

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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The Dunkeld Fitzpatrick Sawmill Open Day



Sunday 30th April will see the Dunkeld Fitzpatrick Sawmill show off its' stunning collection of both static and working wood working machinery to the general public.

Five years ago a public meeting was held to decide the future of the closed Fitzpatrick Sawmill. It was deteriorating from neglect. The Dunkeld Public Land's Committee had secured the building some years ago using a Government Grant. It was decided that preserving the Sawmill was worthwhile.

Unfortunately most sawmills have disappeared. The Fitzpatrick Sawmill was built on Crown Land in the middle of Dunkeld in the 1940s. It was placed beside the town reservoir because water was available to feed the steam engine. Arthur Fitzpatrick moved the Sawmill from Victoria Valley when trucks were able to cart the sawlogs to the mill.

The Sawmill was Dunkeld's largest employer for many years. It closed in 2000 after logging was stopped because of the creation of the National Park.

An interested group of district residents has put the Sawmill back together as a static display. It is a regular visiting place for tourists and situated in the Arboretum.

Each year an Open Day is held to show how timber was cut and to help raise some funds for the upkeep of the sawmill.

This Open Day has been a long time coming as the previous date in October 2016 had to be cancelled due to excessive rain causing access problems with the site. The Open Day on Sunday will run from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

There will be a variety of objects and machinery on display to demonstrate the history of logging in the town. A steam engine will be working, timber and slabs will be cut and sold, axe handles will be made, auto logging and swing saw demonstrations will be run and Rows' tree harvesting machines will be on display.

Angie Polglaze (the Chain Saw Chick) will be returning to sculpt something to add to the display. She was responsible for the creation of the great eagle last time, which has proven to be popular with both tourists and locals alike. We can't wait to see what she and her chainsaw has in store for us this time.

Lunch and drinks will be available, so keep this day free. For further details contact John Smith on 5577 2397.



DONATIONS

Dorothy Blanch \$30

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

CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

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

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|----------|--------|----------|--------|---|
| 4th Week | Sunday | April 23 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion |
| 5th Week | Sunday | April 30 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion |
| 1st Week | Sunday | May 7 | 8.30am | Mass |
| 2nd Week | Sunday | May 14 | | No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson) |
| 3rd Week | Sunday | May 21 | 8.30am | Mass |
| 4th Week | Sunday | May 28 | 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.

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| Sunday April 23 | Uniting |
| Sunday April 30 | Hamilton (Anglican or Uniting) |

Pannyabyr 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 APRIL/MAY 2017

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|---|---|---|--|-----------|--|--|
| 17 | 18 | 19 Newsletter Distribution Issue 5 | 20 Mobile Library Dunkeld | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Progress Association Meeting | 25 RSL ANZAC Dawn Service 6.30am | 26 | 27 Dunkeld Red Cross Meeting Mobile Library Mirranatwa Auskick and Net Set Go Commence at 4:30pm | 28 | 29 Sculpture Exhibition in the Garden Dunkeld Festival of Music OTR – Neil Murray concert | 30 Sculpture Exhibition in the Garden Dunkeld Festival of Music |
| 1 Contribution CUT OFF Issue 6 Dunkeld Festival of Music Museum AGM & Guest Speaker | 2 Dunkeld Festival of Music | 3 Newsletter Distribution Issue 6 | 4 Mobile Library Dunkeld | 5 | 6 | 7 "Cast Off" the Rails |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Dunkeld Tourism Association Meeting | 11 Mobile Library Mirranatwa | 12 | 13 | 14 |

DUNKELD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

**Fri 28 - Sun 30
April 2017**

**Sun 30 April - Tues
2 May 2017**

Featuring the
Australian String
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Wispelwey, cello
and Caroline Almonte, piano



Throughout the Festival, the Australian String Quartet will bring to life timeless and purely beautiful music on their matched set of Guaragnini instruments handcrafted in Italy between 1743-1784. They 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.

Locals can get single concert tickets via Roz at the Bookshop. Second series only \$70 for single tickets for Monday 1st May, Tuesday 2nd May.

For bookings or further information ring Roz Greenwood on 0417 360 362.



Pieter Wispelwey



Caroline Almonte

DUNKELD S.E.S.

We were fortunate to have had a quiet Christmas period. Since then we have been busy with 3 RCR (Road Crash Rescue) events, a number of Storm events and 1 Assist Ambulance (carry-out from Mt Abrupt).

Our persistence with the new shed is finally beginning to show some results. We have had some very positive meetings with the CFA, with outcomes that are reflecting this. Safe to say that finally we are moving in the right direction, however, there is still a long way to go.

It's disappointing that a project that will only further enhance and support our services to the community is so difficult to get off the ground.

We would like to welcome new member Tim Wagland. We also welcome the return of Jed Comer, after 5 years working away. Both Tim and Jed will be very valuable additions to our Unit. We certainly hope that they enjoy their time with us.

William McArthur has recently moved away, and Peter McDonald has stepped into his shoes to the position of Deputy Controller. Peter is a very conscientious and hard working member who thoroughly deserves this promotion.

