

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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A Weekend of Art, Music and Culture

DUNKELD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Enjoy three days of exquisite chamber music, indulgent dining and fine wines at the Australian String Quartet's Dunkeld Festival of Music.

There will be two 3 day packages available: **Friday 28 – Sunday 30 April and Sunday 30 April – Tuesday 2 May 2017.**

The featured artists will be the Australian String Quartet who will be joined by leading guest artists, internationally renowned cellist, Pieter Wispelwey and pianist, Caroline Almonte.

In the rich environs of Dunkeld, these very special chamber music performances will be held in some of the area's most charming venues including the Mt Sturgeon Woolshed.

No festival would be complete without premium culinary experiences and the Dunkeld Festival of Music allows patrons to enjoy the offerings of the Royal Mail Hotel. A gala dinner at the Hotel, a specially catered lunch and morning tea held at the Woolshed are all included in the Festival package.

For more information or to purchase packages for this event:
<http://www.asq.com.au/whats-on/detail/dunkeld-festival-of-music/dunkeld-festival-of-music>

A SCULPTURE EXHIBITION IN THE GARDEN

On Saturday 29 April and Sunday 30 April, local artist, David Baker will open his garden at 39 Williams Street, (next to Dunkeld Delights) to display a variety of sculpture by recognised regional Victorian artists. David's own burgeoning gallery of artworks as well as pieces from his personal collection will also be open for viewing. Entry is free but a donation to OFF THE RAILS would be appreciated. Jenny Bade has been the intigator of this exhibition and is available to answer queries on 0417 511 354 .

Artists represented:

Lucy McEachern – Sculptor Artist

A renowned, bronze sculptor drawing inspiration from her rural Australian surroundings. Brought up in the South-West of Victoria on a farming property, Lucy has developed a deep affinity with the enchanting birds that dwell in the local landscape. Lucy's tactile sculptures not



only capture her subject's individual characteristics, but also invite the viewer to feel its contours in a celebration of their majestic presence. Lucy McEachern's sculptures can be found in galleries throughout Australia and collections worldwide.

Karen Pegg - Artist

The love of art began early in life for Karen Pegg and over the course of many years has evolved through exploration of many mediums and varied techniques. Over the last fourteen years Karen has been practising as a full time artist. A course in basic welding set her on a journey of discovery. She found herself challenged by the ability to create sculptural forms, abstract and realistic, from the unforgiving and difficult medium of steel. More recently she has discovered the alluring warmth of copper.



Helen Millar - Mosaic Artist

Helen's background is in Art teaching. Some years ago she made the change from the school environment to set up a home studio. She works with a broad range of media and techniques in her personal work and has run workshops in a range of media, but has found that mosaic making is the most versatile and user friendly art form for a wide range of people



Jon Hayes - Sculptor Artist

Jon Hayes also known as Tomrtoe Design creates recycled steel sculptures from his shed in the small Victorian country town of Timboon. It wasn't until moving here that inspiration came to recycle the steel that was available throughout the district. He has now evolved his art into outdoor sculptures, functional pieces such as gates, letterboxes and outdoor wood burners are created from recycled steel. Often the parts themselves lend to the development of the end piece, leading to a bespoke piece that cannot be replicated.



DONATIONS

David Baker	\$50
Bryan and Glenyse Riddle	\$25
Anonymous	\$20

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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

1st Week	Sunday	March 5	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	March 12		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	March 19	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	March 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican- Uniting Churches Combined Worship

Services at Saint Mary's, Dunkeld

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

Service of Induction of the Reverend Donald Kirk to the Hamilton Anglican Parish on Friday 24 March at 7.00pm in Hamilton. Everyone very welcome.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Next Service to be advised.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Next Service to be advised.

Contacts: Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274; Margo Dark 5574 0222 or Iris Field 5574 0202.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH 2017

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**DUNKELD HOCKEY CLUB**

Dunkeld Hockey Club is looking for both junior and senior women players. Season runs during Term 2 and Term 3. Junior games are played Saturday afternoons. Senior Women games are played Sunday afternoons.

Please call Jen McArthur 5573 3265 if interested.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Peter's Glenthompson is holding its annual Harvest Festival on Sunday 19 March this year.

We have much to be thankful for, the season has been sensational and we live in a beautiful part of the world.

Please come and enjoy the evening with us, join in the traditional Thanksgiving service, and have great fun at the supper and auction afterwards.



Saint Peter's, Glenthompson, - 6.00pm service and afterwards supper and auction.

All produce for the auction will be gratefully received.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Last Sunday, 19 intrepid souls walked the local roads to clear them of rubbish. They ranged in age from 12 years to 79 years, and found the majority of rubbish was stubbies and energy drink bottles. 45.5 km of roadsides were walked, which was an amazing feat by all present. 26 large (old superphosphate sized) bags were filled, and sorted into rubbish and recyclables. We thank Ross Simpson for delivering the large load to the transfer station in Dunkeld, and take our hats off to Alison Gahan, who covered her road and collected rubbish using her beautiful new push bike - she is a great example to us all!

