

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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The Dunkeld Museum "Town Walk" Signage Replacement Project to begin after Easter



The Dunkeld Museum established a "Town Walk" a number of years ago which saw signs placed around the town giving a picture of the various historical sites and the buildings and features which had been on those sites over the years.

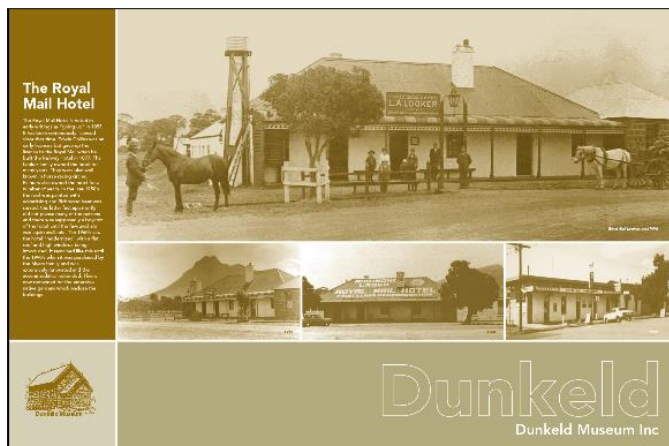
The Town Walk has been very well received by locals and tourists alike and we have produced a brochure which is available, free of charge from the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre and a number of the local business houses.

Unfortunately, over the years the weather has caused these signs to deteriorate and we have had many of them replaced several times which is becoming an expensive exercise.

Recently we have become aware of newer technology which laser etches the photographs into aluminium signs which have a much longer life span (believed to be up to about 25 or 30 years) and with an anti-graffiti coating. We have obtained a quote to replace the signs in the town and we can have them all replaced for a total cost of approximately \$16,000 if we have them all manufactured at the same time.

Since we have spent about \$6,000 in the last 6 or 7 years this investment would be a dramatic saving if we do not have to replace them for 25 years.

An artist's impression of how the signs may look has been received and the final product will be similar to the sample for the Royal Mail Hotel which can be seen here.



We have also been asked by a variety of groups if the walk could be extended to include other sites which do not currently have signs showcasing their history. Each sign will cost us approximately \$620.00 and the new places will need the appropriate stands manufactured for the signs to be placed on. The Museum will attempt to accommodate these requests as we believe that this is a wonderful way to show our town to the community and visitors alike.

Over the past few months we have had wonderful support from many groups and individuals in our fundraising efforts.

The Museum would like to publicly thank Allan and Maria Myers, the Southern Grampians Shire Council, the Bendigo Bank, and the Dunkeld Tourism Association who have all become major sponsors for this project.

We have also had wonderful donations from The Off The Rails Gallery, the Southern Grampians Cottages, Only Ewe, Roz Greenwood Old and Rare Books, the Anglican and Uniting Churches and individuals including Peter Nelson, Donald McArthur, Herman Jansen, Simon Macgugan, Ian and Heather Macgugan, Kate Hirst, Alison Milfull, the Riddle Family and a number of people who wished to remain anonymous.

At the moment we are very close to our target to cover the current signs and we would like to commence the manufacturing process straight after Easter. The artwork will be completed using the information which has been researched by the Dunkeld Museum Committee and historical photographs from the Museum collection. Cressaid Logic in Ballarat will create the designs and then these will be sent to Sydney to have them etched into the aluminium in the sepia colouring and sealed with the anti-graffiti coating. As Allan and Maria Myers have also offered to match what we raise directly from the community on a dollar for dollar basis to allow us to meet our goal more quickly we will need to close the appeal at Easter. This will allow us to know exactly how many signs we can have manufactured. Anyone who would still like to donate can do so by depositing their donation at the Bendigo Bank or posting a cheque to the Dunkeld Museum indicating that it is a donation to the Town Walk.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary, Mrs Wendy Williams, on 5577 2386.

Depending on the number of signs we are able to produce we will also need to review our brochure. We now look forward, to later this year, having a wonderful new series of plaques for the community and visitors to enjoy.

DONATIONS

Dunkeld Garden Club \$25
Anonymous \$10

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

4th Week	Sunday	March 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1 st Week	Sunday	April 2	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	April 9		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
	Thursday	April 13	7.00pm	Holy Thursday Service**
	Friday	April 14	3.00pm	Good Friday Service**
3 rd Week	Sunday	April 16	8.30am	Mass – Easter Sunday**
4 th Week	Sunday	April 23	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5 th Week	Sunday	April 30	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

****Please check the Hamilton Spectator for Easter services. ****

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.

Sunday March 26	Hamilton (Anglican or Uniting)
Sunday April 2	Anglican
Sunday April 9	Uniting
Sunday April 16	EASTER SUNDAY **Check Spectator for Anglican and Uniting Services at Glenthompson and Hamilton**
Sunday April 23	Uniting
Sunday April 30	Hamilton (Anglican or Uniting)

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

The next Service will be on Sunday 9 April at 2:30pm Rev. Richard Martin will be officiating. There will be a shared afternoon tea at the conclusion of the Service. We hope you will be able to join us.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Next Service to be advised.

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

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
20 Cut off - Issue 4 Museum Planning Meeting	21	22 Newsletter Distribution Issue 4	23 Mobile Library Dunkeld Red Cross Meeting	24 Hamilton Eisteddfod entries close	25	26 OTR Woolly Wool Fest Launch
27 Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Meeting Dunkeld Progress Association Meeting	28	29	30 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	31	1 Woodland Bird Monitoring	2
3	4 Orchestra Victoria	5	6 Mobile Library Dunkeld Easter Craft	7 Orchestra Victoria	8	9
10	11	12 Dunkeld Tourism Association Meeting	13 Mobile Library Mirranatwa	14 OTR Poetry & Image Easter Exhibition begins	15 Dunkeld Polo	16
17 Cut- Off Issue 5 Poetry & Image Easter Exhibition end Museum Committee Meeting	18	19 Newsletter Distribution Issue 5	20 Mobile Library Dunkeld	21	22	23



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Thank you

from the Panyyabyr Uniting Church.

Sincere thanks to all those who joined us for the World Day of Prayer. Our guest speaker, Bryan Barrera gave us an excellent insight into life in the Philippines. At the close of the Service, we all enjoyed the delicious food that everyone had brought.

Next year's World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the Catholic ladies.

