently being advertised for the repair of culverts and the footpath and parking bays in Whyte Street Coleraine.

### CATEGORY C

There were 29 identified flood affected projects across the Shire that fall under the Federal Government National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, Category C funding.

Funding was received in October 2017 of \$1.76 million. This funding is fully committed to the 29 projects identified and all works will be completed by June 2019.

Six projects have been completed:

- **Coleraine Cricket Club** – replacement of equipment – wicket covers, playing equipment, practice pitch mats

- **Coleraine Cricket Club** - replacement of minor plant – bowling machine, clubroom cupboards, BBQ, table and chairs
- **Lake Hamilton**– removal of debris, scanned lake for hazards
- **Hamilton Cricket Club**– pump repairs
- **Byaduk Community Precinct** – playground soft-fall replacement, toilet amenities
- **Ron Lewis Park Cavendish**– replaced plants, gravel paths

21 projects have commenced (works, request for quote or tender):

- **Seven walking tracks** – Coleraine Bryan Creek, Hamilton Rail Trail, Grange Burn, Tarrington-Hamilton, Cavendish Settlers Walk, Dunkeld Salt Creek / Arboretum and Mt Rouse
- **Seven Coleraine projects**– Bowls Club, Tennis/Hockey Courts, Netball Courts, Silvester Oval terracing, Turnbull St, Cricket Practice nets, Queens Park fence, Fire Running Track
- **Hamilton projects** – Rifle Club track repair
- **Branxholme Rec Reserve** – clubroom cladding, access road repairs
- **Penshurst Rec Reserve** – carpets, clubroom cladding, playground soft-fall replacement
- **Tarrington Community Space** – repairs to asphalt
- **Dunkeld Caravan Park** - cupboards replacement

#### Projects partially completed

- Turnbull St Oval -fence replacement
- Hamilton Rifle Club - culvert replacement
- Branxholme - footbridge repair, court repairs
- Dunkeld Caravan Park – white goods, amenity repairs, loss of track material
- Cavendish Settlers Walk - boardwalk repairs
- Penshurst Rec Reserve - playground soft-fall, carpet replacement
- Hamilton Walking Track – debris removal
- Bryan Creek Track – debris removal
- Salt Creek Track Dunkeld – inspection costs

#### INSURANCE

There are 16 identified flood affected projects across the Shire. Insurance claims are only applicable for Council owned or managed assets. Two insurance claims have been presented to date, valued at \$264,752.21. A third claim is in progress, valued to date at \$12,207.82.

12 projects have been completed to date under insurance claims:

- **Byaduk Public Toilets** - replaced doors and painted, raised sewer pump
- **Cavendish Pre School** - clean-up of yard, new soft-fall, portable toilet hire, kinder assistant, land capability study/plan/ title consolidation for septic installation
- **Coleraine Caravan Park** - Public Toilet, Shower Block repairs
- **Coleraine Reserve** - Cricket Rooms - Portable Toilet hire and purchase
- **Coleraine Silvester Oval Netball Pavilion** - New carpet, inspection and clean debris from septic
- **Coleraine Silvester Oval Netball Courts** - Geotechnical testing and report

- **Coleraine Silvester Oval Netball Rooms** - *Structural report*
- **Coleraine Turnbull St Playground** – removal and replacement soft-fall, temporary fence hire
- **Hamilton Apex Park Shed** - debris removal and clean up, repair to washout beneath train platform
- **Hamilton Apex Park BBQ & Shelter** - replaced BBQ, waterproof streetlights
- **Hamilton Apex Park Toilet** - new doors and repaint
- **Hamilton Lions Club Rooms** - removal and replacement of carpet, painting, replace vinyl in amenities

#### Projects yet to be completed:

- **Coleraine Bowling Club** – (*emergency repairs to base of green completed*) Replacement green will be sent out for Tender
- **Coleraine Tennis/Hockey/Netball Courts** – (*structural report, fence hire, debris removal, linemarking, alternative pitch hire for hockey*) Waiting for confirmation on insurance outcome
- **Cavendish Toilets and Carpark** (*land capability report, land title search*) Approval to reinstate septic on same location.