We highly encourage members of the community to call in on any Wednesday night, to have a look around and see what we do.

SES is not all about road crash. There are many things that people can do both in operational and non-operational (support) roles to assist the Unit in serving our community.

It is very pleasing to hear that Felicity Gordon is progressing quite well in her recovery. Our Unit will continue to support Leeanne, Mike and their family, in whatever capacity that we can, for as long as needed.

For any queries or enquiries contact Doug or Peter.
Unit – phone: 0418 353 292.

Doug McArthur, Controller

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL DUNKELD

Royal Mail Hotel is planning a new development!

Central to the new development is the establishment of a stand-alone fine dining restaurant which will be called **Wickens at the Royal Mail Hotel**.

The new restaurant, will be led by Executive Chef and namesake, Robin Wickens, who has been with the hotel for over three years.

Other elements of the project include doubling the capacity of the hotel's casual diner, Parker Street Project as it moves into the existing Dining Room space, and renovated hotel Reception area.

"We are delighted to embark on this major project which will bring more visitors and encourage them to stay longer, which in turn supports other local businesses" said Mr Mark Whitnell, General Manager.

"The team here are very skilled and passionate about food and wine and hospitality. They are extremely excited to be part of the next evolution of the business which we plan to open on October this year," Mr Whitnell added.

Employment enquires are welcomed and should be directed to hr@royalmail.com.au

Follow the hotel's Facebook page for updates during this exciting time.



Robin Wickens and Mark Whitnell in front of the Royal Mail Hotel

DUNKELD TOURISM ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10 May at 5.00pm** in the Dunkeld Tourist Information Centre.

The Dunkeld Tourist Information Centre has introduced a new tourism initiative in the form of a Local Business Showcase.

Each fortnight a member of the Dunkeld Tourism Association will have a display set up showcasing their business and what it has to offer our ever increasing number of visitors to Dunkeld and the Grampians.

The Dunkeld Tourism Association is proud to showcase the DUNKELD GENERAL STORE.

Vicki Kearney

NAB AFL AUSKICK

Glenthompson Dunkeld NAB AFL AUSKICK KICKS OFF in 2017 at Dunkeld Rec Reserve on **THURSDAY 27 APRIL from 4:30pm – 5:30pm** and runs for 8 weeks. Participants must be 5 years and over and attending Primary School. Adrian Field will be coaching, along with assistance from other parents, which will allow the groups to be divided into groups from Prep to Year 3. **We strongly encourage girls to register also.** Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au

For further information, please call Ally Gordon on 0429 900 747.

FOOTY FOR YEARS 4, 5 and 6

The Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Club is offering kids in Years 4, 5 and 6 the opportunity to attend training sessions on Thursday nights from 4:30pm-5:30pm in lieu of registering for Auskick. This will be the step in between Auskick and Under 16.5 training. The cost will be \$20 per person, which is payable at registration on the first night. To register your interest, please contact Adrian Field on 0418 345 336. Training will start on Thursday 27 April and run for 8 weeks.

NetSetGo



Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club will be conducting the NetSetGo program again in 2017.

Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games for ages 5-10. Commences

Thursday 27 April at 4.30pm – 5.30pm at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve and will run for 8 weeks. Register Online. Contact Rebecca Howell on 0437 965 577 for more information.

FUNDING STREAMS OPEN TO LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is urging local sports clubs and councils to apply for state government funding to build modern and safer grassroots sports facilities and new multi-sport indoor stadiums.

Ms Kealy said a number of grant programs, including the *Defibrillators for Sporting Clubs and Facilities Program*, the *Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* and the *Better Indoor Stadiums Fund*, had opened to clubs and associations.

"Sporting groups can apply directly to the defibrillator grant program, with 400 defibrillators and training packages still available," Ms Kealy said.

"A number of local clubs have been successful through these grant program in the past, so I encourage others to apply," she said.

Ms Kealy said sporting groups would need to work with their local council to apply for funding through the \$100 million *Community Sports and Infrastructure Fund* and the \$22m *Better Indoor Stadiums Fund*.

"I know of a lot of clubs are seeking upgrades to their small stadiums, change rooms or clubrooms, and these grant streams provide a great opportunity for them to work with their local council to achieve this," she said.

"The *Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* also includes the \$10m *Female Friendly Facilities* program, with up to \$100,000 available for those looking to build new facilities, or upgrade old ones, to cater for female players."

More information available at www.sport.vic.gov.au



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FROM THE LION'S DEN

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.

Dunkeld Lions Club Spanish Dinner



Wednesday 17 May 2017
Dunkeld Community Centre
7 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 PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park Gary has been very busy lately, especially during Easter. The committee members have also been busy making improvements at the Caravan Park. We have been tracking comments from visitors and taking notice of sensible suggestions.

We have also been surveying business owners to gauge the value of the Caravan Park to them. Could we have all surveys returned soon, please?

Sawmill Our big day is on Sunday 30 April from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Sawmill Group members are asked to attend on Saturday afternoon (29th) if possible to help set up for the big day.