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION IN THE GARDEN

**39 - 41 WILLIAMS ST
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NEXT TO DUNKELD DELIGHTS

APRIL 29 & 30

Sat 9am till 5pm

Sun 9am till 4pm

Mon – mosaics only

ARTISTS

Lucy McEachern, Inverleigh

Karen Pegg, Ceres

Jon Hayes, Timboon

Helen Millar, Geelong

FREE ENTRY

Donations to Off The Rails would be appreciated

MOST WORKS ARE FOR SALE

For enquiries phone 0417 511 354



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 tomatoes, 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.

Sally Jackson for DRASS

Fiona Lowe

Visiting Author

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Date: Friday 7th April

Time: 12 noon – 1.00 pm

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DUNKELD TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 April at 5.00pm** in the Dunkeld Tourist Information Centre.

The Tourist Information Centre is manned primarily by volunteers seven days a week from 9.00am until 5.00pm (except Christmas Day).

There are walking maps of the Grampians regions, Dunkeld and Australian Souvenirs as well as locally made craft and gift items available for purchase.

There is also a lovely range of locally produced and handmade cards.

All monies raised go towards supporting local tourism events.

Vicki Kearney

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

DUNKELD GENERAL STORE

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PHONE- 03 5577 2418

Happy holidays and happy Easter to all.

We are open all Easter – hours may vary.
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Easter gifts arriving soon...

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- ❖ Bookings Welcome

**OFF THE RAILS****DUNKELD**

Skene Street, Dunkeld

'Poetry & Image'**- a subtle meeting****Easter Exhibition****Friday 14 April 1pm – Monday 17 April
3pm***Works in Image and Word***Eleni Rivers-** Visual artist, Resident of Dunkeld, studies in art and consciousness.**Paul Sanders-** Zen teacher, UCA minister, Resident of Dunkeld,**Reisha Johnston-** Visual Artist, resident Dunkeld

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)

Email: cloudmountain97@bigpond.com Phone: 0407 833 515**ORCHESTRA VICTORIA CONCERTS
IN DUNKELD****TUESDAY 4 APRIL****Chamber Concert:** Chamber works for flute and harp**Time:** 6.00pm**Location:** Off the Rails Gallery,
80-82 Skene Street, Dunkeld**Admission:** Free**Post-Event:** Supper and meet & greet with the musicians**FRIDAY 7 APRIL****Chamber Concert:** Chamber works for brass quintet**Time:** 7.00pm**Location:** Sterling Place: Dunkeld Community
Centre, 14 Sterling Street, Dunkeld**Admission:** Free**SAVE THE DATE****- SHIRLEY VALENTINE in Dunkeld****- WEDNESDAY 31 MAY**

A touring production of 'Shirley Valentine' will be performed at the Dunkeld Community Centre on WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017 at 7.30pm.

**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY. THIS WILL BE A
GREAT NIGHT OUT.**

**Entries for the 55th Hamilton Eisteddfod
close this Friday 24 March 2017**

Denise Fenwick
Secretary
Hamilton Eisteddfod
www.hamiltoneisteddfod.org.au



**Monday 3 & Monday 10 April
Hamilton Library @ 11.00am
FREE WORKSHOP**

Come along and learn how to weave these beautiful stars as part of our community contribution to the One Million Stars to End Violence project.

Suitable for ages 10 + Adults also welcome



Mobile Library

Will be visiting every Thursday fortnight

Dunkeld Dates: March 23 & April 6, 20

11.30am – 1.30pm Community Hall, Sterling Street

Mirranatwa: March 30 & April 13, 27

The Mobile will not operate on Extreme and Code Red Fire Declared days

Phone: 5573 0470

www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library

Easter Fun

MOBILE KRAZY

For something different this school holidays, come and join us on the MOBILE LIBRARY for some super fun, creative crafting.



Dunkeld – Thursday 6 April > 11.30am – 1.30pm

Penshurst – Thursday 6 April > 3pm – 4.30pm

Cavendish – Thursday 6 April > 9.30am -10.30am

Balmoral – Friday 7 April > 10am – 12noon

Coleraine – Friday 7 April > 1.30pm – 4.30pm

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FROM THE LIONS DEN

Since the last newsletter the Lions were able to assist at the Dunkeld Rodeo with parking and then food. Thank you to those who supported us there and congratulations to the organisers of the event. Another success for Dunkeld.

Spanish Night

Do not forget our International Night this year. We will be celebrating Spanish food and culture, a great night for only \$35.00, BYO drinks. It will be held at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Wednesday 17 May.

It's a changing world

I rang up a mate the other evening and asked what he was doing.

He replied that he was working on, "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."

I was suitably impressed and thought he must have changed his occupation from prison guard to a science based study of water.

Upon further questioning, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water, under his wife's supervision.

Peter Hinchey

Dunkeld Lions Club Spanish Dinner



Wednesday 17 May 2017
Dunkeld Community Centre
7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Cost \$35 per person. BYO drinks.

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 12 May 2017.



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 (of \$40.00 per member) for 2107 is now due. Application forms for new members are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

Visit to Western Front: RSL members, Peter and Helena Flinn, will be staying at Gueudecourt, a village in the Somme area, between Bapaume and Péronne, North-East of Amiens; which should not be too far from a lot of different World War I cemeteries. If anyone has any relatives buried in these cemeteries Peter has kindly offered to take a photograph or lay a poppy in remembrance. For further information please contact Peter on 5577 2216 or 0409 971 841.

Japanese – POW Friendship Program: One of our RSL members, Mrs Phyllis Leech (accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Jeanette Roll) was invited to attend the Japanese – POW Friendship Program in January of this year. The program aims to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of Japan and Australia by fostering a spirit of reconciliation and encouraging the growth of friendship between our nations. The late Mr Henry Leech OAM, WWII veteran and RSL Life Member, was one of the former Prisoners of War who was selected to participate in this program. Mrs Leech attended in her late husband's honour.

Phyllis (accompanied by her daughter, Jeanette Roll) visited many points of interest during this tour including Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Osaka. Listed below is a citation about her late husband, Henry Frederick Leech, that Phyllis read out at the Friendship Meeting held at the Tokyo Azabudai Seminar House of Osaka University of Economic and Law:



Henry was born at South Melbourne on 26 September 1924, the second eldest of five children. At the age of 14 he left his Melbourne home to work as a station hand on a farming property in the Western District of Victoria. With the advent of World War II and at the age of 16 he enlisted in the Army at Hamilton Victoria on 20 July 1941, enlisting as a 21 year old (with his mother's permission), hoping to join his older brother who was serving in the Middle East but this wish was never realized.

