

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April proved to be a full and exciting one for the residents of Dunkeld and visitors alike.

With the Australian String Quartet performing at local venues and the Royal Mail providing extensive food, wine and accommodation packages, and the lovers of orchestral music were well catered for.



The Sculpture Exhibition held at 39 Williams Street was well patronized with visitors delighted by the beautiful pieces on display.



Those with an artistic penchant were inspired by the promise of future displays and workshops

The new gallery/studio, "planet zoo", was also previewed.



For those with a passion for wood, machinery and the "good old days", the Dunkeld Sawmill Open day was just what the doctor ordered.



A large crowd enjoyed seeing the traditional machinery in action as well as the skills of the people still able to work the machinery to create slabs of beautiful timber and perfect rounds.

Watching the Steam Traction engine power the saws was another highlight.



Angie Polglaze (the "Chainsaw Chick") was able to manoeuvre her chainsaw like a chisel as she set about creating another beautiful piece for the Saw Mill, this time a large lizard.



Off The Rails also added to the festivities by providing the venue for an intimate concert by Neil Murray. With the doors opening at

6.00pm and food and beverages available for purchase the enthusiastic crowd were well inclined to enjoy the ambiance and experience a wonderful night of entertainment.



Dunkeld certainly does have something for everyone.

## DONATIONS

Lyon Family	\$50
Bob and Nola Napier	\$20
Dunkeld CWL Branch	\$20
Glenda and Norm Schwarz	\$20

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## CHURCH TIMES

### Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month when there are district services in Hamilton.

Sunday	May 7	Anglican	
Sunday	May 14	Uniting	Holy Communion
Sunday	May 21	Anglican	

### 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 MAY 2017

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
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<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Red Cross Zone Meeting  Flu Vaccination Clinic	<b>10</b> Dunkeld Tourism Association Meeting	<b>11</b> Mobile Library Mirranatwa	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> OTR Artist Talk	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Mobile Library Mirranatwa  Biggest Morning Tea & Red Cross meeting	<b>26</b> Dunkeld Kinder Open Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Contribution CUT OFF Issue 8	<b>30</b> Red Cross Golf Day	<b>31</b> Newsletter Distribution Issue 8  "Shirley Valentine"				

### Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter Cut off and distribution dates 2017

Please send all content to vkearney63@gmail.com or for inquiries phone Vicki on 0421 232 518.

The newsletter is printed and distributed each Wednesday fortnight except for during the school holidays. Contributions are invited by the previous Monday of each distribution.

Contributions for **ISSUE 7** will be welcomed on or before **Monday 15 May**.



## DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



Overcast skies and drizzling rain on Tuesday 25 April did not deter people of all ages from attending the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service, which was held at the cenotaph in the Memorial Park. A large crowd of people huddled beneath their umbrellas to pay their respects.

RSL President, Mr Terry Noble, led the commemorative service and in his opening remarks he said:

*For those in whose memory we gather here today, for those who returned home, for those who have lost loved ones and for those who continue to serve, we thank you.*

*Australians around the country come together in numbers large and small – in cities and country towns, we pause to remember those who put their lives on the line so we can enjoy the opportunities we have today.*

Mr Noble made special mention of those defence force personnel who have returned home and those still yet to return; he asked the crowd to

*Take a moment to think why so many of those young brave men and women have such difficulty adjusting to everyday life and why so many take their life, it is due to what they have endured through the brutality of war.*

In addition, in closing, Mr Noble remarked:

*This War Memorial is more than just an historical record of past deeds. It is correctly and increasingly a place that does and always will explain our current military involvement and it is also a place of history and remembrance.*

*At services like these we repeat the words **lest we forget**, we should never forget; we will not forget, but let us remember our obligations to those who served, to those who returned home with broken bodies and minds. Lest we forget.*

Dunkeld Consolidated School Captains, Ella Jackson, respectfully recited *The Ode* with Sam Cullinane raising the Australian flag to the masthead at the end of the service. Councillor Colin Dunkley laid a wreath on behalf of the



Southern Grampians Shire Council along with various community organisations, schools and individuals including the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, Legacy, Dunkeld Consolidated School and Baimbridge College.

Leading Senior Constable Bruce McNaughton played the bagpipes during the wreath laying.



Following the service, the Dunkeld and District Lions Club kindly provided a free barbecue breakfast and refreshments for the general public in front of the Visitor Information Centre.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

## 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.

**2017 ANZAC Appeal:** The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to sincerely members for their assistance in selling ANZAC Appeal merchandise and the general public for supporting this important appeal. The RSL gratefully thank the following local businesses for their generous support namely the Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld Old Bakery, Café 109, Kelly's Dunkeld and the Dunkeld & District Community Bank. A total of \$1,411.00 was raised for this year's appeal.



**Bacchus Marsh Remembers:** The Bacchus Marsh Great War Centenary Committee and the Bacchus Marsh RSL Sub-Branch invite all to attend a remembrance service commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since Rupert Moon VC from Bacchus Marsh was awarded his Victoria Cross during World War 1. A commemorative Victoria Cross paving stone and signage will be unveiled in Rupert Moon Reserve on Saturday 6 May 2017 at 10.30am, followed by a special dedication at 11.00am at the Bacchus Marsh RSL. Light refreshments will be provided (gold coin donation).

**State President's Forum:** The State President's Forum will be conducted at ANZAC House, in the President's Room on Thursday 18 May 2017 commencing at 10.30am. Each Region has been invited to send four representatives to raise issues of regional concern or importance that require Branch advice or assistance.

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**MONDAY TO FRIDAY- 6.30am – 5.30pm**

**SATURDAY- 7.00am – 4.30pm**

**SUNDAY- 7.30am – 3.00pm**

**(Times may vary on Public Holidays)**





## DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN OPEN MORNING

**Friday 26 May 9.00am - 12.00 noon**

Come and see our kindergarten in action, meet the staff, see our excellent facilities and participate in the kindergarten session.