Memorial Park I attended a meeting recently regarding the placing of an important plaque near our War Memorial. The Friends of Gallipoli have commissioned Dr Ross Bastiaan to cast a bronze plaque commemorating the submarine AE2. This submarine made it through the Straits of Dardanelles on 25th April 1915 and created havoc amongst the Turkish supply ships until it was sunk. Two plaques are being made; one to be placed in Turkey and one to be placed in Dunkeld.

Dunkeld was chosen because the only Australian submariner to lose his life was Stoker Michael Williams, one of four

brothers to die in WW1. Alan and Maria Myers are strongly supporting this memorial.

During his visit Ross was most impressed with our memorial and offered to cast one of his Gallipoli Plaques to complement the AE2 plaque. It will cost us only the casting of the bronzes. We need to find about \$4000. Mayor Mary-Ann is seeking help from Veterans' Affairs and Dan Tehan. If money is not available, I am sure we can 'rattle the tin' and achieve this important memorial for our town. More about this soon.

John Smith *President*



RED CROSS NEWS

Red Cross Calling in March raised \$1,634.80, an amazing total for a small town. Thank you to the collectors, members and helpers and to the supporters of Red Cross in the area. The street stall was a success.

Winners of the multi raffle were: Melissa McIntyre, Roz Greenwood and Faye Gordon.

At the moment, the Red Cross is heavily involved in Disaster Relief in Africa, Syria and now at home and as a result of Cyclone Debbie. It has been providing evacuation centres; door to door checking; counselling and general support.

Our next meeting is at **1.00pm on Thursday 27 April at the Henry Leech RSL Room**. Following the meeting we will pool cars and travel to the Peshurst Hospital where, at this time each year, we provide afternoon tea to the residents. Members are asked to bring two plates of suitable food and we will pool cars.

Secretary, Iris Field

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION IN THE GARDEN

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NEXT TO DUNKELD DELIGHTS

APRIL 29 & 30

Sat 9am till 5pm

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ARTISTS

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Karen Pegg, Ceres

Jon Hayes, Timboon

Helen Millar, Geelong

FREE ENTRY

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PENSHURST CREATIVE ARTS

It was a successful weekend on the 24th-26th March for the Penshurst Creative Arts Inc held at the Penshurst Memorial Hall. There were 7 paintings and 2 kids drawings sold on the day. Everyone who attended agreed that the variety of styles of works of art was inspirational and well worth the visit. Dunkeld & District **Community Bank®** Branch kindly covered the cost of advertising on the radio and in the newspaper



CAVENDISH & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION WRAPS UP FOR THE SEASON

The Local Summer Tennis Competition finished the 2016/17 season with some great tennis displayed in the Grand Final. The Junior Grand Final was fought out between Cavendish and Mooralla with Cavendish taking home the win. The Senior Grand Final was between Mooralla and Mirranatwa with Mirranatwa taking home the trophy. Dunkeld & District **Community Bank®** Branch are pleased to be able to help cover the cost of the trophies handed to each winning participant.



ALL WELCOME TO THE ANZAC DAY SERVICE IN WOODHOUSE

The Woodhouse-Nareeb Soldiers Memorial Hall committee have been working tirelessly to revitalise the current plaques in memory of the WWII soldier settlers and their families. They will be holding a special ANZAC Day event, returning an official ceremony to Woodhouse. Dunkeld & District **Community Bank®** Branch generously contributed over \$1000 towards the new plaques.



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SAVE THE DATE

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

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SATURDAY- 7.00am – 4.30pm

SUNDAY- 7.30am – 3.00pm

(Times may vary on Public Holidays)

RALLYING SUPPORT FOR FLICK

Following discussions between the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade and the Dunkeld SES Unit, it has been decided to set up a special bank account at Bendigo Bank, providing an opportunity for the local community to support Felicity ("Flick") Gordon, who suffered a serious cerebral haemorrhage whilst visiting Adelaide last October.

For over four years, Flick, the younger daughter of Mike and Lee-Anne Gordon, was an active and capable member of both the Brigade and the SES. In addition, she starred in a group photo which was used by DELWP as a banner to promote their "Safer Together" initiative which aims to reduce the risk of bushfires in Victoria.



Flick is third from left in the back row

Flick was recently transferred from Royal Adelaide Hospital's intensive care unit to its rehabilitation section, and the specialists are amazed with the progress she is making. This is due not only to the professional care she is receiving, but also to the dedication of her parents in assisting with her recuperation and Flick's own determination and indomitable spirit.

However, she is not quite out of danger as yet, and her recovery will be a long and slow process. It will of necessity also be expensive.

Mike and Lee-Anne have virtually been living in Adelaide for six months, with Mike returning periodically to attend to farm duties. Whilst local support has occurred behind the scenes, it was felt that the process should be formalised, so that the broader community can have the opportunity to demonstrate their support for this brave young woman, who will turn 21 in June this year.

Clearly, it is a priority for the family to have Flick return to a care facility in Victoria as soon as possible, which will mean less travelling, but of course the main objective is for her to come home.