Henry trained at Camp Darley near Bacchus Marsh. On 12 September 1941 he sailed from Sydney on the Dutch ship *Seelayuk*, landing in Singapore about a fortnight later. He was sent to Army camps in Malaya at Jahore-Bahur, where he was on guard duty on ammunition dumps, bridges and the Singapore Water Supply, protecting against sabotage.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, and Malaya, Henry was soon in action with heavy fighting around Segamat as a Bren Gunner in the 2/29th Australian Infantry Battalion. On 15 February 1942 the Allied Forces in Singapore surrendered and Henry became a Prisoner of War and was sent to Selarang Barracks at Changi for about three months.

In May 1942, A Force including 3000 Australians were taken to Keppel Harbour and loaded on an old rusty and dirty boat *Celebes Maru* and taken to Mergui on the Burma Coast to build airfields, remaining there for three months; three months later they were taken by boat up the coast to Tavoy, also to build airfields, remaining there for three months. While in Tavoy in 1942 a race meeting emulating the famous Melbourne Cup was staged, piggyback style on the traditional first Tuesday in November, to help break the monotony and boost morale. The big men were the horses and the smaller ones, the jockeys. Some of the prisoners ran a 'book' on the race. The Japanese guards came round to watch the big event. It was later discovered that this day coincided with the birthday of Emperor Meiji and was a national holiday so the Japanese commandant co-operated.

Prisoners were walked to Ye further north in Burma where they were loaded on trucks and taken to Thanbyuzayat where they were put to work on the construction of the infamous Burma Railway, across some 420 kilometres of jungle and mountains to Three Pagodas Pass, to meet working parties who had built from the south.

The Japanese had undertaken a massive engineering task and the energy they used to clear, dig, build bridges and lay tracks was humans. The only incentive for the prisoners was that they would suffer more if they did not work. As in all Japanese POW camps, getting sufficient food was a major problem. With the urgent need to complete the Burma railway the prisoners were required to work harder and longer, wet or dry, sick or well, fed or starved. Rice was to become their staple diet. No-one knew how to cook it. Over time, Henry became an expert at it and taught the family how to cook it properly on his return home. It was often on the menu in our family home served in a variety of forms.

During the wet season the ground turned to mud, clothes rotted away, boots rotted off and the latrine pits filled with water. Dysentery, tropical ulcers and Malaria were just some of the things that the POW's suffered of which Henry did not escape with scars to tell the story.

With bombings occurring along the railway line, working gangs had to rebuild the line at Tamarkan and Kanburi. Henry was working there when he was listed to go by boat to work in Japan but due to the fact that he had burnt his feet he was declared unfit to travel by the camp doctor and did not board the ship. The ship was bombed on the way to Japan and sunk.

The camp at Kanburi was also bombed and was shifted to the other side of the river to Chungkai where they worked up and down the line. Henry was up at a camp north at Hintock cutting wood for the train engines when the Japanese surrendered in August 1945. He was trucked from Kanburi camp to Bangkok and about two weeks later flown to Singapore to board the ship *Moreton Bay* to return home to Melbourne.

Back in Australia Henry just got on with his life. After three months working in Melbourne he returned to the country to work as a shearer and on farming properties in the Western District of Victoria. At a local ball held in honour of the men who had enlisted from the area, he met his future wife and married in November 1948. In January 1950 Henry and his wife Phyllis took up a Soldier Settlement block of land at Dunkeld (a bare block of land they called 'Avondale') living in a tin shed while the house was being built. Henry worked hard establishing his farm, producing fine Merino wool which was purchased by the Japanese, providing a livelihood for his wife and family. Henry and Phyllis had four children, three daughters and a son. Jeanette, the eldest child is accompanying Phyllis on this amazing journey to Japan.

Henry was passionate about his family, generous in every sense of the word and never held a grudge. He was very community minded involving himself heavily in many community organisations, namely the Returned Services



League for which he was awarded the Meritorious Medal in 2003. He belonged to and held many positions in other organisations including the local Golf Club, Bowling Club, Fire Brigade, Racing Club and Consolidated School to name a few, giving freely of his time. Henry was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the Dunkeld community in 2009.

At the age of 75, Henry retired from the farm and moved to Hamilton with Phyllis for the remainder of his life enjoying time spent with his family, friends and travels. His greatest joy was time spent with his six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Henry passed away peacefully, with family by his side, on 17 August 2016, a month short of his 92nd birthday.

MYSTIFIED by Marion Colton

Today I'd like to talk about a little plant in the Mount Sturgeon area that mystified me for many months. One morning I was looking at an interesting species of fungus growing flat amongst the mosses. It was a rich chocolate brown, moist and seemingly stalkless, a perfect round disc about the size of a 50 cent piece. This was probably in late August or early September. I became aware of another unusual plant, which also seemed to be stalkless. It was a fresh sap-green in a tight, rounded form and, to me, resembled a large daisy-flower, its green segments radiating out from the centre. It appeared to have no leaves and no stem, just a green flower-like form on the mossy earth. More were scattered in a little community nearby; green daisy stars of differing sizes fallen to earth amongst the brown and silver gum leaves.



They intrigued me. At home, I searched unsuccessfully in my books to identify them. The mystery continued as I checked on them during each subsequent walk. They seemed to be static, just their exquisite green form.

Then one day, in the Halls Gap Botanical Garden, I stopped to study the images and information on the noticeboard. There, in front of me, was a photo of this green "daisy". However, I discovered they were not green petals but green leaves, from the centre of which arose a branched stalk bearing small pinkish-white flowers. I learned that it had an ancient heritage and that it was endemic to the Grampians.



Very excited by this discovery, I looked eagerly at the little community of plants the next time I was walking in the Mount Sturgeon area...but no change, they were just the same. This situation continued for some time, until I had almost given up hope, when, returning from a

December walk, I was thrilled to discover slender, rust-coloured stems rising from the centres presenting miniature pink flowers on their branchlets. They were a very pale pink with four petals, in the centre of which were four deep magenta anthers. They looked so dainty, about 12 centimetres tall, protected by the neighbouring, overhanging shrubs. I felt so privileged to make the acquaintance of this ancient and endemic plant, known as the Grampians Trigger Plant, *Stylidium soboliferum*, *Stylidiaceae*. What priceless

treasures we have in our midst! May they be protected for future generations.

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." - William James

Next meeting from Dunkeld Progress Association is Monday 27 March at 7.00pm in the Community Centre Green Room (please note the new time).