For more information on flood recovery works and images of projects, visit [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)



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## LANDCARE NEWS

Two grants are currently open:

The 2018 Community & Volunteer Action grants are offering funding for projects between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Applications close: midnight Tuesday 3 April 2018. And The National Landcare Program (Australian Govt) Environment Small Grants for projects between \$5,000 and \$50,000 Applications close: 5pm 19 March 2018 Project duration: 12 months

Eligible activities: one of more of the following activities:

- weed and pest animal control
- fencing
- erosion control
- revegetation
- education activities and raising community awareness/participation
- access management

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" and "Grampians To Grasslands" Fox Control programs

The next Fox Baiting Pulse\* runs 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\*\**

Now is traditionally and also the perfect time to control the feral fox population. Locally, baits have been regularly taken and as the bait stations are spaced at 1 bait/100 hectares, (because of this broad scale program) each bait taken reliably represents one fox less in the landscape.

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 – date yet to be confirmed – more details to come soon!**

### **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 23 March**, (the new deadline – please, we'd love some more photos!) that will give us time to get them organised properly!

If you haven't looked yet – here's the website describing all the fantastic events and activities  
<http://cavendishredgumfestival.com/>

Cheers and thanks, Lisa McIntyre [advancel@bigpond.com](mailto:advancel@bigpond.com)  
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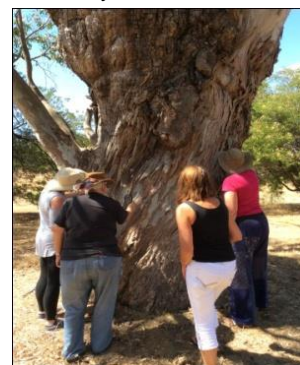
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## DUNKELD ART GROUP

We are very fortunate to not only have some very talented artists but also some wonderful art teachers in our group.

Eleni Rivers ran our pop-up drawing class in the Arboretum last Tuesday afternoon.

In preparation for the Cavendish River Red Gum Festival, that is what we focused on, all different aspects of drawing trees. Thank you Eleni, for a very informative and inspiring session



## GROUND-BREAKING FLU VACCINES TO PROTECT SENIORS

The Turnbull Government will provide two new ground-breaking flu vaccines to over 3 million Australians aged 65 years and over - free of charge.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said "these new vaccines will help provide stronger protection for over 65s in Wannon". The new vaccines have been fast-tracked, to ensure lives are saved and that Australians over 65 years of age receive greater protection.

"More than 90 per cent of the 1,100 flu-related deaths in 2017 were people aged over 65 years of age," Mr Tehan said. "This is the Turnbull Government's direct response to last year's horrific flu season and is aimed squarely at saving lives." "We must continue to do all we can to protect those Australians who are most at risk," Mr Tehan said.

The new vaccines – Fludax® and Fluzone High Dose® – were registered in Australia to specifically provide increased protection for people aged 65 years and older.

From April 2018, both vaccines will be available through the National Immunisation Program following a recommendation from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.

Health Minister Greg Hunt said these new vaccines had been specifically made for the elderly, as their immune systems respond less effectively to vaccines.

"These new trivalent (three-strain) vaccines work in over 65s by generating a strong immune response and are more effective for this age group in protecting against influenza," Minister Hunt said.

"Vaccination saves lives, and they are fundamental to our health system. We encourage all Australians aged over six months old to get a flu vaccination this year before the peak season starts in June."

## COUNCIL HOSTS DRAFT BUDGET INFORMATION SESSIONS

Southern Grampians Shire Council invites interested community members to attend upcoming Budget Information Sessions to learn more about the budget process and the projects proposed in 2018/19.

Council currently delivers over 70 services to the community including waste collection services, services for families, people with disabilities and older residents. Council also provides economic development support for local businesses, maintains parks, gardens and open spaces, infrastructure across our townships and numerous facilities to provide recreation and leisure opportunities across the Shire.