Mike has been Captain of the Dunkeld Brigade since 2013, but had to stand aside before summer due to Flick's illness. Lee-Anne has also been a very active member of the Dunkeld SES. For this reason, the two local emergency services felt it was highly appropriate to join forces in arranging for a bank account to be set up in Flick's name, for

the time being to be administered by Mike and Lee-Anne. The family has agreed with this and are very grateful.

The new account is in the process of being established at the Dunkeld branch of Bendigo Bank, and when that happens the BSB and account number will be publicised so that anyone can donate to it by electronic transfer. Meanwhile, it is possible for donations to be made in person at the local branch.

The Brigade and the SES encourage the Dunkeld and district community to donate to this very worthy cause. Whilst money cannot buy health, it can certainly assist in "smoothing the path" to recovery for a most active and dedicated member of the local community who was unfortunate enough to be struck down by this awful illness in the prime of life.

Peter Flinn and Doug McArthur

DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Usage 2016

In 2016, the centre was the venue for 357 events with an estimated attendance of 7,900. So in 2016 the centre averaged nearly 1 event a day.

This is an amazing effort from our community and also from a committee of volunteers. We have had a great team of volunteers who help set up and also to clean up after events.

This compares to 2015 when 157 events were held, with an estimated attendance of 6,966. So increase of 227% in the number of events with 14% increase in attendance.

Some interesting statistics in 2016:

- 58% of events were classed as business and this includes Pilates and music classes, and the medical clinic. This had increased substantially from 2015.
- 30% of events were Dunkeld community groups/clubs. This was much the same as in 2015.
- variety of events, including performances, parliamentary hearing, business seminars, funerals and weddings.

Improvements

The windows will be replaced in the Memorial Hall and the RSL Room, with work starting later this week. The existing door in the northern wall of the Memorial Hall will be replaced with a double glass door and a second double glass door will be installed in this wall. Once this work is completed, blinds will be installed on the windows.

These improvements are being funded from the proceeds of the 2016 Serra Terror which raised \$38,000 for the community centre.

Other capital works projects on the list include replacement of the lights in the Memorial Hall, construction of a footpath on the northern side of the building and installation of fencing to enclose the garden on the northern side of the centre. Once that area is fenced, it will be able to be used as an outdoor play area for playgroup.

Forthcoming Events:

Wednesday 17 May: Spanish Dinner (Lions Club)

Wednesday 31 May: Shirley Valentine (Touring Company)



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DUNKELD WALKERS/HIKERS



Are you keen to walk the Grampian Trails? And the South West Coast?

So am I but I don't want to walk alone!

Thought it would be great to have a Dunkeld group of walkers/hikers. Idea at the moment would be to do a hike once a week. The group would evolve over time. At this point it's about getting those interested in walking and wanting someone to walk with to connect.

If you are interested in joining, please email me: mmacgugan@gmail.com by **this Friday 21 April**.

I will organize a get together and we can share our ideas on how the group would operate.

Everyone welcome! **Marcia Macgugan, Dunkeld**



DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE
Annual General Meeting and Guest Speaker Meeting on Monday 1 May:
The Dunkeld Museum's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 1 May commencing at 7.30pm followed by a Guest Speaker.

Our Guest Speaker Meeting will commence at 8.00pm. (Guest Speaker to be confirmed).

Entry is by gold coin donation and a light supper will follow the guest speaker meeting. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 15 May commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Don Dickie Memorial Shed: On Sunday 28 May commencing at 2.00pm the Dunkeld Museum will dedicate our new storage shed to the late Mr Don Dickie. Monies bequeathed to the Museum by the late Mr Don Dickie have been used for this beneficial asset.



As a Foundation Member of the Museum Don was involved from day one. Over the years he held a variety of positions on the Museum Committee with his most recent position being that of Senior Advisor where his memory of the district and a variety of happenings were invaluable to the committee. Don also drove the bus for our annual trip away and whenever he was on duty any visitor who happened to come to the Museum got far more value than their admission in what he was able to tell them of the Museum and the district as he would happily chat on for hours.



Museum members and the general community are invited to attend this special ceremony. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea to assist with catering.

Flagpole: The Dunkeld Museum would like to sincerely thank George and Carolyn Fitzpatrick for the generous

donation of a flagpole. Mr Donald McArthur kindly donated the red gum for the flagpole restoration project. Ms Dixie King volunteered her time to assist with this project.

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:

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| Sunday | 23 April | Terrie Nicholson |
| Sunday | 30 April | Terrie Nicholson & Barbara Dohle |

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.

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Council Budget 2017/2018

The Progress Association is currently preparing a submission to Council as they prepare the 2017/2018 budget. If there are items that you think should be included in the Budget, please email Lucinda at lucindapeterson@hotmail.com

Feedback on the pool

A letter is being prepared to provide feedback to the Shire about the last pool season (the positive and feedback for improvements). Some suggestions at this stage include maintenance improvements, extending the swim season to include March, changing the free swim day from Australia Day to a day in December when Dunkeld could host a pool party to mark the beginning of the swim season and the potential to enter into a user agreement for evening swimming. Other suggestions include helping with the cost of training some local life guards. If you have other suggestions, please email lucindapeterson@hotmail.com or phone 0459 774 624 or come along to the Progress Association meeting.