If you would like to arrange a visit for another day; Please contact us – 5577 2348 or [dunkeld.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:dunkeld.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's options for kindergarten.



## DUNKELD WALKERS

Thank you to everyone who responded so positively to the idea of setting up a club for walkers/hikers and especially to those who came to the meeting on Friday.

Aim of the meeting was to get a feel for what people are looking for. We came up with the following three regular walks as a starting point:

### **Weekday Early Morning walk:**

This walk is for the early birds and those who want to walk before work. Lyn Collins will be the leader to get it going.

Meet at the **Information Centre** at **6.30am**. Every **weekday** beginning **Monday 1 May**.

Walk will be around Dunkeld for an hour. However if you can't spare an hour come anyway and drop off when you need to.

### **Walk and Talk once a week walk:**

This walk is for anyone wishing to meet others for a walk and a coffee once a week. Timed so that mums dropping kids off at school/other can join in. Helen Lyon will lead this group to get it going.

Meet at the **Information Centre** at **9.30am** every **Thursday**, starting **Thursday 11 May**.

### **Southern Grampians walk, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month**

This walk will initially be approx. 2-hour moderately easy walks on trails in the Southern Grampians.

Neil Doran will lead the first walk. See notice at the General Store and Community Facebook page for further information about the walk.

Meet at the **Information Centre** at **8.00am** on **Sunday 7 May**.



## FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

The Hamilton Medical Group will be running a flu vaccination clinic at **Dunkeld on Tuesday 9 May**.

Bookings are required.

If you would like to book into this clinic please contact the Hamilton Medical Group on 5572 2422 to book an appointment.

The vaccine is free for patients aged 65 years or over and aboriginal people aged 15+.

If you do not fall into one of these categories then there is a cost of \$22.00 to cover the vaccine.

**HAMILTON VETCARE**

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## VICTORIA VALLEY TENNIS CLUB

Victoria Valley Tennis Club would like to thank everyone who supported our stall and raffle held over Easter.

Our raffle winners were:

1st Prize (trailer of wood) - Pat Learmonth

2nd Prize (Cafe 109 Voucher) - Shirley Blackmore

3rd Prize (Mary Kay Gift Box) - Heather Spillane



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## JANE BUNN VISITS THE SOUTH WEST

It was a day full of knowledge and wisdom as Jane spoke passionately about what the weather will bring to the south west this year. Many likeminded people from the area came to Dunkeld for a luncheon hosted by Rural Bank and Rural Finance, partnering with Dunkeld & District and Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branches. The crowd found Jane captivating and interesting, leaving with a wealth of knowledge.



## 100'S TRAVEL TO CAVENDISH FOR CAVENDISH CAMPOUT

The Cavendish Campout 2017 saw nearly 200 entries travel from all over Australia to come and show off their prize possessions. The weather wasn't



on their side for the weekend but that didn't stop the event from running, nor did it stop people coming to see what was on display. Dunkeld & District **Community Bank®** Branch were pleased to be able to assist with the cost of advertising this wonderful event.



## Our new Farm Management Deposit Offset Account works in your best interest.

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## **DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE INC**

**Caravan Park:** The Caravan Park has had two busy weekends in a row. Easter saw campers and their families enjoying our park with all sites utilised and people having fun. No sooner had they left, than the park filled up again with people attending the National Heritage Machinery Rally held in Hamilton.

Thanks to Gary's work, the patrons were happy and impressed with our newly developed sites. More sites will be levelled over the next few months.

We have an action plan designed to revamp the appearance of the park over the next twelve months. Sites levelling, improved lighting, new signage, a closed rubbish disposal area and a revamped garden space below the rotunda are on the list.

Gerard and Kay Murphy have constructed a new notice board to house our legal notices from the weather and Philip Baulch cartographer has agreed to map our park professionally. Dunkeld Delights donated some chairs and tables. This is all part of the "new look" to make our park more attractive to patrons. Thanks Philip, Gerard and Kay and the Dunkeld Delights' business.

Have you "liked us" on Facebook yet. Wendy Prust has developed this for us, and hundreds of people have already viewed her photos and posts. However, we are still learning. We are trying hard to play our part in making Dunkeld a destination in its own right!

**Sawmill:** Smithy and his willing crew have hosted a very successful day at the Fitzpatrick Sawmill. About 250 people enjoyed Angie Polyglaze the "Chainsaw Chick" carve out a new sculpture for our community, while others watched the Steam Traction engine wheeze and steam.

Some static machinery and saws were on display but the axe handle maker intrigued, while others never seemed to lose interest in the portable sawmills cutting slabs. Drag saws and Forty's swing-saw cutting posts added to the interest.

The Sawmill and the day have been John Smiths' "baby". It has given a huge interest to many, as well as adding to our town's attractions. Well done Smithy a great achievement for you and the boys.

**Memorial Park:** We are proceeding with the placement of the two commemorative plaques in the Park. Planning and costing is well underway. The plaques are part of the Friends of Gallipoli Association's plan (a joint Australian/Turkey association) enhancing our friendship and common history. While one plaque has been generously funded, the other, a "Gallipoli" plaque, we will need to fund ourselves through grants and perhaps public donation. More of this later!

**Salt Creek:** We have not had any news re the Work for the Dole Scheme but it is still in the pipeline.

Our committee are very supportive of the executive and extremely hardworking. A big thank you to the workers who performed altogether, over a hundred volunteer hours in site improvements and caretaking of the caravan park. Much still to be done but we'll get there!

*John Prust, Secretary*

## **Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group (DRASS Group)**

**(Vision- 'Opening Hearts and Doors to Refugees')**

A big thank you to everyone who generously donated groceries to our Autumn Grocery Drive. Seven boxes of groceries were collected, containing over 140 items, a great result!