A Steering Committee has been established to progress the Community Plan (thanks to those who have volunteered to be on this). The Steering Committee will plan some more sessions around town to get an idea of what people would like to see in the Community Plan. Watch this space!

Thanks to those who came along to the Council Plan workshop on 28 February 2017. About 30-40 attended and it was great for the Shire to get so much feedback about what the Shire should be focussing on.

We've had a couple of locals put their hand up to do life guard training for next swim season, which is great news.

Finally, on behalf of the Progress Association, a massive congratulations to the Sturgeon Stampede organisers and many groups who supported this event. It was great to have an event on in Dunkeld over the March long weekend and by all accounts, it was a real winner. Awesome job.

Any questions - give Lucinda a buzz on 0459 774 624.

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park We have worked hard and built a retaining wall. This will allow us to level the sites in the middle of the Park. Business is picking up and we approach a busy time.

Thanks to Barry Lowe, Mark Hornibrook, Ian and Simon Macgugan, Frank Raymond, Kevin McArthur, Herman Jansen, Wendy Prust, Gary and Trevor Wall, Brian Mathews and Craig Smith, we were able to collect blocks and build the wall. We thank the Shire for lending us the retaining wall blocks and Barry and Mark for delivering them also Kelly's for unloading with their fork lift and Jones Earthworks for their wacker. Andy Macgugan is doing the earthworks.

The Committee is requesting local businesses that profit from the caravan park to fill in a survey about it. There is probably no-one on our Committee who benefits from the park. For the last 15 years we have built a successful park that benefits local businesses. It has been a lot of hard work and we are looking for more input.

Salt Creek Simon Macgugan, Herman Jansen and I trimmed the trees along the creek walk on Sunday morning. We had hoped to have the work gang in action by now, but a suitable crew is not yet available. Flood relief is slow coming and may not be available for government owned land. We may have to fix the broken bridge ourselves. The reservoir wall has finally been cleaned. Thanks to Mark Lazzari for spreading the sand to make a 'beach' on the eastern side.

Sawmill Some 'mongrels' have broken into the sawmill during the last two weeks. Some vintage chain saws were stolen. This low act really affects us as a voluntary group. We are doing our best to preserve local history as well as providing something for tourists to look at. The police are looking into the theft.

Don't forget the **Open Day on Sunday 30 April**. All the usual attractions as well as Angie Polglaze chain saw sculpting,

the Rowe family showing their timber harvesting machines and hopefully a real steam engine working.

John Smith, President



RED CROSS NEWS

Red Cross Calling is in full swing across the nation. Some local members are about, otherwise collection tins are placed in Dunkeld businesses. The event will culminate with our Street Stall outside the Bendigo Bank, on Saturday 25 March, where the Hamper Raffle will be drawn. Tickets are available in the General Store and other venues.

The next meeting will be in the Henry Leech RSL Room at 2.00pm this Thursday 23 March. Please remember to bring items for the Hamper.

Iris Field, Secretary

2017 Woolly West Fest Yarn Trail

OFF THE RAILS



DUNKELD

Who is The Mysterious Resident of Dunkeld??

The Woolly West Fest Yarn Trail is an opportunity for each town in Southern Grampians to develop their own yarn-based attraction which will be part of a "whole of shire tourist" attraction during July/August 2017.

The 2017 Woolly West Fest theme is "The Big Yarn", which celebrates local stories.

Dunkeld's "Big Yarn" will be "The Mysterious Resident" - a big black cat (puma or black leopard perhaps?) comprising a large sculpture and accompanying stories. The sculpture is about "two cars high" and will be covered in black yarn. This project is a collaboration with local artists and anyone who wants to knit, crochet, felt, spin, weave or tell their own story through a poem, prose, drawing or other medium. Contributions from as many people as possible would be fantastic.

If you are curious and want to find out more, come along to Off The Rails on Sunday 26 March 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Any donations of black, dark grey, dark brown and dark purple yarn (doesn't have to be wool) are welcome and can be dropped off at Off The Rails in the box on the platform. If you want to pick up yarn, feel free to collect it from the box. Finished pieces can also be dropped off on the platform. Finished pieces can be any size and stitch and will be sewn together. Yarn sessions will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday at Off The Rails so we can work on the project together.

Be involved and make "The Mysterious Resident" come to life!

Any enquiries, please call Lucinda Peterson on 0459 774 624 or email lucindapeterson@hotmail.com

Orchestra Victoria is coming to OTR

Off The Rails will be hosting an intimate concert on **Tuesday 4 April** commencing at 6.00pm.

- A special performance from Orchestra Victoria soloists, duets and small groups featuring the flute and harp. Bring a plate for supper, all ages warmly welcome.

What's coming at Off The Rails

- **26 March 2017** - Dunkeld 2017 Woolly West Fest launch and info session – 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
- **4 April 2017** - Free Orchestra Victoria concert featuring flute and harp – 6.00pm.
- **14 – 17 April 2017** - "Poetry and Image" featuring artists Elani Rivers, Reisha Johnston and poet Paul Sanders.

- **29 April 2017** - Neil Murray Concert 6.00pm Tickets - \$27.50 <https://trybooking.com/258049>
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MOSTLY AUSSIE NURSERY NEWS

Before going to a market at Warrnambool two weeks ago I decided to set some discount structures in place for the plants, grafted plants not included. It is prudent to also have these discounts available to all customers. You wish it would rain, well so do I, Autumn is the best time for planting in this region. Because I love plants I always visit nurseries in my travels no matter what type of plants they sell. Prices here for ornamental Australian plants, are the best I have seen with a large variety available. Grevillea Standards are starting to get buds and flowers and will get better as they age.



Some of the tubestock in the shadehouse.

Discounts are : 140mm or six inch pots – 4 for \$35,
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A variety Eremophilas, mostly grafted.

Bernie Shanahan, Dunkeld



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GARDEN NOTES - MARCH



March is a good time to plant winter and spring flowering annual and perennial flowers. The soil is still warm enough for your plants to get away to a good start, especially if the planting area is properly prepared by digging in well-rotted manure or well matured compost. Main plantings are stock, pansy, viola, sweet William, lobelia, snapdragon, primula, calendula, cineraria and many others.

During March you can plant vegetables for winter and spring harvest including cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, silver beet, celery, turnip and early sowings of peas, broad beans and onions. New lawns could be sown during March or established lawns renovated to take advantage of soil temperatures still warm after summer.