OFF THE RAILS**DUNKELD**

Skene Street, Dunkeld

'Poetry & Image'

- a subtle meeting

Easter exhibition April 7-10
Friday 1.00pm - Monday 3.00pm

Works in Image and Word

Artist - Eleni Rivers- Resident of Dunkeld, visual artist, studies in art and consciousness.

Poet - Paul Sanders- Resident of Dunkeld, Zen teacher, UCA minister, artist.

What is heard and what is seen are never far away. The power of image is to invite expressions of delight, curiosity as well as confrontation, challenge and insight. To hear and see things from a different place, an unformed glance, provides the possibility of seeing in and through by means of the inner eye.

-Paintings for sale

-Paul will be writing 'Blessings of the everyday' in the arts space - you can request a themed blessing (donation)

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AUSTSWIM COURSE

AUSTSWIM Victoria is thrilled to be offering an AUSTSWIM course at the **Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre** in **Hamilton** on **18 and 19 March** for a discounted price of **\$355.00**.

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course is available to all with a minimum enrolment age of 16 years. Consequently it would be wonderful to share the opportunity with your whole school community including parents, teachers and students, 16 years+. It is a fabulous course that leads to engaging employment for many.

There is now a Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) process for AUSTSWIM Teachers whose Licence has expired.

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FROM THE LIONS DEN

Sorry I missed the last newsletter but because I am one of the retired ones I no longer have to keep track of time so I missed the cut off date. Since the last newsletter of 2016 the Lions have been involved in two things that we have been doing for many years. The first was the sausage sizzle at the school for their last day of the school year. The Lions would like to congratulate the parents and teachers of the students. The children are very respectful and appreciative, and a pleasure to be around. This is a reflection on what they have been taught by the parents and teachers. Well done. The second thing was the Australia Day celebrations. These were again well supported by our community with a very good roll up of people to celebrate our great country. The Lions would like to thank those who helped us on the day; Ella Jackson for raising the flag; Peter Dark for his very inspirational talk about volunteers; Heather Macgugan and Lucinda Peterson for the music; the Progress Association for the fruit sticks, and those who helped the Lions with the breakfast; and our MC John Smith. Heather and John have been the front people for the time that these celebrations have been going. This year the Citizenship award went to Doug McArthur for his many years service to the community, in particular the CFA and SES. Well deserved.

The annual International Night will be held on 17 May at the Community Centre, this year the country is Spain. The cost will be \$35.00 per head. I will give more details in the following newsletter.

Apparently there was a theft of a man's coat at a restaurant in Dunkeld, and the Hamilton police had to attend, because our man Bruce had to work in there because they are short staffed (or is that short-sighted).

The police asked the waiter, 'Did you see who took it?'

'Yes sir', replied the waiter (the waiter is a local who attended the Dunkeld School as a student, and that is why he is so respectful in his dealings with the police.)

'What did he look like?'

'Ridiculous', said the waiter, 'the sleeves were too short'.

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park If you see a mess at the park, it is because we are trying to level sites. A small retaining wall is being built and we thank the Shire for loaning us some wall blocks.

Salt Creek We are still waiting to get a crew together. The creek needs a good clean up. Apparently in the 'olden days' grazing animals belonging to local residents, kept the creek clean. Things have certainly changed.

The Flood Relief Co-ordinator has been asked to clear the reservoir wall. It has been far too long. The whole flood relief process has been very slow – tied up in 'red tape'.

Sawmill Organisation for our day on 30 April is going well. The chain saw sculptor Angie will be there carving something for us to display in the future. All we need is a

substantial cypress log about 1.8 m long and 450mm thick. Call me if you can help. The Rowe family are bringing their timber harvesting machines and a large automatic firewood processor. Our usual displays will be on show.

I thank John Pierce from the Shire for assisting us to get some logs. Doug Fleming has also offered to give us some fallen red gum. As soon as it cools we will get these.

John Smith, President



RED CROSS NEWS

Eleven members attended the February meeting with 7 apologies. Brenda Cullinane brought samples of her Trauma Teddies and has filling to spare for anyone wanting some. Other members are still knitting. There needs to be some small adjustment to the pattern, which is available from Bek Kay.

As the bank balance stands at \$614.00, immediately \$500.00 will be sent to Red Cross HQ.

Zone Meetings for 2017 will be held in the Daisy Turner Red Cross Room at Hamilton on 9 May (hosted by Cobden), 8 August (hosted by Dunkeld/Nareeb) and in November.