Special May meeting

The 22 May meeting will include discussion with the Shire about the pool and update from Hugh Koch, Manager Economic Development, on the progress of the Dunkeld Loop Walk, the Grampians Peaks Trail and the planning for the trailhead in Dunkeld.

The next meeting for the Progress Association is **Monday 24 April 2017** at 7.00pm.

Lucinda Peterson, President

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MT ROUSE TOURIST ROAD RENAMED WALLER ROAD

Mt Rouse Tourist Road in Penshurst has been officially renamed **Waller Road**, following an approach to Council by the Friends of Napier Waller Committee in 2016.

Council resolved at its December meeting to rename Mt Rouse Tourist Road, Penshurst as Waller Road in honour of Artist Mervyn Napier Waller. Council's proposal was approved by the Office of Geographic names and the road was gazetted as such on 23 March 2017.

Waller grew up and went to school in Penshurst before going to Melbourne in 1913 to study under famed artist, Frederick McCubbin. The loss of his arm in World War One didn't deter him from painting, and he went on to have an illustrious career, spanning more than 50 years, culminating in the magnificent mosaic dome in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial.

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Mary-Ann Brown said the renaming was appropriate recognition of a very important former resident.

"The Friends of Napier Waller Committee requested Council consider renaming the tourist road leading to Mt Rouse to honour a man they believe to be Penshurst's most talented and famous son," Cr Brown said.

"I understand that Mervyn Napier Waller was raised on a dairy farm on the Warrnambool Road, directly opposite the turn-off to Mt Rouse, so there is some extra significance to renaming the road with that as well.

"Council feel this renaming is a fitting tribute to one of Australia's most famous artists who we are proud to say is one of our own" Cr Brown said.

OFF THE RAILS



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The weekend of 29-30 April is going to be huge in Dunkeld. There will be classical music on offer, sculpture/mosaic exhibition at 39-41 William Street and the wood sculpting at the Sawmill.

To add to the offering, Off The Rails is proud to present:

Neil Murray on Saturday evening 29 April 2017

One of the country's finest song men - Neil Murray - a founding member of the Warumpi Band and the man behind classic songs as "My Island Home", "Blackfella Whitefella" and "Good light in Broome" will perform an intimate solo concert at Off The Rails, the Dunkeld Railway Station.

With more than three decades performing and recording behind him Neil has delivered a string of remarkable albums that have contributed to the nations contemporary music heritage. An APRA song of the year recipient in 1995, he is 2017 Port Fairy Folk Festival Artist of the Year. His songs have been covered by Mary Black, Jimmy Little, Missy Higgins, Christine Anu, Peter Denehy, Adam Brand, Amy Saunders, Powderfinger, Tiddas, Ursula Yovich and Peter Brandy. His love shows are a captivating journey deep into Australian land of rich stillness.

Doors will open at 6pm and food and drinks will be available for purchase.

A final round of tickets have just been released. Don't miss out - Tickets are strictly limited \$27.50 at <https://www.trybooking.com/258049>

This is a major fundraiser for Off The Rails Dunkeld, which is run 100% by local volunteers who are passionate about celebrating art and culture in Dunkeld and District.

"Cast Off" The Rails

Calling all knitters, crocheters and woolly enthusiasts Come along on 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Bring your own project or knit/crochet/weave/felt a piece to add to the Mysterious Resident (the Big Puma project) Novices, experts and those in between are all warmly welcome.

If you can't make it but would like to help cover to the Mysterious Resident, feel free to grab some wool or drop off a woolly piece on the platform (any size, any stitch). Donations of black, brown or purple yarn (doesn't have to be wool) is most welcome.



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.



Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held on Tuesday 25 April commencing at 6:30am *sharp* at the Dunkeld Cenotaph in the Memorial Park.

Following the service there will be a free

barbecue breakfast and tea and coffee in front of the Visitor Information Centre, generously provided by the Dunkeld & District Lions Club members. Ex-service men and women, the local community and visitors are welcome to attend the service and breakfast.

Soldiers Memorial: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch recently funded the cost of having the lead lettering repainted for the World War II soldiers on the Soldiers Memorial. This work was conducted by Markwell & Swan Memorials, Warrnambool.



2017 ANZAC Appeal: Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch members have recently been selling ANZAC Appeal merchandise in the lead up to ANZAC Day. Tokens are also available for purchase at the Dunkeld General Store, Café 109, Kelly's and the Dunkeld Old Bakery. We encourage all to wear ANZAC badges to

honour the memory of those who sacrificed their health, their strength, even their lives, in the first major conflict of modern times, so that the continuing generations may live in a free country. Purchasing an ANZAC badge is just a small way to express our deep gratitude to those who gave so much. Please support this cause by purchasing one of our ANZAC Appeal badges.

Beersheba - Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Light Horse Charge - be part of History: Participate in a once-in-a-lifetime tour



across Israel that culminates in ceremonies held on 31 October 2017 to mark the audacious ANZAC Charge of Beersheba. The tours will be led by licensed English speaking tour guides knowledgeable in the history and culture of the region, and experienced in looking after Australians visiting Israel. For more information please phone (02) 9371 8166 or contact sales@israeltravelcentre.com.au or visit their website: www.beersheba2017.com

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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Upcoming Events:



- The Dunkeld Fours, 29th April
Sponsored by Mary-Ann Brown & Associates.