Because next season's fruit buds are formed after harvest, don't forget to regularly water your established fruit trees. When harvesting pumpkins remember that they bruise quite easily, thus reducing storage life, so handle gently.

The flowering period of many flower crops especially dahlias and roses will be extended if you regularly "dead head" i.e. remove spent flowers.

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

Sweet peas can be sown now and will make a very colourful display during the late winter and early spring. They will need a fence or trellis for support and the same soil requirements as for legume vegetables i.e. a well-drained soil with an application of super phosphate or complete fertiliser, a dusting of garden lime but no fresh animal manure.

Finally the usual reminder about not dumping or burning autumn leaves, instead compost them or use them as mulch around the garden. Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat

BLUE GREEN ALGAE ALERT LIFTED

Southern Grampians Shire Council is pleased to advise that the alert on Blue Green Algae at Lake Hamilton has now been lifted.

Compliant laboratory reports over the last two weeks have returned satisfactory blue green algae cell count results and the scum that was the cause for concern has now subsided.

Lake Hamilton can now be used for recreation activities including swimming, sail boarding, water skiing, boating and fishing.

In the interests of public safety and in accordance with the Lake Hamilton Management Plan, Council's Environmental Health Department will continue to monitor the lake's water quality closely.

Signage warning of health risks will be removed from the lake foreshore over the coming week.



DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE



Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on **Monday 17 April commencing at 8:00pm** at the Dunkeld Museum.

From Dunkeld to Dunkeld in 1910:

The original contact between the two Dunkeld schools in Victoria and Scotland was in 1910. The initiative came from State School No 183, Dunkeld, Victoria to arrange an exchange of flags.

In 1910, international travel was rare and communication was entirely by letter. However the "tyranny of distance" was more than compensated by the strong bond of friendship that was evident in the extensive (and largely hand-written) correspondence between the two schools. Also evident was the patriotic fervour for the British Empire, which was so important in those days.

The Australian flag was sent to Scotland in a fine box made from blackwood, which also included many postcards, maps, letters and even gum leaves from trees in the school grounds. The official letter accompanying the flag read as follows:

The Dunkeld School Board of Advice No 211, Victoria, Australia sends a hearty greeting to the boys and girls of Dunkeld, Scotland. The Board rejoices that your flag will float over the Victorian Dunkeld School, and prizes this proof of kinship and loyalty. It trusts that you may have much happiness and grow to be worthy sons and daughters of our great Empire on which the sun never sets.

The letter was signed by John McLaughlin, Chairman; James Payne, Correspondent; and Thos. Ballinger, John Cameron and John Womersley, Members.

The plaque on the box reads: *With warmest greetings from School No. 183, Dunkeld, Victoria, Australia.*

E.E. Allen, Head Teacher. School Board: J. McLaughlin, J. Payne, J. Cameron, T. Ballinger, J. Womersley. Councillors and Justices: H.A. Armytage, J. White, R. Woodburn, I. Kaufmann JP, W. Young JP. April 1910.



The flag sent from Scotland was a Union Jack, also sent in an impressive box made from a special larch tree on the estate of the Duke

of Atholl. The box was adorned with two engraved silver plates, one representing the arms of the school and the other bearing crossed flags. Again, several letters and pictures were included. The flag and box are located at the Dunkeld Museum.

The ceremony at Dunkeld, Scotland in March 1910 was attended by several distinguished guests, including the Marquis of Tullibardine (the Duke's eldest son), who gave a lengthy and amusing speech to the assembled scholars. He concluded with "three cheers for the King and the flag – Hip, Hip, Hurrah!"

The Rector of the Royal School of Dunkeld, Mr Henry Crombie, enclosed a hand-written address to the schoolchildren of Dunkeld, Victoria, with the Union Jack. His prose was indeed impressive: *"While you are hoisting our Union Jack, and giving loud and noble expression to your zeal and loyalty to its cause, we shall be fondly dreaming of the great event of the coming day, when, under your flag of the Commonwealth, we shall echo and re-echo the inspiring sentiments wafted from your distant home."*

Mr Crombie's final sentence summed up the feelings of the time: *"Great and lasting, we hope, shall be the prosperity of*

your home, and long may we remain united as friends in the deep, inspiring zeal of Patriotism to our glorious Empire and loyalty to our noble King."

The second exchange of flags occurred on 11 March 2006 during the Dunkeld Consolidated School Anniversary celebrations.

When it comes to history, Dunkeld Consolidated School is no match for the Royal School of Dunkeld in Scotland. Each year they celebrate "Founders Day", and this year the school is 450 years old!

It is thought that a church school would have been in existence by the end of the 8th century to teach music – and Latin – for the chanting of psalms. A Grammar School, intended especially for the education of choristers, was founded by the Chancellor of Dunkeld Cathedral in 1515.

On 2nd February 1567, a Royal Charter for a Grammar School was granted by the Earl of Moray in the name of King James VI of Scotland "to be called for all time to come the Royal School of Dunkeld". At that time, the king was only a few months old, but later became James I of England. The patron of the school was to be the Duke of Atholl and his successors, based at nearby Blair Castle, and this patronage continues until the present day.

In 1798, the schoolmaster's salary was £34 per annum. There were 80 scholars in winter and 60 in summer, each paying 2/6d per quarter. During the 18th century the school moved to a building overlooking the Tay, then in 1891 to Culloden House – formerly the Dukes Arms Inn – at the Market Cross.

There were various schools on the opposite side of the river in the Parish of Little Dunkeld during the 19th century, but finally in 1930 pupils from all remaining schools were transferred to the new – and still current – school building, which carries on the name of the Royal School of Dunkeld.



The school coat-of-arms shows its strong associations with the past. The lion's head and fleur-de-lis show that it is a Royal school. The dove is the emblem of Saint Columba, the patron saint of Dunkeld. The vertical black and gold bars are part of the Atholl family's coat-of-arms. The blue and silver checks are part of the Moray family's crest. The open books show it is a place of learning, and the bishop's mitre is a reminder that originally the school was part of the Cathedral. The motto "Procedite Honeste" means "Forward with Honour".

There are a couple of similarities to the history of our own Dunkeld school. Both schools at one time were housed in current or former hotels, and during the 20th century in both cases "consolidation" took place, with smaller schools closing in favour of one larger campus.¹

¹Extract from *Hamilton Spectator – Dunkeld Consolidated School Anniversary feature 2006*

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	26 March	Brian & Julie Hermann
Sunday	2 April	Jenny Cook & Katrina Weatherly
Sunday	9 April	Joyce Gordon & Heather Funk
Saturday	15 April	Wally & Carol Allen
Monday	17 April	Geoff Hinchliffe & Erin O'Neil

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.