March is **Red Cross Calling** and a few traditional collectors will be about as well as collection tins placed in the shops. The main event will be a Street Stall on Saturday 25 March outside the Bendigo Bank, with a major Raffle prize of a hamper. Members are to bring items for the raffle to the **March meeting on Thursday 23 March at 2.00pm at the RSL Room.**

The **Red Cross Golf Day** at the Grampians Course will be on Tuesday 30 May.

There has not been much media coverage of the desperate plight of the millions, affected by an extensive drought (combined with conflict) in countries of East Africa (including Kenya, Somalia, Southern Sudan, and Ethiopia).

Red Cross has just launched the **EAST AFRICAN FOOD CRISIS APPEAL** as a result of the UN declaring the region a State of Famine. Donations are tax deductible, of course. They go towards supplying jerry cans of water, sanitation tanks, purification tablets, shelter and food parcel drops.

We hear little of the great work being done in the area already by aid workers with Red Cross. Because of shipping costs, money is collected here, not goods. Administration takes up to 10%, so that means 90% of giving is spent directly in the previously mentioned affected areas.

Contact redcross.org.au or your local branch.

Iris Field, Secretary

DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP INC

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 27 March at 8.00pm** in the Dunkeld Community Centre.

Volunteers are needed to help paint the bridge in the Arboretum. If you are available to help, please phone David Hampton on 5577 2240.

Heather Hampton, Secretary



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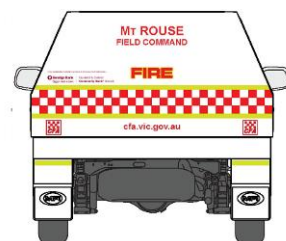
DUNKELD PLAYGROUP REOPENS THEIR DOORS

It is great to see Dunkeld Playgroup reopen their doors to many young families living in Dunkeld and the surrounding areas. The Playgroup enjoys a Thursday morning at the Dunkeld Community Centre. Dunkeld & District **Community Bank®** Branch contributed \$500.00 to go towards costs of toys and general running costs.



MT ROUSE GROUPS NEW FIELD COMMAND VEHICLE

Dunkeld & District **Community Bank®** Branch were approached by the Mt Rouse Group seeking financial support for their newest addition to the team – A Field Command Vehicle. This will be a valuable asset for the group. We contributed funds towards a project that would benefit the group in an event of an emergency. The Dunkeld & District **Community Bank®** Branch were pleased to be able to offer \$1000.00 each year over a 5 year period.



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SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2017 - gates open at 2.00pm, Rodeo action begins at
5.00pm
DUNKELD RACECOURSE

WOODHOUSE NAREEB SOLDIER SETTLER MEMORIAL HALL

Jenny Edwards has been coordinating three projects at the Woodhouse Nareeb Soldier Settler Memorial Hall, Bundoran Lane which will culminate in an ANZAC Day celebration at the hall. The committee, residents and descendants of settlers have been busy fundraising to help supplement costs of the projects which have attracted grants from The Southern Grampians Shire, The RSL and the Federal Government through Dan Tehan.

If you are a past resident or descendant and haven't heard about this event with an invitation in the snail mail then don't hesitate to contact Jenny. All are welcome to come out to the event which starts at ten minutes to 11 with assembling at the Memorial for the march. Then marchers accompanied by drummer will make their way to the hall for the standard ceremony after which dedications will be made to the original school, 1932, interpretation of the site and to Nurses of WWII.



Preparing Rock for dedication plaque - on the old tennis court.

After the formalities visitors will be welcome to stay for a light lunch and view displays, wander around the trees and catch up with old friends. There is a real hum of interest being shown in the event - many people are making an effort to come back for the day - mostly grown children of farmers who are keen to see the place and catch up. Between 250 and 300 people are expected to attend. Visitors are welcome but catering organisers need to know numbers so please contact Jenny Edwards with RSVPs.



A working bee held on Sunday had many locals preparing the way for the celebration with clearing of the plantation planted in 1955, mowing, weed spraying, cleaning and tidying. Also checking archival material and the guest list.



Woodhouse Hall - preparing for BBQ lunch to feed the workers.

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE



Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be a **Planning Meeting and will be held on Monday 20 March commencing at 7:30pm** at the Dunkeld Museum.

Town Walk Signs: The Bendigo Bank's crowd funding site has now closed. The Dunkeld Museum has received pledges of \$6,755.00 which is \$245.00 short of our target of \$7,000.00. We would gratefully receive any donations to help cover this shortfall.

Donations may also be made in person at the Dunkeld & District Community Bank branch – 633 108 145911962. Thank you for supporting and helping the Dunkeld Museum restore our historic town walk signs so we may continue to showcase our proud history.



Royal School of Dunkeld, Scotland: The Royal School of Dunkeld, Scotland will celebrate its 450th Anniversary this year. Peter and Helena will be heading overseas in April with Peter planning to attend the 'Royal Garden Party' on Tuesday 27 June.