Each year Council prepares a budget to guide the provision of these services and assets across Southern Grampians Shire.

As part of Council's ongoing commitment keeping the community informed and providing the opportunity for feedback, four, one-hour Budget Information Sessions will be held over the coming weeks, prior to the adoption of the Budget in June.

Mayor Councillor Mary-Ann Brown encourages all residents to come along to the sessions to find out more about the Council's plans for 2018/19.

"During the Council plan development last year, our community strongly suggested to us that engagement on the Draft Budget needs to commence before the budget document is prepared allowing the community have input earlier in the process."

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- How you can give us feedback on the Draft Budget

**HAMILTON:** Monday 5 March, 6pm – 7pm  
Greater Hamilton Library, Brown St, Hamilton

**CAVENDISH:** Tuesday 13 March, 6pm – 7pm  
Bunyip Hotel, Scott St, Cavendish

**DUNKELD:** Monday 26 March, 6pm – 7pm  
Dunkeld Community Centre, Stirling Pl, Dunkeld

**HAMILTON:** Tuesday 27 March, 6pm – 7pm  
Greater Hamilton Library, Brown St, Hamilton

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## FROM THE LION'S DEN

### A decade-long hayride

Ten years ago the 'millennium drought', the driest years on record for most of Australia, brought rural heartbreak. So grim was the situation that nationally three farmers per week reportedly were taking their own lives and many others were walking off the land. When devastating bushfires in Victoria's East Gippsland compounded the disaster, Upper Beaconsfield Lion and hobby farmer Graham Cockerell filled his tilt-tray tow truck with hay and with fellow Lions delivered it to disaster areas.

So was born "Need for Feed". Today, after a decade of action, it's busier than ever, helping more rural Australians than ever. Need for Feed was the first convey into Marysville after the horrendous Black Saturday fires.

Need for Feed has become the major supplier of emergency fodder and funding for transport in Victoria, outstripping even the Victorian state government and other agencies combined. Millions of dollars' worth of fodder has been provided, around \$750,000.00 cash and a network of more than 100 volunteers established. When the dairy price crisis hit, Need for Feed networked with others, including schools, clubs and businesses and quickly had money and support rolling in, for farmers right across Victoria, southern NSW, northern Tasmania and the eastern side of South Australia.

Congratulations to Graham and the Lions of V3 for making this a district project, and also to the other people and organisations for their valuable support.

### International Night

This year the International Night will be held at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Wednesday 2 May. The country will be Thailand. More details in coming newsletters.

### The brain

The brain is the most amazing organ. It works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from birth – until you fall in love.

*Peter Hinchey*



### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

*From the Kitchen ...*

Thank you to the many families and community friends that returned the form to become a Friend of the Kitchen Garden program.

The SAKG will be catering for the Sturgeon Stampede to be held this Saturday 10 March. Thank you for your kind donations of funds, time and produce.

Last week we welcomed many new faces into our kitchen with our Year 3 students' first SAKG Kitchen class for 2018. We prepared and shared Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls and Potato and Rosemary Pizza.

Both of these dishes allowed us to practice our knife skills and show responsible behaviour with knives. We also made Tortillas and Hummus.

*Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen*



SAKG Kitchen Friend  
Kaye Wraith with Louis Lazzari, Oscar Fanning, Logan Ross Urry, Grace Kelly and Mia Russell.

### SAKG Kitchen Roster:

THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018 – YEAR 3 - KITCHEN	
11.15am - 2.00pm	Christy Lazzari, Jo Aarons, Carol Burger, Dave Fanning, Annette Huf
THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018 – YEAR 4 - KITCHEN	
11.15am - 2.00pm	Stacey Balkin, Emma Gordon, Julie Butterworth, Claire Maconochie

### SAKG Garden Roster:

THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grades 4 and 5	Stacey Balkin, Julie Butterworth, Rory Vass
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Stacey Balkin Julie Butterworth, Kaye Wraith, Rory Vass, Vivien Brodsky
2.20pm – 3.20pm Prep and Grade 6	Herman Jansen, Brian Mathews, Hayley Glover, Casey Trotter, Vivien Brodsky
THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 5	Paul Callander, Priscilla Jury, Ruth Kyle, Rory Vass
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grades 1 and 2	Paul Callander, Priscilla Jury, Dave Fanning, Ruth Kyle, Rory Vass, Vivien Brodsky
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## COMMUNITY GROUPS ENCOURAGED TO GET THEIR GREEN THUMBS READY!