Donations go to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) Foodbank in Footscray, which supports refugee families.

Thanks also to Mal and staff at Café 109 for supplying a venue for the collection of goods. A "Winter Woolies Drive" is planned soon, so surplus winter clothing in good condition would be much appreciated. Details next issue.

A bronze cat sculptured by Judy Warne was on offer for a gold coin donation. The task was to name the cat, as depicted in the following true story.

*A family escaping war torn Syria in 2016, but the young boy wanted to take his pet cat. The family hoped for freedom to an English speaking country and the child had picked up a few English words. His cat had an English name but the child had no idea of the meaning.*

No one guessed the name, so a lucky winner was drawn from the pool of guesses – a 12 year old girl from Melbourne, visiting Dunkeld for the Great Victorian Bike Ride in 2016. Coincidentally she is a budding sculptor too. And the cat's name was **BOAT!**

DRASS are holding another SOUPer Saturday on 10<sup>th</sup> June outside the Bendigo Bank from 8.30 onwards. Many delicious hearty soup varieties will be on offer. So come along for that warm winter treat or fill your thermos.

Everyone is welcome at our gatherings or let us know if you want to be on the mailing list. The group is led by the members and we support each other's ideas on how to support the cause.

Contact Heather Cash on hacash99@gmail.com or 0402 481 577

## **OFF THE RAILS DUNKELD**

A wonderful concert was held at Off The Rails on Saturday night featuring Neil Murray. About 80 people attended coming from all over the region and enjoyed an easy-going evening of world-class music, wood-fired pizzas and a few drinks. The OTR Committee would like to thank all those who generously helped, especially the Glenthompson Community Association and Sally Gray, Andrew Huf and Helen Hanson. A big thank you to Dot Callander for donating the beautiful raffle prizes, won by Dunkeld's very own Rob Smith.

Thanks also to David Baker and Jenny Bade for collecting donations for OTR at the Sculpture Garden event. Your support is deeply appreciated.

*From the Committee (Trevor Flinn, Marty Gent, Cee Blackwell, Anne Fleming, Paul Sanders, Lucinda Peterson, Judy Warne, Dot Callander and David Baker)*

## **MIRRANATWA LAND CARE**

**The Mirranatwa Land Care AGM will be held in the Hall at 7.30pm, Wednesday 17 May.** Offices will be declared vacant and nominations will be called for to fill the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This is our 30th year of Land Care, Mirranatwa being one of the very early groups to form...on 9 July 1987.

The meeting will celebrate the 30 years with members past and present, giving a brief overview of their activities, along with a display of 'before and after' photographs, where possible.

Supper will complete the evening. All welcome.

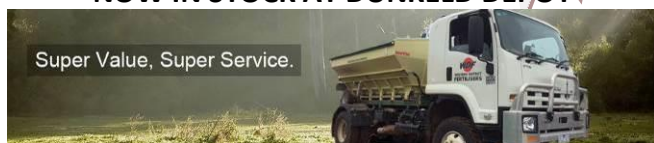
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### COACH SERVICES READY FOR BOOST

Coach services in Western Victoria will be significantly improved as part of a passenger services feasibility study launched last week say Horsham and Southern Grampians Mayors, Cr Pam Clarke and Cr Mary-Ann Brown.

Commissioned by eight western Victorian Councils, the report recommends a new daily road coach service between Horsham and Hamilton via Balmoral and Cavendish, co-ordinated with Hamilton to Portland services. It also recommends better coach connections including weekend and public holiday services to key tourist destinations including the Grampians, Little Desert, and Pyrenees wine region.

Cr Brown said improvements to coach services were a significant first step towards the long-term goals of the passenger services study.

"The coach service improvements are an exciting part of the strategy and many of them can happen reasonably quickly," Cr Brown said.

"If we can increase the coach services as outlined in the strategy, this will fit in with the long-term goal to improve connections between road and rail services. The flow on effects for the community, businesses and tourism will be significant."

Mayor of Horsham Rural City Council, Cr Pam Clarke, said the recommendations would open a world of possibilities for the region.

"We're very pleased to see a recommendation to allow commuters to take bikes on V/Line coach services. Cycling tourism is becoming increasingly popular and we want to make sure we embrace that trend," Cr Clarke said.

"It will also be great to see improvements to road coach hubs to provide better waiting, boarding, lighting, and transfer conditions for passengers."

Other recommendations for coach service improvements include:

- New weekend services to Casterton and Mount Gambier
- Coach service improvements for Balmoral, Cavendish, Coleraine, Dunkeld and Lake Bolac
- Tourist-friendly coach schedules to enable more public transport-based holiday makers to visit attractions, leading to an increase in business opportunities for accommodation and tourism businesses
- An extra mid-morning and mid-afternoon return service between Hamilton and Ballarat daily
- Improved timetabling to better link with train services

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.

### Bereavement Notice

**Basil O'Dea Lyon**

Our heartfelt thanks to all, in the Dunkeld and Glenthompson areas, who helped Basil, and us throughout his life and subsequent death.

We appreciate the outpouring of love, kindness and gestures of care we continue to receive.

To the Saint Patrick's Church community and the Glenthompson and Dunkeld Football Netball Club, our grateful thanks.

Also, thank you to the various employers of Basil, his friends, and the many community groups Basil has been associated with.

Please know that you all enhanced his life.

We thank God for the gift of our Basil.

Adrian, Helen and Edmond Lyon

## Hay For Sale

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## RED CROSS NEWS

Following the April meeting on Thursday, six members took many plates of afternoon tea from the group, to treat the residents at the Penshurst Hospital, and chatted with some of those present, including several former Dunkeld District folk. Thank you to everyone who gave food, including Pat and Penny, who were unable to attend the actual meeting. Left overs would have been enjoyed by residents and staff into the next day.