Believed to be the oldest 'Royal' school in Scotland, the school has educated the children of many ancient Highland Perthshire families and former pupils include a Prime Minister of Canada (Alexander Mackenzie), 2015 Great British Bake Off semi-finalist Flora Shedden and sports broadcaster Eilidh Barbour. The roots of education run very deep along the banks of the Tay and a church school would certainly have existed in Dunkeld by the end of the 8th century. Bishop George Brown, Chancellor of Dunkeld Cathedral, founded a Grammar School in the early 16th century for the education of choristers. The precursor of today's Royal School, this was located in the Cathedral Chapel of St. George until much of the Cathedral was destroyed in 1560 during the Reformation.



A few years later, on 2nd February 1567, the Earl of Moray in the name of King James VI of Scotland granted a Royal Charter for a Grammar School "to be called for all time to come The Royal School of Dunkeld". At the same time the school came under the patronage of the Earl of Atholl and his successors and the original Royal Charter still resides in the archives at Blair Castle. Some of today's children will have an opportunity to view this remarkable document at the castle and others may see it during the June celebrations at the cathedral and school.

After the school was destroyed at the Battle of Dunkeld in 1689 pupils were accommodated in a building attached to the east gable of the Cathedral, which still shows the marks. By 1798 the scholars numbered 80 in winter and 60 in summer, each paying 2/6d per quarter, and the schoolmaster's annual salary was £34. During this century the school moved to a building at the foot of Cathedral Street, remaining there until 1891 when it relocated to Culloden House at the Cross. Both boys and girls were educated here, however in 1853 a girls' school, endowed by Anne, Duchess of Atholl, was established nearby. When this closed in 1898 the girls rejoined the boys in the Royal

Grammar School. By 1930, pupils from Dunkeld and schools on the other side of the river in Little Dunkeld and Torwood were transferred to the present building, which carries on the proud name and history of The Royal School of Dunkeld. The bishop's mitre in the school's coat of arms recalls its Cathedral origins. To help mark the 450th anniversary, the Court of the Lord Lyon is restoring the school's original coat of arms letter patent.

The Royal School of Dunkeld has always been at the heart of the community and the 450th anniversary provides many opportunities to join in. Any time from now and throughout the spring, former pupils are invited to schedule school visits for sharing memories with children.

Then on June 27th the Cathedral will host a special service, local businesses will be invited to decorate their windows, children will be dressed from different historical eras at the school's Royal Garden Party and local artists will display artefacts created to commemorate the anniversary. The Bridge and Heartland FM will bring you updates on this unique season of celebration in the months to come. Watch this space!¹

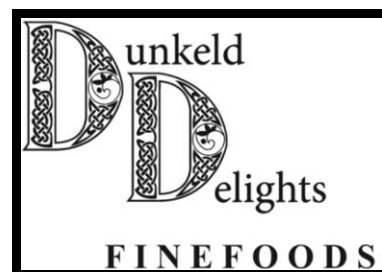
¹<http://www.dunkeldandbirnamnews.co.uk/44-young-roving-reporter/603-news-from-the-royal-school-of-dunkeld>

Opening Hours: A reminder that the Museum is open every Sunday and on public holidays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

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

Sunday	12 March	Jeff Nagorcka and Rex Beveridge
Monday	13 March	Tony Williams and John Kay
Sunday	19 March	Helena Flinn and Trevor Flinn

If you are unable to carry out your duty on your rostered day could you please contact one of the other volunteers to arrange a swap.



CAFÉ AND TEA GARDEN

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This weekend,
Saturday 11 March
catch us at the
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and sausage rolls plus all of our
slices, biscuits and cakes available.

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STEPHANIE KITCHEN PROGRAM

ALEXANDER GARDEN

From the Kitchen...

We have welcomed the very excited and enthusiastic Year 3 class.

With our garden producing a wonderful crop of tomatoes we prepared *Tomato, Herb and Ricotta Tart* and made a batch of *Tomato Relish*. Mrs Howard's Nectarine tree is abundant with fruit and she kindly shared a box full for us to have *Poached Nectarines* with the poaching liquid a delight for the senses with cardamom pods, cinnamon sticks and star anise.

Our hens have also been very productive, so as an accompaniment we made *Vanilla Custard* and began the meal with *Egg Cups and Toasted Soldiers*.

Thank you to Bridget Campbell, Keri Ross, Emma Gordon, Casey Trotter and Mrs Higgins for your enthusiasm and encouragement.

Listening to the discussion at meal time the Year 3 students had a productive and fun day.

Year 4 students began the year with a great attitude to participate and produce a delightful lunch for us to share, Thank you to Heather Hampton, Christy Lazzari, Sarah Crawford, Melanie Peace, Kylie Huzony and Carol Burger who together with Mrs Gilbert kept students on task, laughed and helped put together an authentic learning experience for our Year 4 students.