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan is calling on local community, landcare, environment and other natural resource management groups to apply for funding to further enhance our local environment in Wannon, under the Coalition Government's \$5 million Environment Small Grants opportunity.

The Government is providing the grants under Phase 2 of its National Landcare Program, to help communities deliver natural resource management activities that improve the quality of their local environment.

Local groups and individuals in Wannon can now apply for grants to deliver activities such as invasive pest and weed management, revegetation, erosion control, community engagement, and Indigenous land management planning.

"Our region is blessed to have such beautiful parks and landscapes, and it is important to protect and preserve them for future generations." I strongly encourage all interested groups and organisations to put their hands up for one of these grants to help keep Wannon beautiful."

Applicants have until 19 March 2018 to apply for funding of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 for each project. The small grants will be allocated through a one-off grant in the 2017-18 financial year.

For more information, go to [www.business.gov.au/nlpesg](http://www.business.gov.au/nlpesg)

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## BUMPER EVENTS SEASON AHEAD IN GREATER HAMILTON

Southern Grampians Shire Council has released the Greater Hamilton Autumn/Winter Events Guide, packed with exciting events taking place across the region between March and August 2018.

The 15-page guide, prepared by Council's Economic Development and Tourism unit, contains details of 80 plus events, including all the regular crowd favourites, together with a number of new events taking place across the Greater Hamilton region.

New events featured in the guide include A Midsummer Night's Dream Under The Stars, Grazing In The Garden and the Cavendish Red Gum Festival. There are also details on iconic events like Sheepvention, the City of Hamilton Eisteddfod, Serra Terror and the Peaks and Trails run.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Mary Ann Brown said the Greater Hamilton Events Guide is a terrific resource for both visitors and locals.

"We are blessed to have such a vibrant region and a wide range of things to see and do. This guide is essential reading, not only for visitors here exploring all we have to offer, but for locals wanting to embrace our rich culture and community spirit, and head along to some great events with visiting family and friends," Mayor Cr Brown said.

This Autumn and Winter, residents and visitors can get active at one of three fundraising runs around Lake Hamilton, or explore events in outlying towns including the Balmoral Pastoral and Agricultural Society Show, Penshurst Art Exhibition, Coleraine Art and Photography Show, Branholme Rodeo and Dunkeld's Sturgeon Stampede.

Families can watch a classic movie at the Friday night Drive In, head to the Hamilton Showgrounds for AlpacaFest and the Jack Russell Terrier and Hunting Dog Show or enjoy the beautiful sounds of Orchestra Victoria as they once again grace Hamilton with their talents throughout the annual Hamilton Festival.

To be in the know about all these events and more downloaded a copy from [www.timeforavisit.com.au](http://www.timeforavisit.com.au), Council's website or via the visitgreaterhamilton Facebook page. Hard copies are available to collect from the Hamilton and Dunkeld Visitor Information Centres, from all Council offices or it can be mailed on request by contacting free call 1800 807 056.

For further information on upcoming events, or to register an event for inclusion in future marketing campaigns, please contact Council's Events Marketing and Development Officer, Stacey Barnes on 5573 0239 or email [events@visitgreaterhamilton.com.au](mailto:events@visitgreaterhamilton.com.au)

## INSTAGRAM WORKSHOP



The Economic Development & Tourism Unit at the Southern Grampians Shire is providing you with the opportunity to attend an Instagram workshop that will be conducted by Mel Stewart (Hyper Social). This workshop will enable businesses, volunteers and community groups alike to gain a full understanding of how Instagram can be an important tool for businesses, attractions and community groups.