Social Bowls/Tournaments

The Edna & Macca McFarlane Day for 60 & over, March 28th. This event was held for bowlers 60 years and over and was postponed for one week due to poor weather.

However, on the day, with both Katherine and Craig in attendance, the winners were the team of Norm Schwarz, Graham (Grub) Templeton and Christine Scott.



Katherine presenting the trophy to the winners of the Edna & Macca McFarlane Day for 60 & over: Norm Schwarz (left), Grub Templeton and Christine Scott (far right)

The runners up were the team of John Overall, Arnold Habel and Paul Callander. "Nearest the ditch" was won by Frank Raymond in the morning and George McCullum in the afternoon session. Resting toucher went to Elaine.

The club would like to thank the family for this great event and they have readily agreed to make this an annual event. While the event was being played Katherine said that she would like to try bowling. After a few ends, it appears that Katherine may have caught the "bowls bug" as she readily found Edna's bowls and was taking them home for a polish up so she could return for another go!

COLERAINE

On Wednesday 29th March, Frank Raymond, Brian Mathews and Gary Wall contested the Coleraine Triples. After four testing games and four wins our boys came away the winners. Another win for the small club!

LADIES 100 UP

This event is still going and on Tuesday 11th April Christine Scott played Beryl Lowe in a terrific match, with Christine winning 101 – 97. Chris now plays Heather next week.

MENS 100 UP

This major event, which was previously postponed due to lack of numbers, was played on Saturday 8th April. Numbers were again low however the event went ahead with 9 dedicated starters.

The first round saw John McIntyre, playing superb bowls, push Gary to the death, with Gary finally winning 101 – 97, a great effort from John. Iven defeated Neil in a tight game. Brian overcame Monty and Bruce Cumming defeated Peter

Mc, who battled valiantly whilst learning to use the "Bowling arm".

The second round saw Iven defeat Syd and Gary overcome Brian. The final shall be played after Easter between Iven and Gary.

The men extend their thanks to Heather and Christine for attending and being the markers.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer

GARDEN NOTES APRIL

Main vegetable plantings for April are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, silver beet, spinach, early onions, early peas, broad beans and turnips. April is a good gardening month, the heat of summer is over, the weather is usually fine enough to make working in the garden quite pleasant, and also the soil is still warm so that anything planted now should get away well.

Deciduous trees are starting to drop leaves. Please do not burn them or dump them, a compost bin or even a simple compost heap can transform them into humus to enrich your soil. This material can "free up" clay soils and improve their drainage also improve the water holding capacity of light, sandy soils.

No garden should be without a strawberry patch, May to July are the best planting months. They require a sunny, well drained position, the soil well cultivated with the addition of a good amount of well-rotted animal manure or blood and bone fertiliser. You should replace your strawberry patch after the third season as this is when plants begin to decline.



Your stone fruit trees, especially peach, nectarine and apricot should be sprayed with a copper fungicide when approximately half of the leaves have fallen. This helps to prevent fungus diseases such as curly leaf, shot hole, brown rot and scab which can give trouble later in the year.

April is a good time to sow a new lawn or patch-up and repair an existing one. The soil and air are both warm enough to ensure good germination. Don't attempt to cut new lawns too low on the first few mowings as soft grass can be torn and damaged very easily.

It is not too late to order roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals from your nursery for winter planting, but do it NOW.

Happy gardening – *Stephen Hughan, Ararat*

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SUPPORT ANNOUNCED FOR FLOOD AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Flood affected communities in the Southern Grampians Shire are set to benefit with a funding announcement by the State Government.

Minister for Justice Michael Keenan and Acting Victorian Minister for Emergency Services Lisa Neville yesterday announced a Community Recovery Fund of up to \$3.4 million for the Southern Grampians and Glenelg Council areas, which were significantly impacted by the Victorian floods in September and October 2016.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Michael Tudball welcomed the funding announcement.

"Our Communities, particularly Coleraine, were severely impacted by the flood event last year. We experienced significant damage to community infrastructure, road networks, homes and businesses.

"We welcome this funding announcement and look forward to receiving both the details and money to support our communities in their recovery" Mr Tudball said.

The Community Recovery Fund is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

The community recovery fund is designed to assist communities severely affected by *disaster* with their medium- to long-term recovery by providing funding for activities/projects aimed at community recovery, community development, community resilience and capacity building for the future.

"The Coleraine community, and residents across other affected townships including Dunkeld and Cavendish, have been extremely resilient and patient dealing with the flood recovery efforts and I thank everyone for this.

"This funding will allow recovery works to continue and assist with associated with the clean-up and restoration of flood damaged community facilities and assets, which we know are so important to these communities and to the region."

COUNCILS PUSH FOR IMPROVED PASSENGER SERVICES

Eight Victorian councils launched a comprehensive public transport strategy in Ararat today as the first step towards lobbying for improved rail and coach services to boost business, tourism, health and education in Western Victoria.