SHOUT OUT TO BUDDING STREET ARTISTS

Council is inviting and encouraging all young people in the region to come and learn some new skills these school holidays with Ballarat Artist, Stuart Walsh.



Make Your Mark @

the Park project is a free street art workshop being held at both the Hamilton and Coleraine Skate Parks during the April school holidays. Funded by Victorian State Government's Community Crime Prevention Unit, the project aims to engage youth and raise awareness about the consequences of illegal street art.

Council is excited to have artist Stuart Walsh on board to host the workshops, who has extensive experience in engaging young people in community public art projects.

The two-day workshops will be held in Hamilton on 4 and 5 April and in Coleraine the following week on 10 and 11 April. The free workshops will run from 10.00am-4.00pm each day. All materials and masks will be provided on the day, and the event is open to community members aged 10-25 years. Younger children wishing to attend must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Council CEO Michael Tudball called on all young people in the Shire to get involved in the project.

"Make Your Mark @ the Park is a fantastic free event running through the school holidays that aims to engage young people to create a sense of ownership over the space, educate them about the consequences of illegal street art and increase their opportunity to explore their artist skills while enhancing a community space" he said.

"We often hear that there isn't much for young people to do in our towns, so here's a great opportunity to be involved with a really unique and fun project in your community! We've also got the YMCA Skate Park Leagues Regional Final being held in Hamilton on 9 April, so really, the timing couldn't be better to showcase the local street art talent of our young people".



Intro sessions at both Skate Parks are being held prior to the two day workshops next month. The intro sessions will provide the

opportunity to have some input in the design phase by creating the stencils, which will be used during the street art workshops.

The Hamilton Intro Session will be held on Thursday 23 March between 4.30-6.00pm and in Coleraine on Friday 24 March between 5.30-7.00pm. Refreshments will be provided. People are still able to join in the two day workshops, even if they can't attend the intro sessions.

For further information, keep an out for promotional posters, follow Council on Facebook or contact the Council Recreation Coordinator on 5551 4308.



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SCHOOL NEWS

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who assisted in any way with the recent school fundraiser (Pizza and Coffee Stalls) at the inaugural Sturgeon Stampede Rodeo including:

Barry and Tania Lowe, Ray Keilar, Casey Trotter, Kylie Huzony, Bev Hampton, Gerard and Kate Comer, Luke and Stacey Balkin, Wil Balkin, Priscilla Jury, Lea

McArthur, Karen Kent, Anna Topia, Emma Gordon, Eda Williamson, Sarah Alderman, Anne Gilbert, Melanie Peace, Terrie Nicholson, Sarah Crawford, Amy Crawford, Melissa



Field, Naomie Phillips and Andrew and Annette Huf.

And other amazing people in our community who assisted - Adrian Field, Clare Kennedy, Anthony Graham, Sue Balkin-Mitchell, Lisa McIntyre, Mac Cuming ... we apologise for

anyone that we may have inadvertently missed.



STEAM in the Classroom

On 3 March, the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6's had STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. Our project for the day was to create a balloon rocket. The balloon rocket was to go up a particular length of string that was tied to the roof. You were provided with 2 balloons, a piece

of paper, 2 straws and some string. Most of the balloon rockets did not work but one of them went a small way up the string. It was very fun to experiment with balloons and find strategies to make our balloon rocket go up. It was so funny when one of the balloon rockets popped and Mrs Phillips was sitting right next to it and got such a surprise and scared look on her face! *By Anna Rennie and Monet Graham, Year 5*



SSV Southwest Division Swimming Championships

Fourteen students attended the Divisional Swimming Championships in Warrnambool last week - Ella Jackson, Ben Potter, Charlie Field, Thomas Calvert, Lucille Aarons, India Ross, Pippa Williamson, Amity Haley, Addison Linskens, Myles Haley, Abby Lazzari, Jonah Morganti,



Matthew Calvert and Taylor Haley.

It was my pleasure to accompany them and I couldn't have been more pleased to be there. The students showed great camaraderie and it was wonderful to see such enthusiastic cheering and encouraging between them all.

Huge thanks also to the parents who transported the students there and did a wonderful job cheering and raising morale over a long meet.

Everyone made an achievement and although our most significant achievements were Ella and Thomas qualifying for the Regionals in Ballarat and some of our senior swimmers smashing their qualifying times the others were no less important.

For some of our swimmers their achievements were being brave to swim their race even if they weren't feeling confident, to wear swim caps for the first time, to swim in a 50m pool in front of a big crowd, to wait in marshalling lines for what seems like forever, to dive off starting blocks, to risk being disqualified due to stroke technique but doing their best anyway and mostly to embrace their nerves (of which there were many, and NOT JUST for the children!). So to ALL OUR SWIMMERS - SUPER EFFORT and WELL DONE, I have been filled with pride all week.

By Lea McArthur

On Friday 8 March, 14 swimmers went to the Zone Swimming Sports. We had a total of 26 individual races and one relay. Here are some of the thoughts and feelings from the students who attended;

The pool is much longer than you think. By Myles Haley, Year 4.

I thought that it was nerve racking when I stood up on the blocks. By Abby Lazzari, Year 4.

I felt like I couldn't do it. By

Matthew Calvert and Taylor Haley, Year 3.

I had really bad butterflies. By India Ross, Year 5.

First event I didn't want to get in the water. By Thomas Calvert, Year 5.

My head hurt because of the swimming caps. By Charlie Field, Year 5.

I felt very nervous and I got more and more nervous as I walked up to the blocks. By Lucille Aarons, Year 5.

I felt calm while I was waiting but I got very nervous while I was standing on the blocks. By Ella Jackson, Year 6.

Over all Thomas came 1st in Breaststroke and 3rd in Backstroke and Ella came 3rd in Breaststroke.

Everyone tried their very best and should be happy with their effort!! By Ella Jackson, Year 6 and Lucille Aarons, Year 5.



The School would like to wish Thomas Calvert and Ella Jackson all the very best at the upcoming Regional Swimming Championships to be held at Ballarat on Friday 24 March.

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Raffle



Each year the Dunkeld Consolidated School supports the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Each year the Royal Children's Hospital provides a prize to raffle. Raffle tickets are available at the school.