Members and delegates are looking forward to attending the **Zone Meeting in Hamilton on 9 May**, to learn about the recent work of Red Cross and to hand over a fat envelope of used stamps, donated by the Dunkeld children and residents. Terrie at the school is still collecting them for us. Thank you Terrie and donors...collection is ongoing, so please save your used stamps (with a generous paper edge) for the Red Cross.

The Zone meeting is held at the Daisy Turner Rooms in Gray Street and it turns out that our member Olwyn Hogan, boarded with Daisy Turner for 4 years around 1942, while working at the Commercial Bank of Sydney (now the National Bank). Daisy was the organist at the Hamilton Presbyterian Church at the time.

The **Biggest Morning Tea** will be again at the Visitor Centre on Thursday 25 May, and the monthly meeting will follow at 2.00pm in the Henry Leech RSL Room. Details will be finalised at this meeting for the **Red Cross Golf Day**, to be held the following Tuesday 30 May at the Grampians Golf Course.

We wish Jane all the best with her ear 'operation' and hope Heather and Helena are enjoying their time overseas.

*Iris Field, Secretary*

## RALLYING SUPPORT FOR FLICK

An inaugural meeting was held at the Emergency Services Complex on Thursday 27 April, to kick-start our fundraising campaign for the Gordon Family.

It was decided that a street stall would be held on Saturday 20 May in front of the Bendigo Bank here in Dunkeld.

We require donations of whatever people are happy to give to support this worthy cause. Items include baking, produce, plants, craft, etc, etc, etc.

There will also be a wood raffle, that will be circulating soon, and drawn at the stall.

Any donations may be left with Heather Hampton (stall co-ordinator) prior to the day.

We are seeking a huge response to this event, so please support us with items to sell, or by purchasing something from us.

It is vital that we raise as much money as we can.

We will be taking any donations of money as well on this day, or if anyone would like to donate directly to the Bendigo Bank, the account details are as follows:

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 160 003 836

Account Name: Felicity Gordon Fundraising Appeal

Flick is continuing to make progress, however this is a very slow process.

The Family are doing an exceptional job in assisting with Flicks' recovery.



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## INTERDEPENDENCY by Marion Colton

It was late evening as I crossed the Victoria Valley Road entering the portion of Taylor Street leading to the Arboretum. Before me, on the right, a young gum sapling was bathed in golden light. It was heavily laden with spherical clusters of creamy, white flowers, ranging from five to twelve in number. Each flower was quite delicate with just a single row of white filaments topped with cream anthers radiating out from the base; the latter, a miniature green pond flowing with nectar around a creamy-green pistil.

Some of the flower clusters emerged from the leaf axils and some directly from the branchlet. Long, slender, dark green, lanceolate leaves alternated up the branches, curving gently from them. A few rounded bud clusters, terminating in points, remained un-opened, whilst small, mainly seven-clustered fruits, recessed and cup-shaped were connected by tiny peduncles to a main centimetre long peduncle.

As I stood entranced by the beauty of the western sunlight on the blossoms, I became aware of an immense amount of movement. While I was admiring its beauty and breathing in its expired oxygen, the tree was also giving selflessly of its rich source of nectar and pollen to hundreds of different insects. Not only were there bees of many varieties, but there were also large insects, rather like a melange of a beetle and wasp, shiny black in colour. When they moved, the long wings, or wing cases, folded neatly over their long bodies, shone with a blue iridescence. I could observe them quite closely for they were totally focussed on retrieving the nectar from each flower. As they moved around the cluster, I noticed their black, segmented bodies had two bright yellow dots on each side near the end of the abdomen. Others, very similar, seemed to be slightly smaller and lacked the yellow dots. I stood, for what seemed ages, fascinated by them.

As I was about to leave, a different shape and movement caught my eye. It gave the impression of a large, rounded, fluffy fly but was too high to distinguish properly.

These sapling eucalypts line the right side of Taylor Street so I checked each one on my way to the Arboretum. The blackish-blue insects, probably a kind of wasp, were feasting on each one, though not in such heavy numbers as on the first tree, which was receiving more warmth and light than others. Such an amazing experience of the givingness of trees and their interdependency with insects!



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### GARDEN NOTES – MAY

There are many gardening jobs to be done during May. As an important part of your fruit tree spray program; your peach, apricot and nectarine trees should receive an application of copper fungicide when approximately half of the leaves have fallen (about mid-May). This will help to prevent problems with curly leaf, brown rot and shot hole.

Hydrangeas can be pruned during May or June. This simple job begins with the removal of any dead or weak shoots, then cutting back to just above a strong double bud any shoots which produced flowers last summer. If you wish to change the colour of your flowers, you should begin treatment no later than May and continue until flowering. Acid soils produce blue flowers; alkaline soils produce pink, whilst white flowers do not change according to soil type. Epsom salts or garden lime will encourage pink blooms whereas iron sulphate or hydrangea blueing fertiliser will produce blue blooms.



Main vegetable plantings for May are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, onions, broad beans, peas and turnips. May is a good time to prepare

planting sites for roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals as winter is the best planting time for these garden favourites. A sunny, well drained position is required. Your soil should be well loosened up, weeds removed and a small quantity of well-rotted animal manure added. Citrus trees can be planted now, soil preparation is as above, although they also prefer shelter from very strong winds. Eureka, Lisbon and Meyer are the popular lemon varieties for this district while Valencia and Washington Navel are the best orange varieties. Grapefruit, lime, mandarin, tangelo and cumquat will also grow well in this area.



Early winter is the best time to apply garden lime or dolomite to lawns and empty vegetable beds. This has many benefits including the breaking up of any surface soil 'crusts' which may have formed during the summer. Many lawn fertilisers will acidify the soil whereas lawn grasses prefer a higher soil pH reading. Lime will restore the balance as well as helping to prevent moss forming as can occur in shady or poorly drained areas of your lawn. Moss killer lawn food or iron sulphate will also help to control moss growth.

**Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan, Ararat**



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Numbers are limited so get in early.  
Bookings close on Friday 12 May 2017.



## OFF THE RAILS



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Off the Rails, Dunkeld is thrilled to announce the imminent arrival of our first official resident artist of 2017, Eliza-Jane Gilchrist. Eliza is a sculptor who will be living in Dunkeld, exploring the area and utilising OTR from the 7th - 19th of May.



She will be giving an **artist talk**, and have the studio open to visitors at **10.00am on Saturday 13 May**. All welcome.

Eliza has kindly supplied a short description of her art practice and background for the

Dunkeld and District newsletter...

I am a sculptor with a BA (Hons) in Fine Art (Sculpture) from University of Creative Arts, Canterbury, UK. I immigrated to Australia in 2009 and have been living in Castlemaine for the last 7 years. I have exhibited in group exhibitions in UK and Australia and had several solo exhibitions in Australia. Lately I have been making work with cardboard and have exhibited this sculpture in Unicorn Lane Gallery, Ballarat (2015), Arts Open, Castlemaine (2016) and ContainART in Ballarat (2016).

I make participatory sculpture installations such as Strange Garden, my own cardboard sculptures, and puppet shows within installations under the umbrella Such As They Are.

Strange Garden explores shapes and patterns in the natural world, and sees me working with communities to build large, beautiful, abstract 'gardens' out of cardboard. The flat, bland properties of cardboard are re-purposed into something organic, intricate and beautiful. A magical world is created for families to contribute to, to peer into, to explore and enjoy. I've been working on it for about 5 years now, and taken it to communities all around Victoria. It introduced me to the wonders of cardboard as a sculptural medium and now I am devoted to it.

In my sculpture practice my materials are often the discarded – clothes, found objects, and now cardboard. Ugly, worthless things, which I try to rehabilitate using hand-made alterations, embroidery, drawing and re-combination. I lavish detail onto the humble and mundane and make ugly things beautiful in an attempt to challenge perceptions of insignificance and value.

In Dunkeld I want to develop my 3D vocabulary further by attempting to abstract and represent elements of the landscape around me in cardboard. I will also find natural specimens to re-create. I'm aware of the drama of the surrounding country, though this will be my first lengthy visit to the area, so I'm looking forward to the exploration. I will be working out shapes and sculptures that will feed into a large installation I will exhibit at the end of the year, and also find shapes that I can use in my Strange Garden workshops. At the end of the residency I will share some paper construction techniques with some of the students at the school to pass on my enthusiasm for cardboard!  
[www.elizajaneilchrist.com](http://www.elizajaneilchrist.com)

## DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

**Guest Speaker Meeting:** Mr Jim Ford, President of the Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum was our Guest Speaker on Monday 1 May. Mrs Heather Kruger, Secretary, also accompanied Jim. The museum is dedicated to transport and tourism



pioneer Sir Reginald Ansett and is housed in the company's first aircraft hangar in Hamilton.

Centrepieces of the museum's display are a Fokker Universal aircraft, similar to the one used on the first Ansett flight in 1936, and the 1928 Studebaker. Other memorabilia includes documents from the early days of the Ansett empire. Of particular interest is the company's first prospectus which sets out the capital required and proposed development of the company. The museum also has a complete set of flight attendant uniforms on display.



Jim Ford, Barbara Dohle, Heather Kruger

Museum Life Member, Mrs Barbara Dohle's father Mr T. Leigh Simpson, *'showed a tremendous faith in the future of aviation and gave encouragement and support to Reg Ansett so that Ansett industries could grow to the giant they became.'* *Dunkeld & District – A Short History*

Mr Simpson was a primary sponsor for Reg Ansett's Ansett Airways Pty and was a director for many years.

The audience enjoyed an informative and interesting evening about Sir Reg Ansett and the Ansett Transport Museum. Volunteers open the Ansett Transport Museum daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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

*Dunkeld Museum members  
and the general community  
are invited to attend the*

**Dedication of the Don Dickie Memorial Shed**  
On Sunday 28 May 2017 commencing at 2.00pm at  
the Museum

*Please bring a plate for afternoon tea to assist with catering.*

**Sawmill Open Day:** Congratulations to the Dunkeld Sawmill Group members and volunteers on another outstanding and successful Open Day. Museum members held an information stall along with publications etc for sale at this event. A number of people visited the Dunkeld Museum on Sunday afternoon who had attended the Open Day.

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

**Museum Duty:** The Museum Roster is currently being updated.



## Mobile Library

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## COUNCILS COMMEND REGIONAL RAIL FUNDING

The Mayors of three regional centres in western Victoria - Horsham, Hamilton and Ararat - have praised the State Government on its \$1.4 billion investment in regional rail announced ahead of the forthcoming State budget.

Ararat Rural City Mayor Cr Paul Hooper says he was pleased to see reports of improved services to Ararat. "We see our city as the gateway to western Victoria and the State Government's announcement to increase rail services to Ararat will help open up Western Victoria to population and economic growth" Cr Hooper said.

The announcement for improved services to Ararat is supported by and validates the Grampians Barwon South West Passenger Services Feasibility Study (executive summary attached) released in April. The feasibility study recommends increased services to Ararat as the first stage of the development of rail connections into western Victoria, to be followed by upgrades to the line between Ballarat and Ararat, then re-introduction of rail services to Hamilton and Horsham from Ararat.

Mayors from all three Councils believe that the State Government announcement adds weight to the recommendations for the re-introduction of passenger rail to western Victoria.

Horsham Rural City Council Mayor, Cr Pam Clarke, says it is fantastic news that the State Government recognises that regional Victoria deserves the investment in passenger rail services.