We shared a meal of *Purple Cabbage Coleslaw with Yoghurt Dressing, Zucchini and Corn Fritters* with Year 3's *Relish, Tomato, and Cucumber and Feta Salad* with a dressing researched and made by Xander Prentice and Sam Burger using garlic honey and red wine vinegar, we repeated the *Poached Nectarines* with *Vanilla Custard* to the delight of those present.

THANK YOU to the producers of corn, zucchini, cabbage, lemons, tomatoes; you are so kind to think of us by donating your surplus from your garden.

A lovely recipe to enjoy with seasonal tomatoes (we made the ricotta which was very simple using full cream milk and cream with lemon juice).

Tomato and Ricotta Tart

- 375 gm shortcrust pastry
- 200 gm firm ricotta
- 20 gm finely grated parmesan
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped mixed herbs such as basil, flat-leaf parsley, mint and chervil, plus extra leaves to serve
- Finely grated rind of 1 lemon, juice of ½
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 large ripe ox heart tomato, cut into wedges
 - 200 gm mixed cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered, depending on size
- 60 mls (¼ cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 x tbsp red wine vinegar

- Preheat oven to 200C. Line a 26cm x 35cm baking tray with baking paper, then with pastry, trimming edges to fit. Combine ricotta, parmesan, herbs, lemon rind and half the egg in a bowl, season generously to taste and mix to combine. Spread mixture over pastry, leaving a 1.5cm border. Brush border lightly with remaining egg (you won't need it all), then bake, turning occasionally, until golden brown (15-20 minutes).

- Meanwhile, combine tomatoes, extra-virgin olive oil, vinegar and lemon juice in a bowl and season to taste. Pile on top of tart, scatter with extra herbs and serve warm.

From the Garden...

We had a beautiful day for the children to return to their garden; they were very excited, especially the Grade 1s, and that enthusiasm was infectious. The children were reminded that this is their garden, and their responsibility, with the vast majority of work to be done by them, so therefore a big backyard blitz was held, removing old and spent plants, fertilizing and watering. We planted lettuce, spinach, red and ball cabbage, celery, parsley, rainbow chard and lemon basil, (I would love to know how your tomato plants are going, are you happy with them?). It was lovely to see our Friends return to help us, and meet some new ones - it's great to be back!

Cheers Lisa McIntyre

Please find listed below the rosters for the Kitchen and Garden classes:

SAKG KITCHEN - THURSDAY 9 MARCH – YEAR 5/6	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Jo Aarons Kelly McNaughton Annette Huf Casey Trotter Lucinda Peterson
SAKG KITCHEN - THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017 – YEAR 3	
11.15am - 2.00pm	Lucinda Peterson Keri Ross Stacey Balkin Emma Gordon Liz Hinchey

SAKG GARDEN - THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 4	Sarah Crawford, Kylie Huzony, Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Bev Hampton, Carol Burger, Iven Field
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 3	Betty Balkin, Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Bev Hampton, Vivien Brodsky, Iven Field
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Carol Burger, Trish Symes, Amanda Cochran, Bev Hampton, Vivien Brodsky, Kate Brian, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Carol Burger, Trish Symes, Bev Hampton, Vivien Brodsky, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen
SAKG GARDEN - THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 5/6	Jo Aarons, Casey Trotter, Kylie Huzony, Sarah Crawford, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Iven Field
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 4	Sarah Crawford, Kylie Huzony, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Iven Field
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Jo Aarons, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Vivien Brodsky, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Vivien Brodsky, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen

Portrait of a (Farming) Lady

Do you know a woman who works the land?

Women contribute so much to agriculture in Australia, and this International Women's Day, ABC Rural is launching a project where people can share these stories of women who work the land.

It's easy; take a portrait of a female in agriculture. Perhaps an action shot of her working, taken on your smartphone would even do the trick. Then write 300 words about her and what she does. This will be uploaded online to the ABC Open project, and then shared to ABC Rural from there.

If you're interested, or you have some ideas about who should be photographed in your community, or you'd like to be involved but need a hand; contact Emily Bissland. bissland.emily@abc.net.au – phone: 5560 3153

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Membership renewal for 2016-2107 is now due. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.



Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 19 March commencing at 11.00am in the Henry Leech RSL Room, Dunkeld Community Centre, followed by a general meeting. A reminder that subs of \$40.00 are now due.

75th Anniversary of Lake Boga Flying Boat Base: The Lions Club of Lake Boga have organised a very big weekend from 17-19 March 2017 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Lake Boga Flying Boat Base, to be officially opened by the Chief of the Air Force, Air Marshal Davies. Entertainment and presentations by World War II ex-servicemen, Pacific Belles, Jessica Gillard and the RAAF Band will also take place throughout the day.