## INSTAGRAM IS REAL BUSINESS

Instagram has morphed from a trendy teen social app to a serious social networking site - that means real business - with 9 million Australians active on this channel each month.



Are you there... and are you standing out? In this workshop learn the ins and outs of Instagram - and how your brand can drive new business by being there.

### Workshop Details

When: Wednesday 21 March  
Where: Sterling Place Dunkeld  
Time: 12.30pm – 3.00pm  
Cost: \$30  
RSVP: by 16 March to Sharon on 5573 0202 or [slutterbuck@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:slutterbuck@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)

## SUCCESSFUL POOL SEASON EXTENDED

Council advises the outdoor pool season will be extended from 13 March to 2 April (weekends only).

With a warm forecast predicted, pools in Balmoral, Glenthompson, Dunkeld, Coleraine and Penshurst will open on weekends until Monday 2 April (weather permitting).

Weekday swimming will finish after the traditional Labour Day long weekend closure (13 March), however early morning swimming will continue in Coleraine until the Monday 2 April.

Hamilton Olympic Swimming Pool will remain open weekdays and weekends until 2 April (weather permitting).

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Mary-Ann Brown said Council were pleased to be able to extend the season beyond the labour-day weekend, stating this pool season had been a big improvement on previous years.

"We are proud that we have been able to deliver a much improved service to our communities this year. Pools have been opened when we said they would be, apart from a couple of technical issues early on at Glenthompson.

"A big push on recruitment at the start of the season meant that we didn't have the issues of closures due to staff unavailability that we've suffered in previous years. Pools were well attended across the Shire throughout summer and the feedback from our community has been very positive.

"We hope community members take the opportunity to enjoy the pools over the last few weekends in March and thank everyone for their patronage over this season," Cr Brown said.

Follow Greater Hamilton Outdoor Pools on Facebook to stay updated with what's happening at the outdoor pools this season.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### From Mr Jeffreys, Principal

I thought you might like to know that our school impacts on the thinking of people who visit us. I am referring to those visitors who only rarely visit us, i.e. a visiting principal from another school, people from the Education Department who visit once or twice a year among others.

This very morning, an occasional visitor stated... 'Paul, your school has a great feel' (visiting principal). Just a few weeks ago, a visitor spoke about the 'tone of the school' and how 'calm and safe it felt' (Department VIP). Our new MARC teacher stated after her first day at the school; 'the children are just lovely'.

Late last year we were visited by former teacher, Rob Smith who felt inclined to write: Many thanks to all at DCS for the lovely lunch today. There was a lot of joy in that room today with so many helpers attending and with a large age range. The school looked superb. The tone of the place is first class. The carpeted corridors are such a great investment to promote that lovely, quiet and professional, businesslike feel about the place. The children were responsive and friendly and engaged in their tasks without having to be prompted or checked.

Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the busyness and the moment that we forget to reflect on the positive things around us and so I want to say we have terrific children who safely and happily go about their lives at this school. And it does feel good to be part of that.

## House Swimming Sports



At the conclusion of a fantastic two week swimming program, the House swimming sports were held on Friday 16 February and ran in superb weather conditions.

First events for the day were the individual Medleys, followed by the Prep and Year 1 students. Making a splash were the Preps who put on a wonderful water display. Showcasing their skills from lessons, Preps enjoyed showing their families just how good they were underwater (photo above: Will Griffin-Wilson is confident during lessons). Next up came the Year 1 students. Jumping in at the deep end and completing a lap before taking part in some cool activities, was the highlight for some of the students. They too enjoyed underwater time as shown by Ned Peters (photo right).



Age Champions for 2018 were presented with their medallions on the day.

Well done to:

**8yrs:** Phoebe Lazzari and Darcy Potter

**9yrs:** Claudia Cochran and Louis Lazzari

**10yrs:** Lucy Fraser and Taylor Haley

**11yrs:** Abby Lazzari and Campbell Glazebrook

**12/13yrs:** India Ross and Charlie Field



Competition was fierce throughout the day. Records were broken as students pushed each other to do their very best.