"It is well understood that such passenger service enhancements will support social and economic development in western Victoria by providing better access for residents to employment opportunities, health services, education and training and social connections. The Grampians Barwon South West Study shows that the re-introduction of rail to Hamilton and Horsham can and should occur" Cr Clarke stated.

Cr Mary Ann Brown, Mayor Southern Grampians Shire Council, commended the State Government on this budget announcement. "This announcement shows that the State Government acknowledges the importance of equitable services for regional Victoria, and the value and importance of rail services into regional areas" Cr Brown said.

"There 130,000 people living within 90 minutes of Hamilton, including in major centres in south east South Australia such as Mt Gambier. The return of passenger rail will provide improved access for these areas to Melbourne and Adelaide, increasing tourism markets and business opportunities," Cr Brown concluded.

The three Shires will be working together to lobby both the Federal and State Governments for the implementation of the recommendations of the Grampians and Barwon South West passenger services study. The full study can be viewed on the Council's websites

A copy of the study can be found via the Horsham Rural City Council, Southern Grampians Shire Council, and Ararat Rural City Council websites.

## DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

### 2017/2018 Budget Submission to Shire

At the last meeting we went through the Council draft 2017/2018 Budget items. These include kerb repairs at Martin Street and road works, Forest Lane, A. McIntyre's Road, Blackwood-Dunkeld Road, McIntyre's Crossing Road and Church Lane. \$500,000 is allocated to Outdoor Pools Renewal Program (which we assume includes the Dunkeld Pool), \$320,000 for Dunkeld Loop Walk, funding for flood damaged assets and fixing up Dunkeld Visitor Centre windows. Unallocated projects (meaning they are being considered but not guaranteed) includes Dunkeld Visitor Hub (Peak Trail "trailhead") at \$25k, Depot improvements \$30k and two footpaths (a) Bus Stop to Caravan Park (\$36,654) and (b) Wills Street (\$45,000).

We are pleased to see a focus on Dunkeld and in particular the pool, loop walk and flood repair funding. The Progress Association is currently preparing a submission to Council. This submission will call for main street improvements, a cycling strategy and a drainage plan, which are all projects identified in the Dunkeld Structure Plan. If any organisations/clubs in Dunkeld wish to participate in making a submission, please contact me on [lucindapeterson@hotmail.com](mailto:lucindapeterson@hotmail.com) or call 0459 774 624. We would love to hear from you.

### Town Meeting with Shire Councillors

Each year Councillors and senior Shire officers meet with the community. A special meeting will be held on 22 May 2017 from 6.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre.



Councillors will be in town to hear your views and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

The meeting will focus on:

- The Dunkeld Memorial Pool
- An update from Mr Hugh Koch on the Dunkeld Loop Walk and planning for the Visitor Hub
- Other matters raised by the community

If you, or a group you belong to, would like to put something on the agenda, please email Melanie Russell  
mrussell@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or lucindapeterson@hotmail.com

## DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

### Upcoming Events:



- The Dunkeld 1000 Open Triples, Saturday 10 June  
EVENT BOOKED OUT, NO VACANCIES

### Social Bowls/Tournaments

The Open Fours 29/04/2017

Sponsored by **Mary-Ann Brown & Associates** and **Fox Refrigeration**

Another great day of bowls, with teams coming from Mt. Gambier, Portland, Port Fairy, Warrnambool, Ararat plus local towns. The event of 4 games x 10 ends saw the Jo Sykes team from SA win the day with 3 wins and a draw. There were 5 teams with 3 wins and the Runner Up team was Shanks, Brian M, Johnny O and Troy Greed.

An honourable mention to Bob Napier, Paul Callander, John McIntyre and Steve Kennedy, who stood out of the event at the last moment to allow a visiting team to play, AND THEN, when another team failed to show, regrouped and filled the void. Thanks, lads!

This event was fully catered for by our wonderful group of ladies who did a superb job dishing up pre-game nibbles, a wonderful lunch and an impressive arvo tea, catering for 64 bowlers. Well done Ladies, another remarkable effort.



Winners of the Open Fours



Runners Up

### LADIES 100 UP

The final was played on Tuesday 18 April in perfect conditions for bowls. After a great battle, Heather Mac

defeated Christine Scott. Congrats to the finalists and to all who played. Thanks to Beryl Lowe who attended as official marker.

### MENS 100 UP

The Men's final between Iven Field and Gary Wall was also held on 18 April. In a game that lasted 20 ends, with the lead fluctuating throughout, Gary managed to come out the victor 102 – 88. This was a high quality game with some wonderful bowls being put down.

A thank you to Peter McLean for coming along to be the official marker and well done to all who made the effort to participate in the 100 Up.



Iven Field congratulates Gary Wall on his win in the 100 Up

### BOWLING CLUB PRESENTATION DAY – SATURDAY, 20 MAY

Presentation day will start 11.30ish, lunch at **12 noon** with presentations to follow. Lunch is available for members, family and friends at a cost of \$15 per person, the club will subsidise the meal.

Those wishing to dine please notify Heather on 5577 2464 or leave a message at the club 5577 2282, BEFORE 16/5/17.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MONDAY 22 MAY AT 7.30PM AT THE BOWLS CLUBHOUSE

Members are strongly urged to attend. This is your club so please come along and have your input.

**Gary Wall, Publicity Officer**

### 2017 Telstra Business Women's Awards

The Nationals Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy MP is urging local people to celebrate the achievements of exceptional business women by nominating them for the 2017 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

Ms Kealy said the Telstra Business Women's Awards, now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, recognise and reward the courage, leadership and creativity of Australia's business women and play a critical role in raising the profile of women in business.

"There are many inspirational women from a diverse range of working backgrounds in the Lowan electorate who are achieving great things. The awards provide a fabulous opportunity to recognise these women.

"I urge everyone in the community to stand behind our local business women by nominating them for the 2017 Telstra Business Women's Awards as a way to show our support and encourage other women to follow in their footsteps," Ms Kealy said.