The biggest day will be on Saturday 18 March, with several air displays featuring the Roulettes, a Catalina, Sky Aces, Orion and many more planes and on the water they will have demonstrations in speed skiing, air chair and race boats. Further information may be obtained from the Flying Boat Museum on 5037 2850 or visit their website: www.flyingboat.org.au

Centenary of ANZAC AFC Memorial at RSL Benalla Sub-Branch: After many years of planning, designing and creating a suitable Centenary of ANZAC memorial to recognise and remember those volunteer personnel of the AIF and Australian Light Horse in forming the Australian Flying Corps the RSL Benalla Sub-Branch is pleased to announce that it will hold an unveiling and Dedication Service.

Details for the service are as follows:

- Commence at 2.30pm on Saturday 25 March 2017.
- Venue: Memorial Precinct, Benalla Botanical Gardens, Bridge Street, Benalla.
- Dress: Ceremonial Dress 4A – warm weather (Air Force), Civilians – neat dress.

Some VIP personnel in attendance will be Federal and State MP's, Air Commodore Geoffrey Harland CSC; Group Captain Carl Schiller OAM CSC (Retd) and other distinguished veterans. A 'fly over' salute by military aircraft is planned for the ceremony. Relatives of former members of the Australian Flying Corps are especially invited and most welcome to attend. For further information please contact the Secretary, Ms Christie Young – phone 5762 1118 or email: benallarsl@mcmedia.com.au

DUNKELD REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

Autumn Grocery Drive

The Dunkeld Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support group are collecting groceries to donate to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) for their FoodBank in Footscray, Melbourne. The FoodBank supports families who have no income and are food insecure and helps make transition to a new life more comfortable.

A donations basket is at Café 109 over March.

Items that FoodBank needs include:

Food:

Healthy breakfast cereals; Dried fruit, nuts and seeds; Long life (UHT) milk; Healthy snack foods; Tomato paste; Tinned fish in oil or spring water; Tinned tomato, corn or peas; Tinned beans, lentils (without sauce); Coconut cream; Pasta and pasta sauces; Green tea; Spices (bulk is preferred); Honey (in small jars)

Household items:

Dishwashing detergent; Laundry detergent; Deodorant; Shaving items; Shampoo and conditioner; Baby wipes; Nappies; Shopping bags (cloth and tote)

Please feel free to give a donation and help make a difference.

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FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS ONGOING ACROSS SHIRE

Five months on from the floods that caused extensive damage across Victoria, works to restore key infrastructure and community assets in the Southern Grampians Shire continue.

COLERAINE:

Damaged artificial grass at the Coleraine Tennis Centre has been removed and the courts have been swept free of sand and line marked ready for the 2017 season to commence. Further soil tests will be conducted on the subsurface of these courts and the Netball courts at Sylvester Oval which will inform council of any underlying damage beneath the asphalt surfaces. These tests don't impact use of the courts however, so residents and visitors are now able to use this area without concern for health or safety while the repairs continue.

The Coleraine Caravan Park will be assessed to fully quantify the damages to plumbing and electrical infrastructure for Council's insurance purposes. Once an estimate of loss has been established and the full cost of reinstatement is understood, Council will undertake a discussion with the community to determine the best future model, and location, for the Coleraine Caravan Park.

CAVENDISH:

The Cavendish Kindergarten, which suffered a flooded septic system and had to be relocated for the final term last year, is operational again, with a temporary bathroom installed late last term, and an additional staff member implemented to supervise the children in the use of the facility. The process of installing a new septic system at the Kindergarten is progressing, with the Flood Recovery Office now waiting on the consolidation of titles to be completed before giving the appointed contractor the go ahead to begin the installation. The costs associated with the impact on the Cavendish public toilets septic are in the process of being estimated so that the options can be discussed with the community around either reinstating the public toilets in their current location or relocating the facilities to the Ron Lewis Park.

HAMILTON:

In Hamilton, repair works at the Apex Park Toilet block have been completed and the toilets are now open for public use. Works will soon commence to repairing the scour beneath the train platform. Additionally, a dangerous fault in the Grangeburn Walking Track, between Apex Park and the Spillway has been made safe by infilling with gravel.