Congratulations to new record holders:

**8yr old Girls Freestyle 25m** Phoebe Ross Time: 25.09 sec  
old record: 26.38 sec

**8yr old Girls Breaststroke 25m** Phoebe Lazzari Time: 39.15 sec  
old record: 45.13 sec

**9yr old Boys Breaststroke 25m** Louis Lazzari Time: 31.47 sec  
old record: 32.27 sec

Sturgeon was the winning house with 265 points, victorious over Wannon on 256 points. Wannon tried their hardest and that's what counts.

## SGSSA Swimming Sports

The SGSSA Swimming Sports were held on Friday 23 February at the Penshurst Swimming Pool. Dunkeld had a total of 30 competitors, the largest amount of students in any school, leaving us with four individual medals, and second place overall. We left happy with shouts of joy as we departed from the pool.

Congratulations to Age Champions:

- Hugh Prentice, 9 year old boys
- Taylor Haley, 10 year old boys
- Lucille Aarons, 12/13 year old girls
- Charlie Field, 12/13 year old boys





A very special congratulations to Grace Potter who broke the record in the Girls 25m Backstroke in a time of 22.72secs. Thank you to the parents who assisted with the time keeping on the day.



Our swimming team: Tom Gordon, Hugh Prentice, Sebastian Aarons, Myles Haley, Bonnie Jackson, Pippa Williamson, Jemima Ross, Grace Potter, George Field, Taylor Haley, Lucille Aarons, Chloe Frost, Addison Linskens, Xander Prentice, Charlie Field, Emily McNaughton, Abby Lazzari, Matilda Potter, Amity Haley, Lucy Fraser, Campbell Glazebrook, Lillian Glazebrook, Claudia Cochran, Louis Lazzari, Fingal Jackson, Tom Kent, Myles Alderman.

### SSV South West Combined Division Swimming Championships

The SSV Southwest Combined Division Swimming Championships will be held on Wednesday 7 March at Aquazone Leisure and Aquatic Centre in Warnambool. PE Teacher, Mrs Jackie McShane, will accompany and supervise the children at this event.



Following their success at the SGSSA Swimming sports, our school will be strongly represented by Claudia Cochran, Bonnie Jackson, Tom Gordon, Jemima Ross, Grace Potter, Louis Lazzari, Sebastian Aarons, Myles Alderman, Addison Linskens, Abby Lazzari, Lucille Aarons, India Ross, Charlie Field, Matilda Potter, Lillian Glazebrook, Taylor Haley, Hugh Prentice, George Field, Campbell Glazebrook, Lucy Fraser and Pippa Williamson.

### Something Fishy in Year 3



Year 3 have been busy in Art creating a spectacular Fish. To create the collage, the students glued recycled fabric on

paper plates to form the scales and then secured the scales to the body of the fish. The fishy edition is displayed in the corridor which leads to the school hall. Pictured with the colourful fish are Holly Herrmann, Isabella Jury and Mitchell Gordon.

### MORE LOCAL FOOD HEADING FOR AUSTRALIAN KITCHENS

Australians will soon be able to choose more Australian grown food once the Coalition Government's Country of Origin Labelling standards become compulsory on July 1.

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan said the new scheme would see farmers in Wannon selling more of their products in Australia. "Australian consumers want to support Australian farmers, and Country of Origin labelling lets them do that," Mr Tehan said. "Australians want to buy clean, green Australian produce, and we want to make it easy for them. This will give shoppers the information they want to make informed choices."

Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources David Littleproud said the new labels meant customers could easily see how much of a product came from Australia through use of a bar chart. "Australians always want to know they're getting the real deal and the new food labels will let them know if they are," Minister Littleproud said. "This new system makes it clear exactly how much of a product's ingredients are locally grown. But time is running out for businesses to adapt to the new system which will be mandatory from July 1st. Four months might seem like a long time, but redesigning packages can't be done overnight. We have supported business to make the changes including online tools."

More information for businesses can be found at [www.business.gov.au/foodlabels](http://www.business.gov.au/foodlabels) or by calling 13 28 46.



## Dan Tehan MP

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As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

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