Anyone can nominate a business woman they admire, with entries open from Wednesday 26 April until Thursday 15 June 2017 across five Award categories.

State and Territory Award winners will be announced at gala events later this year, with the Victorian Awards taking place on Tuesday 10 October 2017.

The National Awards, including the announcement of the Telstra Business Woman of the Year will take place at a gala dinner in Sydney on Friday 1 December 2017.

To nominate go to  
<https://www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com/nominate/>  
 or call the Telstra Business Women's Awards on **1800 817 536** for further information.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Class Captains for Term 2

Meet our new Class Captains for Term 2. To get to know our Captains they were asked two questions, most favourite thing about school and if they could buy anything in the world, what would it be?



**Prep: Mia Hanna**  
 Loves that she gets to play outside sometimes and would buy Lego.



**Year 1: Phoebe Lazzari.** Loves art and like Mia, she would also buy Lego.



**Year 2: Sebastian Aarons.** Enjoys Maths and he'd buy Technic Lego if he could buy anything in the world.



**Year 3: George Field.** His favourite thing is PE but he's not sure what he would buy!



**Year 4: Amity Haley.** Her favourite thing is Art. A two-storey house would be Amity's choice.



**Year 5/6: Xanthe Huf.** Loves Art and would purchase a mansion!

### ANZAC biscuit making – Prep and Year 1



Today we made ANZAC biscuits with the Prep students in the school kitchen. We used sugar, flour, golden syrup, oats, butter and hot water. Then we mixed it together and then the teachers and children rolled it into balls and we put them in the oven. When the timer went off, we got them out of the oven. We got to eat one. They were very yummy! *By Indi Mibus, Year 1*

### School ANZAC Service



Our students took part in the annual ANZAC ceremony at our school, which was held on Monday 24 April. Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble, was our official guest.



Year 5 students Chloe Frost, Monet Graham and Xanthe Huf recited the famous poem, *In Flanders Field*. Year 5 and 6 students reported the number of lives sacrificed at each conflict Australians were involved in from the Boer War to the

Afghanistan War including peace-keeping missions.

A large number of our students also attended and supported the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Tuesday morning with Year 6 student, Ella Jackson, reciting The Ode. School Captain, Sam Cullinane, respectfully raised the flag to the masthead at the end of the ceremony. Lest we forget.

### Division Athletics Carnival



The Dunkeld Consolidated School was represented by the following fifteen students at the Division Athletics Carnival on Thursday 27 April. Amity Haley, Myles Haley, Lachie Phillips, Alexander Prentice, Xanthe Huf, Ella Jackson, India Ross,

Fingal Jackson, Sarah Symes, Sam Cullinane, Ben Potter, Edward Williamson, Chloe Frost, Monet Graham and Thomas Gordon competed in track and field events.

*Congratulations team!*



**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**  
*From the Garden...*

Last week we were very fortunate to have Woody Blackwell visit us, and demonstrate the use of their drone. He has taken some fabulous aerial photos of our garden, which we will use to map our garden beds and spaces. Thank you Woody, we all learnt much about this new technology and its many uses!



It has been a fantastic Autumn so far, perfect growing conditions. We have removed our prolific tomato plants (and hung them upside down in the shed – the tomatoes keep on ripening!), and planted silver beet, carrots, broccoli, cabbages, spring onions, beetroot, celery, coriander, macadamia nuts...

Chook Palace – children are very welcome to visit the chooks, but please parents and families, don't let them feed the hens, and make sure the gates are securely shut and all the chooks are back safely inside before you leave – we lost another hen last week who got left out, something found her, and then the children found her remains. They were very upset.



I think the Garden Friends' Roster is finished – please look to see you are happy with it. If you are not down, or when you want to be, or often enough, or too much – just let me know – it is very easy for me to make a mistake!

Cheers, Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

## KITCHEN ROSTER

THURSDAY 4 MAY 2017 – CAULFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL VISIT	
No SAKG Kitchen or Garden classes will be held today	
THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017 - YEAR 3	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Keri Ross Stacey Balkin Emma Gordon Liz Hinchey

## GARDEN ROSTER

THURSDAY 4 MAY 2017 – CAULFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL VISIT	
No SAKG Kitchen or Garden Classes will be held today	

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017	
11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 5/6	Kylie Huzony, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Annette Huf, Iven Field, Erin Rennie, Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky
12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 4	Sarah Crawford, Kylie Huzony, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Iven Field, Erin Rennie, Paul Callander, Vivien Brodsky, Annette Huf
2.20pm – 2.50pm Grade 2	Jo Aarons, Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander, Annette Huf, Kate Brian
2.50pm – 3.20pm Grade 1	Trish Symes, Priscilla Jury, Vivien Brodsky, Brian Mathews, Iven Field, Herman Jansen, Paul Callander, Annette Huf



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28 April 2017 – LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Waiving of stamp duty on multi-peril crop insurance

Following extensive lobbying by local farmers and The National Party, the Victorian Government has finally announced that it will remove stamp duty on insurance against damage to crops, livestock and equipment in next week's State Budget.

This win for local farmers is another example of The Nationals fighting for a fair deal for regional Victoria.

I first raised this matter in Parliament in February 2016 urging the Premier make good on his commitment to examine the cost of multi-peril crop insurance for drought-stricken food producers in Western Victoria.

At the time grain, pulse and legume producers in some areas of western Victoria were suffering from the lowest ever two-year rainfall levels and were increasingly turning to multi-peril crop insurance to guarantee some return on their cropping input costs.

However many farmers were not taking out this insurance due to the high premiums and some products requiring 10 per cent of the maximum claimable amount.



Our solution of waiving stamp duty on this insurance product was a simple way for government to support and empower our farmers to better manage their risk profile.

I am pleased that the extensive lobbying by The Nationals and local farmers on this important issue has led to the introduction of a policy that will save farmers up to 10 per cent on insurance against flood, fire and other accidental provisions.