Natural Disaster Financial Assistance (NDFA) for local councils in Victoria is provided by the Victorian State Government to assist in the recovery process and alleviate some of the financial burden that may be experienced following a natural disaster, in accordance with the Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

A number of the damaged assets across our shire, such as our extensive walking track network, are neither insured nor eligible for restoration under this funding. This means that community assets in a number of towns are still awaiting final assessment of damage and the commencement of reinstatement works. There is an application from the State to the Federal Government for the release of funding to support these works. The outcome of this application is not yet known, but if successful will support works in areas such as:

- Dunkeld Public Land Committee assets
- Coleraine – Hamilton Rail trail
- Cavendish Settlers Walk

- Grangeburn/Lake Hamilton/ Digby Rd Wetlands restoration
- Coleraine Bryan Creek walk
- Coleraine Bowls Club
- Community development support

Additionally, quotations are being sought by Council for three urgent jobs being:-

- Vic Point Road Culvert Repair
- Coleraine Cavendish Embankment
- Removal of large tree upstream of the Brung Brungle Bridge
- Chetwynd-Nareen Road Culvert repair

Additional bridge works are also underway and the aim is to have these works completed as soon as possible.

An advance payment from the Department of Treasury and Finance has been applied for and received to enable the above works to be completed without impacting council's cash flow.

It is a requirement of the funding arrangements that these works are completed under contract and not by the Council works team, who are busy with their annual capital and maintenance program. So if residents observe Council staff working on roads but seeming to ignore flood related damage, please try to consider that this is the requirement of the funding arrangements.

Council appreciates the patience and understanding of the community as we undertake the necessary processes to ensure we are able to restore our essential infrastructure and community assets as quickly as possible.

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GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB



All junior and senior teams have made the finals and some are already completed. We will have a full wrap in the next newsletter of how the teams fared and the various award winners.

Under 14: Fine effort by this group, building nicely over the last couple of seasons under the watchful eye of coach Darren Gordon. Losing 183-142 in the semi final to Pigeon Ponds with Josh Gordon making a brilliant 50 in the match.

Under 16's: Play their semi final this week against Macarthur

Women: B Grade champions for this exciting squad led superbly all year by Ali Wedding and coached by Greg Millard.

A Grade: Play St Andrew's at Clem Young Oval this weekend in the semi.

B Grade: Play Casterton at College this weekend in the semi.

C Grade: Play St Andrews at home on the Dunkeld Turf this Saturday.

Don't forget Presentation Night on Friday March 31st commencing with the junior girls and boys at 5.30 followed by a Spit Roast and salad.

Stephen Field
Regional Cricket Manager - Western Country

LANDCARE NEWS

Grampians Ark and Grampians to Grasslands Fox Control Program

For the benefit of landowners, local community members and visitors, fox baits are being laid on participating properties from 6 February 2017 to 10 April 2017. Please take care. Baits are available to participants, from Kelly's in Dunkeld. Please keep a record of baits you lay, and baits taken. We currently have a low population of foxes in our area because of this terrific baiting program, which combined with other control methods, is proving extremely successful. Let's keep it that way! Everyone who is doing something should be very proud of their effort, this is a great example of a community program working well.

RHD K5 release (rabbit calici virus strain K5)

The disease is being released into high rabbit populations this week, on 2 sites in our local area. The virus is spread by flies. There is an opportunity to aid and hasten the spread of the virus to other areas in the district, so if you're interested in becoming involved, please let me know asap.

The link below has some videos on RHDV1 – K5 and rabbit control in general.

More information: go to the Pest Smart website <http://www.pestsmart.org.au/boosting-rabbit-biocontrol-rhdv-k5-national-release/> or contact John Matthews from Agriculture Victoria john.matthews@ecodev.vic.gov.au

DUNKELD TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 March at 5.00pm** in the Dunkeld Tourist Information Centre.

The Tourist Information Centre is manned primarily through volunteers 7 days a week from 9.00am until 5.00pm (except Christmas Day). There are walking maps of the Grampians regions, Dunkeld and Australiana Souvenirs as well as locally made craft and gift items available for purchase. There is also a lovely range of locally sourced and handmade cards.

All monies raised go towards supporting local tourism events.

Vicki Kearney



SCHOOL NEWS

House Swimming sports by Sarah Symes and Ben Potter Year 6

On Friday 17 February, the House Swimming Sports were held at the Dunkeld Pool. First some students swam the medley events, then the Preps and Year 1's demonstrated what they learned in swimming lessons. Everyone joined us for a picnic in the park and had a sausage and played some games. Then we competed in events like Relays, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. **Sturgeon was the winning house with 233 points, victorious over Wannon on 197 points.** Wannon tried their hardest and that's what counts.



Sturgeon House Captains Sarah Symes and Ben Potter proudly hold the perpetual trophy.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

8yrs: Grace Potter and Louis Lazzari
9yrs: Lucy Fraser and Matthew Calvert
10yrs: Pippa Williamson and Myles Haley
11yrs: Ella Jackson and Thomas Calvert
12/13yrs: Sarah Symes and Ben Potter

Records broken on the day included:

Open Butterfly 25m Boys – Charlie Field Time 24.07 sec. He broke the record by 0.5seconds!