The study recommends increased passenger rail and coach services between Ararat and Melbourne and return of passenger rail services to other parts of Western Victoria including Horsham and Hamilton. It also recommends extra coach services to improve connections between road and rail services across the Wimmera and South West Victoria and into South East South Australia.

The study investigates how to boost tourism and economic development via increased access to public transport. It also recommends upgrading operating rail stations and bus terminals to be compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act, allowing easier access for the elderly and people with a disability.

The municipalities supporting the project are Horsham and Ararat Rural Cities, and Southern Grampians, Glenelg, Northern Grampians, Yarriambiack, Hindmarsh, and West Wimmera Shire Councils.

Horsham Rural City Council Mayor Cr Pam Clarke said the standard of report produced was high, and was a strong platform for lobbying to State and Federal governments. "John Hearsch and his team have done an incredible job putting together this report which is supported by a high degree of evidence, consultation, and knowledge," Cr Clarke said.

"Their level of expertise in the area of rail and passenger services means we have confidence in using this as the basis for achieving better public transport in our region."

Mayor of the Southern Grampians Shire Council, Mary-Ann Brown, said improved access to public transport was vital in regional areas. "More than 110,000 people in Western Victoria only have limited access to passenger rail travel," Cr Brown said.

"This project aims to bring our region up to speed with the rest of the state. Connectivity is critical to achieving development in rural Victoria and equitable transport provision is a part of that."

A copy of the study can be found via the Horsham Rural City Council, Southern Grampians Shire Council, and Ararat Rural City Council websites. Alternatively, hard copies are available from all eight participating Councils upon request.

DUNKELD POSTER COMPETITION ROLLS ON

The students of Dunkeld Consolidated School have again participated in the annual poster competition sponsored by the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade.

The competition, organised by former Brigade Communications Officer Helena Flinn since 1984, encourages students in all year levels to produce a poster on a theme related to fire awareness. This year the theme was "Crawl Low in Smoke" for younger students, and "Cleaning up around your Property" for Years 3 to 6.

Mrs Flinn said that the competition was originally sponsored by CFA District 5, and was open to all schools across the District. Prizes were awarded in three categories: Prep-Year 2; Years 3 and 4; and Years 5 and 6.

"When I first got involved, several schools in the area took part, but some have since closed," she said.

"Then a few years later, the CFA discontinued the competition due to budget cuts, but Dunkeld Brigade decided to sponsor the competition itself from then on, and has done so ever since at the Dunkeld Consolidated School."

The Brigade also decided to award a prize for the best poster in each year level.

Mrs Flinn said the theme for the competition varied over the years, but mainly focused on preparing for the fire season, having a Fire Plan or what to do if a fire started in the home.

She said she was always impressed with the enthusiasm of both the students and teachers for the competition, showing a keen understanding of the importance of fire awareness and prevention in Dunkeld district.

"There is real talent among the students, and it is often very difficult to select the winners," Mrs Flinn said.

"When our own children attended the school, I was very careful to use independent judges, such as local artists or CFA District 5 staff, but in recent years our son Trevor, an artist himself, has been the judge."

This year, Serra Group Officer Mr Simon Armytage presented prizes, in the form of book vouchers, to the winners.

Mr Armytage was also impressed with the talent and enthusiasm of the students, and told them that Mrs Flinn had awarded poster prizes to several of their parents in past years!

Mrs Flinn said that she always tried to arrange for a Brigade officer to make the presentations and talk briefly to the children about fire prevention.

"In past years, we have also had CFA officers in attendance. I can recall Emergency Services Commissioner Craig Lapsley doing it on more than one occasion when he was based in District 5, but I guess he is a bit too busy for that these days!"



The winners of the competition this year were: Prep - Mia Hanna; Year 1 - Archer Etherton; Year 2 - Cadence Huf; Year 3 - Jemima Ross; Year 4 - Pippa Williamson; Year 5 - India Ross; and Year 6 - Ella Jackson.

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DISAPPOINTMENT AT ILUKA DECISION

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Mary-Ann Brown has expressed her disappointment at the announcement of

the impending suspension of the Hamilton Mineral Sands Separation Plant.

"This is very disappointing news for Iluka workers and their families. We understand the devastation this closure will cause for our local community and our thoughts are with all those affected".

"Our priority is to ensure our people and families are supported as a result of this commercial decision and we will be looking to work with Federal and State Government and Iluka to work through the outcomes" Cr Brown said.

Today's announcement about the impending suspension of the Hamilton Mineral Sands Separation Plant will have a major impact on the Southern Grampians region. Mining contributes \$225million to the Gross Regional Product of Southern Grampians, the largest of any sector in the Shire including agriculture. Much of this is attributed to the Plant in Hamilton which has had a major impact on the local economy and employment in the Shire.

CEO Michael Tudball said the importance of jobs in rural communities cannot be underestimated and Council are committed to working towards a positive solution for those impacted by today's announcement.

"We will be working in depth with Management at Iluka, and senior people at State and Federal Government level, looking at projects, support and further employment opportunities within our local communities".