We will continue to fight for our local farmers on issues that will help ensure their financial sustainability into the future.

**Emma Kealy, Nationals Member for Lowan**

## LANDCARE NEWS

### **Woodland Bird Survey**

Armed with binoculars, cameras and ID books, 20 keen bird watchers participated in the first Woodland Bird Project in the Panyyabyr Landcare Group area, (part of the group's wider Finding Nature programme) for 2017.

The group identified 18 species of bird at Wandobah including our first Scarlet Robin for this site under this project. Then 24 species in the Weatherly's woodland scrub site, including a variety of honeyeaters, thornbills, rosellas and 2 species of whistler. Then we identified 23 species at Freshwater Lake, including a number of waterbirds.

Glenelg Hopkins CMA provided a BBQ lunch in appreciation for the efforts of all the volunteers. Our thanks again goes to Dave Nichols from the GHCMa for all his enthusiasm, knowledge and organisation, and also to Sam Greiner from Birdlife Hamilton – an fantastic source of knowledge and infinite patience with those of us just learning! Later that same week, Dave and Mick Fendley visited our other Finding Nature sites (Lomas', McIntyre's and Blackwell's) to finish their bird surveys. Our sincere thanks to all those involved, we are developing a great resource base of information, and at the same time learning and understanding a great deal about our birdlife.

### **Fox Control Programs**

Both the "Grampians Ark" & "Grampians to Grasslands" Fox Baiting Pulses have finished. Those involved please collect the untaken baits and dispose of them appropriately, and then pass your bait take data onto me. We thank Parks Vic again for providing the funding to support this program throughout our area.

### **Rabbit Calici virus release**

The virus has been released in three local sites, and now landholders are undertaking spotlight counts to check on rabbit numbers. If carcasses are found they are collected, samples taken, and sent to the lab, as the scientists can determine what caused the death.

## FINDING NATURE

**Banksia Walk** - A very interesting morning was held at the old Moutajup Railway Station site, where we had great discussions and reminiscences about the local area, and the way it has changed over living memory. We found the original banksia trees (magnificent old gnarled specimens now), as well as she-oaks and busarias. We learned from Bill Weatherly his aim to collect seed from the old trees to grow and return back to this area. This will be a fantastic project, and if anyone is interested in becoming involved, please get in touch with me.

**Red Gum Brochure** – We have some of the most beautiful red gums growing throughout our region, right here in our own back yards and paddocks. As part of our Finding

Nature program, we will produce a brochure on these magnificent trees, covering many points of interest, and explaining ways to care for the trees so they may last many more years. As part of this, I am looking to include quotes from you, the local people who have grown up living and surrounded by the trees. It could be anything from the use of the trees as a great shade/shelter for stock, a memory from childhood, knowledge of indigenous use, a memory from long gone residents, habitat for?, a source of the most beautiful timber/firewood, your feelings for them. We have found that these trees invoke the most amazing and touching feelings, and we would love to share these thoughts with others. Please call or send me your thoughts.

**Save the (proposed!) date** – Laura Weedon will visit Dunkeld on Wednesday 31 May, (to be confirmed) to demonstrate the use of certain apps available on computers and smart phones, for the recording (and get help in identification) of plants and animals. As a group, we will aim to use one site, and people will learn how to take photos and enter them into the sites. Time, place and date still to be confirmed.

### **"What was found..."**

While our Finding Nature program runs two bioblitzes per year, many local residents are finding beautiful and rarely seen wildlife and plants all throughout the year. So we would like to showcase these images, and invite you to also send your photos through to share. While some photos are not recent, they were still taken within our local area. Thanks to this weeks' contributors!



Denis Willey spotted this beautiful Sacred Kingfisher along the Wannon River at his property "Grampians Retreat"

Rosie Merrin found this Flying Fox in her nectarine tree at "The Gums"



And this from Woody Oliver, a bush stone curlew, spotted along the Woodhouse-Dunkeld Road.

**Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235 [advancel@bigpond.com](mailto:advancel@bigpond.com)**

## 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.

The Dunkeld Tourism Association is proud to showcase the DUNKELD OLD BAKERY.

**Vicki Kearney**



## ***Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Dunkeld & District Lions Club Spanish Dinner Evening***

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to help raise funds for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and the Dunkeld & District Lions Club. We appreciate any time that you can give to help make this evening a great success for both groups.

**Dunkeld & District Lions Club – Spanish Dinner Evening – Wednesday 17 May 2017 commencing at 7.00pm (for a 7.30pm start).**

If you are able to help with setting up the Community Centre, preparing food, being part of the wait staff team and/or cleaning up please complete and return the below slip to the Dunkeld Consolidated School **BY MONDAY 8 MAY.**

We thank you for your kindness, generosity and assistance with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and we thank the Dunkeld & District Lions Club for this opportunity.

Thank you.

SAKG Team - Ann Howard, Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy

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### **DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

#### **Dunkeld & District Lions Club Spanish Dinner on Wednesday 17 May 2017**

<b>Please complete and return this form to school BY MONDAY 8 MAY 2017</b>
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Yes, I / we can assist with the Dunkeld & District Lions Club Spanish Dinner on Wednesday 17 May:

☐ **Table and Buffet Service at the Community Centre:**  
Wednesday 17 May from 6.00pm – black pants, black shoes and white or black shirt to be worn.

☐ **Kitchen Staff and Clean Up at the Community Centre:**  
Wednesday 17 May from 6.00pm – BYO Apron.

☐ **Setting Up at the Community Centre:**  
From 10.00am on Wednesday 17 May.

☐ **Food preparation at the Dunkeld Consolidated School SAKG Kitchen:**  
Tuesday 16 May from 12.30pm to 3.20pm.

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Name/s.....Phone.....

Email.....

*Thank you for your support!*