As new events were held for the 8 year old categories, all new records were set:

Freestyle 25m: Girls: Grace Potter Time: 26.38 sec

Boys: Louis Lazzari Time: 25.47 sec

Backstroke 25m: Girls: Grace Potter Time: 25.66 sec

Boys: Louis Lazzari Time: 28.09 sec

Breaststroke 25m: Girls: Grace Potter Time: 45.13 sec

Boys: Louis Lazzari Time: 35.09 sec

SGSSA Swimming Sports

The SGSSA Swimming Sports were held on Friday 24 February at the Penshurst Swimming Pool. Dunkeld had a total of 27 competitors, the largest amount of students in any school, leaving us with three individual medals, and third

place overall. We left happy with shouts of joy as we departed from the pool. By Edward Williamson, Year 6

Our swimming team (right): India Ross, Lachie Phillips, Ella Jackson, Lucille Aarons, Ben Potter, Sam Cullinane, Edward Williamson, Sarah Symes, Thomas Calvert, Jonah Morganti, Amity Haley, Addison Linskens, Abby Lazzari, Monet Graham, Matthew Calvert, Pippa Williamson, Bonnie Jackson, Lucy Fraser, Myles Alderman, Myles Haley, Xanthe Huf, Campbell Glazebrook, Leah Morelli, Lillian Glazebrook, Hayden Phillips, Taylor Haley



Congratulations to:

Matthew Calvert, 9 year old boys
Pippa Williamson, 10 year old girls
Thomas Calvert, 11 year old boys
on winning Age Champions at the SGSSA Swimming Sports.

SSV South-West Division Swimming Championships

The SSV South-West Division Swimming Championships will be held on Wednesday 8 March at Aquazone Leisure and Aquatic Centre in Warrnambool. Following their success at the SGSSA Swimming sports, our school will be represented by Matthew Calvert, Jonah Morganti, Myles Haley, Taylor Haley, Abby Lazzari, Pippa Williamson, Amity Haley, Addison Linskens, Charlie Field, Thomas Calvert, India Ross, Ella Jackson, Lucille Aarons and Ben Potter. We wish all competitors the very best in their event/s.

Hockey Clinic

On Friday 24 February, the Year 4, 5 and 6 students participated in a Hockey clinic held by Hockey Victoria representative Eliza Caldecott. The students participated in a skills session, learning specifics such as how to dribble and block. They also enjoyed a game of Hockey Octopus. Thank you to Lea McArthur for assisting Eliza on the day.

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.) Donation envelopes are included in this newsletter. 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 Monday 27 March**. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 29 March**. All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital.



FUNKY HAIR DAY FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Staff and students (even parents) are encouraged to wear a "funky hairstyle" on Friday 17 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.*



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COUNCIL DETERMINES A WAY FORWARD ON WASTE

Council have resolved to shelve operations of the Hamilton landfill as part of a suite of changes to improve delivery of waste services in the Southern Grampians Shire.

Under the changes, the Hamilton Transfer Station would operate as normal so patrons would not notice any disruption to service, however instead of waste being disposed of in the Hamilton landfill, it will be transported to an alternative landfill site. Council would keep its land fill licence open so that the site could reopen at any stage in the future.

"This scenario offers a number of advantages to Council, the main one being a saving of \$2,212,000 over ten years. Closure of the landfill will eliminate the need for us to manage the landfill and remove the associated capital, regulatory and legacy risks. It also eliminates the need to construct additional cells" said David Moloney, Director Shire Infrastructure.

"The EPA is continually imposing higher construction, rehabilitation and licence standards. This has meant that operational and capital costs have increased substantially in recent years and this trend is likely to continue. Shelving the Landfill removes the need for Council to fulfil those obligations".

Another significant change Council resolved upon Wednesday night was the change to a fortnightly recycling service and the introduction of 240lt recycling bins.

"Council is bringing its service model for recycling and waste services into line with other shires across the State. Most other Councils currently run a weekly waste and a fortnightly recycling service and have 240lt recycling bins. While this change means an initial outlay to Council to purchase the new bins, changing to a fortnightly recycling service represents a significant financial saving to Council over the next ten years" Mr Moloney continued.

These changes were identified in a waste services review report, presented to Council by Mackenzie Environmental. The company was engaged to develop a financial model to analyse the cost implications of the existing and alternative waste services delivery models. The model was used to validate Council current fees and to provide support for a Council Waste Services Strategy.

The review found if Council were to continue operating waste services in the manner it is currently, it would represent an \$8million loss over the next 10 years.

Other cost-saving measures proposed include:

- The operation of all Council's outer waste transfer stations being contracted out.

This presents an estimated saving of approximately \$348,000 over the next ten years.

- Use an external contractor for public litter bin collection service.
- Investigate the most appropriate Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) collection service.

The only recommendation from the report presented that Council did not endorse was the proposed reduction in hours across transfer stations.

The changes to Council's waste services are expected to be implemented in a staged approach, over the next two years.

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