VICTORIAN SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is urging local people to think about nominating someone they know for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

"There are many inspirational seniors in the Lowan electorate who are making an enormous contribution and achieving great things in our community", Ms Kealy said.

"They may be community leaders or behind the scene workers or a friend, neighbour, family member or just someone that you know who is doing great work around your community.

"These awards provide a fabulous opportunity to recognise these people for the valuable contribution that they make", she said.

Anyone can nominate a senior that they admire, with entries open until Friday, 23 June 2017 across five Award categories;

Winners, including the Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year, will be announced at a ceremony at Government House in October.

More information and nomination forms can be found at www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au or by phoning 1300 135 090.



SCHOOL NEWS

Preventing Childhood Obesity within the Great South West Coast

The 'Prevention childhood obesity within Great South Coast study is a study that is being conducted at our school. All Grade 2, 4 and 6 students at the Dunkeld Consolidated School are being invited to participate. This study will examine influences on healthy weight and related behaviors

(physical activity, sedentary behavior, diet quality and quality of life) among children and adolescents across the Great South Coast region of Victoria.

All activities will be conducted at our school on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

All information obtained in connection with this research will remain confidential.

Results of this study will provide information about effectiveness of current efforts to improve the health of Victorian children and adolescents. This information will be used by educators, policy makers, health service providers and researchers in future efforts to improve the health of Victorian children and adolescents.

School ANZAC Service – Monday 24 April

An ANZAC service will be held in the school hall on Monday 24 April commencing at 1:00pm, followed by a cuppa and light finger food. RSL members, school and community members are invited to attend this service.

Greater Western Region Swimming Championships

On Friday 24 March, I went to regionals. I started the day at 6:00am. It was a two hour drive to Ballarat. When I got to Ballarat we walked in and it was crazy. There were seats everywhere. My race was the 4th event. We had to go outside and it was very cold. As I was waiting to get ready for my race, I was very nervous. I got up on the block and there was a special part of the block you could move up and down. On your marks, get set, GO! I dived into the water and my goggles fell off. I had to come up that took some time off my score. It was a great experience and I came 8th. After my race my Dad and I raced out to the car so I could make it back to the athletics.
By Ella Jackson, Year 6.



The Greater Western Region Swimming Championships were held on Friday 24 March. I went in Freestyle and Breaststroke. Before you race you have to marshal and they made you marshal outside in the cold which isn't good for your muscles. My first event was Breaststroke. I had to adjust the diving block. I swam extremely hard and managed to get 2nd overall. I got a medal with a red ribbon. I was extremely happy. Then I had to go and marshal for Freestyle. I came 5th in 38 seconds, beating my personal best by two seconds! After I raced I came back for the Athletic Sports. *By Thomas Calvert, Year 5.*

Southern Grampians School Sports Association (SGSSA) - Athletics Sports

Our students displayed some fine sporting abilities across the track but the most notable factor was that each and every one was willing to have a go and try their best. Congratulations to our age champions from the day: Charlotte Alderman 7 year Girls, Louis Lazzari and Zander Mibus tied 8 year Boys, Grace Potter 8 year Girls, George Field 9 year Boys and India Ross 11 year Girls.

On Friday 24 March we had the Inter-School Sports. The 200m was first. I was in it and I came 3rd. After we had our events like long jump, shot put, discus, high jump, sprints and hurdles. I got a 3rd in sprints. Then it was lunch time. After lunch it was the 800 metres. Once again I got a 3rd. After all that, it was the relays. I was in two, the 11 years old and the 12/13 year olds. In the 11 years I was the first runner. I was so excited because we came first. We also came first in the 12/13 relay. We might even go to zone! Overall Dunkeld Consolidated School came 2nd and

Tarrington came first. I had a very fun day. *By Chloe Frost Year 5.*

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Our School raised \$376.00 through the Good Friday Appeal Raffle and donations. Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets and made donations.



The winners were: Patrick Lomas, Addison Linskens, Myles Haley, Bruce McNaughton, Herbie Hampson, Jemima Ross, Mac Jackson, Adam Symes, Kerry Feely, Valetta Bolton and Jonah Morganti. Thank you to the very generous Good Friday Appeal organisation for the HUGE hamper donated for first prize and to Simon Gordon of Grampians Agricultural for donating the Easter Eggs for the other prizes.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

SAKG and the Dunkeld & District Lions Club Dinner

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program will once again be catering for the Dunkeld and District Lions Club Dinner at the Dunkeld Community Centre.



This year we 'travel' to Spain and we will be preparing and serving Spanish Cuisine to approximately 120 guests.
SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday 17 May 2017.

Some preparation will take place in the School Kitchen on Tuesday 16 May and Wednesday 17 May from 1.00pm, with final touches and cooking to take place at the Community Centre.

We will also require wait staff and kitchen hands. Fathers, grandparents, neighbours etc very welcome to come and help out.

Further information will be provided in future newsletters or by a note sent home so please keep a look out for these. We appreciate any help you or your family members can offer us.

We thank the Dunkeld & District Lions Club for supporting our Kitchen Garden Program and giving us this opportunity to raise funds for both groups.