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

In continuing the commitment to ensure the community is kept informed and given the opportunity to have their say, Council will be holding three, one hour Budget Information Sessions over the coming weeks, prior to the adoption of the Budget in June. These Information Sessions will be held at the following locations:

Balmoral | Wednesday 29 March at 6.00pm | Balmoral Hall,
Glendinning Street, Balmoral
Hamilton | Monday 3 April at 6.00pm | Hamilton Library,
Brown Street, Hamilton
Glenthompson | Tuesday 4 April at 6.00pm | Glenthompson
Recreation Reserve

Mayor Councillor Mary-Ann Brown encourages all residents to come along to the sessions to find out more about the Council's plans for 2017/18.

"We had really great attendance at our recent Council plan engagement sessions. Following on from these, we now want to share with the community the suggestions we have been able to implement into the 2017/18 budget and give people the opportunity to tell us what they think" Cr Mary-Ann Brown said.

"Having these information sessions prior to the finalisation of the 2017/18 budget, gives us the opportunity to ensure that this budget is a document that accurately reflects the needs and wants of our community" Cr Brown said.

For more information on the budget sessions, visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au



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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

From the Garden...

I am so excited and grateful this week, because our Grade 2 class has offered to be responsible for watering our main garden beds this year. Susie Gibson, their teacher, has



generously "volunteered" to keep an eye on their watering! As all our water comes from the rain that lands on the school roofs, we need to be careful that we do not waste any of it. Here we see Carol Burger helping Grade 2 students Penny and Cadence to change the irrigation fittings, ready to water more efficiently. Another responsibility that the older children have taken on board, is to care for their "own" fruit tree. They will water, prune, feed and observe their tree; what insects are living there, note any diseases etc. This activity will expand their knowledge of plants and insects, by broadening their observational ability, and further increase their sense of pride, ownership and responsibility in their garden. What more could you wish for!!

Lisa McIntyre

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

SAKG KITCHEN - THURSDAY 23 MARCH – YEAR 4	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Heather Hampton Sarah Crawford Kylie Huzony Alison Howgate
SAKG KITCHEN - THURSDAY 30 MARCH – YEAR 5/6	
11.15am - 2.00pm	Jo Aarons Bruce McNaughton Kylie Huzony Melissa McIntyre Anna Topia

SAKG GARDEN - THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 5/6	Bruce McNaughton, Casey Trotter, Trish Symes, Bev Hampton, Iven Field, Jane Calvert
12.300pm – 1.30pm Grade 3	Casey Trotter, Trish Symes, Bev Hampton, Vivien Brodsky, Iven Field, Jane Calvert
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Liz Hinchey, Trish Symes, Amanda Cochran, Bev Hampton, Vivien Brodsky, Kate Brian, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen, Jane Calvert
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Betty Balkin, Trish Symes, Bev Hampton, Vivien Brodsky, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen, Jane Calvert
SAKG GARDEN - THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 4	Sarah Crawford ,Liz Hinchey, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Ruth Kyle, Iven Field
12.300pm – 1.30pm Grade 3	Sarah Crawford ,Liz Hinchey, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Vivien Brodsky, Iven Field
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Anna Topia, Carol Burger, Liz Hinchey, Trish Symes ,Priscilla Jury, Amy Peters, Vivien Brodsky, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Carol Burger, Liz Hinchey, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Vivien Brodsky, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen

LANDCARE NEWS

Panyyabyr Landcare Group will hold their **AGM on Tuesday 4 April at 6.00pm**, in the Green Room, Sterling Place, Dunkeld. We'll go for tea (at own expense) to Café 109 following the meeting. **Please RSVP.**

Fox Control Program - the current baiting pulse runs to 10 April 2017. Please let me know your bait take information after that.

Finding Nature - We will hold two Bioblitzes (Autumn and Spring) during the year, where five local properties will be surveyed for plants, animals, insects and birds. Everyone will be welcome to attend. As part of the Autumn Survey, we will conduct a **bird survey on Saturday 1 April** (please see attached flier). This is a great way to learn about, observe and identify local birds, in a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We'll conclude with a BBQ lunch (at no cost) at the Freshwater Lake. **Please RSVP.**

- In addition to the two surveys, we'd like to regularly highlight local observations from you; what wildlife have you observed living around you?



I'll begin by showing this photo, taken near our back door, of a native swamp rat, *Rattus lutreolus* and a growling grass frog, *Litoria raniformis*. (If the photo isn't clear, please just believe me!!)

Please call or email me with your observations, and if you have a photo – terrific! We'll include it in future newsletters. And the species doesn't have to be rare or endangered, we'd love to hear about anything you see.

Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235 advance1@bigpond.com

WANTED

The Dunkeld Museum requires a standard sink plus half bowl for our kitchen. If anyone happens to be remodelling their kitchen and would like to donate their old one and a half bowl sink to the Museum, could you please contact our Secretary on 5577 2384.



Woodland Bird Monitoring Autumn 2017

• With Autumn in the air, the date has now been set for the Panyabyr Landcare group's next woodland bird survey. All are welcome to attend this session, which will again be led by guest 'twitchers' from Birdlife Australia's Hamilton branch.

• We will monitor the Olivers remnant red gums, than the Weatherly's woodland scrub and then Freshwater Lake. Finishing at approx 12.30pm with a free BBQ lunch.

Date: Saturday 1 April at 8.30am—12.30pm

Where: Meeting at Dunkeld Tourist Information Centre for carpooling to 'Wandobah'.

What to bring: Binoculars, cameras, appropriate clothing for the prevailing weather conditions, sturdy footwear and water.

Morning tea and BBQ lunch will be provided.

For further information and rsvp contact;

Lisa McIntyre: advancel@bigpond.com or 0428 749 235

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Thursday 9:30am & 4:30pm

Venue: Dunkeld Memorial Park

Classes run for approx. 1 - 1 ½ hrs

Cost: \$15.00 Concession: \$10.00

First lesson free to all newcomers

Bring a friend and get your lesson half price.

Greg Gardner 0403 960 900

GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB



The season finished with a bang for the cricket club with both the Under 16 and C Grade teams winning their Grand Finals during the week.

For all players, parents and supporters the club presentation night is Friday 31 March at 5.30pm beginning with the juniors, followed by a spit roast and senior presentations at the club rooms.

Under 16: Back page of the Spectator was appropriate for this team that produced one of the more stunning finals campaigns to produce a win totally unexpected.

After an incredible performance to bowl out top team Macarthur for 48 and advance to the Grand Final the team was again presented with adversity having to bat on a wet wicket at Melville Oval and then bowl when the wicket was perfect the next day. After a season where players were injured or absent due to school, work and other commitments and each week another obstacle was placed in front of this group resilience was never going to be an issue and it showed.

Captain Lachie Field decided to change the batting order to counter the pitch and this proved a master stroke with Kaden Humphries making a superb 50 retired and with support from Bailey Holmes and Vincent Huf both 9 and Field himself with 41 a score of 145 was the eventual total.

Hamilton began well, but the spin of Josh Gordon and the speed of Josh Mawson (both 2 wickets) proved difficult to handle and with Field 2 wickets and a couple of run outs Hamilton could only muster 96 in reply. Kaden Humphries Man of the Match.



Winning Under 16 Team

C Grade had a huge crowd for their epic encounter with fellow country club Tahara in the Grand Final and on a hot day the cricket certainly matched up.

Andrew Povey (82 and man of the match) and Stephen Field (75) put on 150 for the first wicket and this allowed teen sensation Josh Mawson 21 not out and Angus McIntyre 15 and Russ Macgugan 13 not out to grow the score to 219 after 40 overs.

Zach Burgess got the fielding effort going with a brilliant run out and then Tahara settled in with a partnership of 80 for the second wicket and another 80 for the third wicket giving the supporters plenty of concern. Cat Gordon and son Josh bowled beautifully in tandem to restrict the run rate and Cat grabbed a crucial wicket along the way. With the game on a knife's edge it was another of our champion young players who stepped up to the plate, with Jack Kruger collecting the wicket of the captain and two others in a superb spell of medium pace bowling (3/23). Gus McIntyre slipped through the defences of two more and with 40 needed from 6 overs the game was heading our way. Fielding is something this

team prides itself on and it was the brilliance of Josh Gordon to chase down and run out their best bat that killed off the challenge and Grampians soon after would be crowned champions.



Winning Grampians C Grade team

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- **B Grade Championships** on Saturday 25 March 2017. **The Dunkeld Fours, 29 April.**
- **The Edna & Macca McFarlane Day for 60 & Over, 21 March.**

*** This event is open to Bowlers 60 years and over. It is hoped to play a mixed event as requested by the family, however due to a lack of ladies we may play a medley. This is sure to be a great event which will be held annually and is generously sponsored by the family.

Social Bowls/Tournaments

COLERAINE: On 24 February, Heather Mc, Christine S, Marieka and Rhonda T from Hamilton ventured to Coleraine for their open event. Our girls performed very well again to come away as Runner-ups.

DUNKELD PAIRS: Wednesday 22 February, sponsored by **Mattiske & Henderson of Hamilton** and **Terry McDonald Used Cars of Hamilton.**

We had full entries for this board event which was played in great conditions.

Winners for the second year running were John (Fossil) Overall and Ken Prewitt, narrowly beating the Colac team of Mal Curnow and Murray Knight.

This event proved to be another great success and as usual the ladies catered superbly. For such a small group of ladies, they do a wonderful job.

THE M. TEMPLETON 21 UP EVENT: This prestigious event was held on 4 March. In the first round some great games were played: John M and George Mc had a great tussle; Neil S pushed Grub and Gary and Geoff H were 20 all with Geoff picking up two shots to take the game.

Second round saw Geoff beat Grub and Brian defeated Iven.

Into the final in a game played intensely and in good spirits saw Uncle Brian run out the 2017 winner.

Congratulations to all who played.



Brian Mathews being congratulated by Club President, Simon Cullinane

HAMILTON CLASSIC PAIRS: This major event on the Hamilton Bowls program was held over two days on 8th and 9th March. Dunkeld Representatives, Simon (Shanks) Cullinane and Gary Wall won two of their three games on day one and then both games the next day to progress to the finals. In the first final against a Hamilton team the lads won 7-2, into the preliminary final to be beaten by the eventual winners of the event. A great result for our lads and to top it off Shanks won the Resting Toucher on Wednesday morning and Gary won it in the afternoon.

THE STUART DARROCH DAY: 18/03/2017

Once again this hugely popular event proved a great success with all players having a very enjoyable day's bowls, with much banter and good humour. After three games of 14 ends the four finalists played off. The John Overall team were beaten by Frank Logan's team; Chas Olive's team defeated the Paul Darroch group.

Into the final, played over 5 ends, saw Chas Olive's team play the team of Frank (Mirrors) Logan who skippered his team of Mark (Cloud) Astbury, and Gary (Banga) Wall to a good win to claim this very much sought after trophy. It was pleasing to see all players stay on and watch the finals, their cheering etc helped make it an enjoyable event.



Gary Wall, Frank Logan and Mark Astbury on winning the Stuart Darroch Day Trophy

President Shanks thanked the Darroch family for their support and allowing the club to host this important event. Glen Darroch made the presentations and thanked all concerned and again expressed the family's desire for the day to continue.

Paul Darroch, as per each year, provided three magnificent meat trays for the raffle, duly won by Frank R, another by Sandy Riddle (it was good to see Sandy back about the club) and the last tray by young Toby. The Darroch family, ably led by Joy, provided a most wonderful evening meal much to the delight of all who indulged. A big THANK YOU to all concerned.

Our band of ladies catered for lunch and smoko with another great spread, well done girls!

FOOTY TIPPING: The footy season is coming upon us quickly and as usual the bowls club will be running a Footy Tipping Competition. Those interested in participating need to either come to the club to enter or contact Gary on 0488 715 705. Everyone is welcome!

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer

Hay For Sale

Round Rolls
Rye & Clover Mix
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\$125/t + GST

Phone Simon: 0418 319 545

DUNKELD POLO 2017

The Hexham Polo Club, in conjunction with the Dunkeld Racing Club, Football Club and the Royal Mail Hotel, is privileged to invite you to the 2017 Dunkeld Polo.

Come and enjoy country polo at its finest, with one of the most amazing backdrops of any ground in the world.

Tickets available here: <https://www.trybooking.com/266391>



A bar will be provided by the Dunkeld Football Club and we are encouraging BYO picnics, feel free to pull the car up to the sideline with friends and family, or join the players in the central Hexham Marquee.

Event tickets grant you access to the sideline (\$10, children under 18yo free) and will available online soon or at the gate. All ticket proceeds go to help maintain the grounds and ensure there is polo in Dunkeld for years to come.

The tournament is to be held at the Dunkeld Race Track in the shadow of Mount Sturgeon on 15 April 2017.

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