Free hearing checks on offer at Dunkeld Community Centre

Two local community services have joined forces to open up a new chapter in hearing checks.

On Wednesday June 29th, between 10.00am and 3.00pm, Australian Hearing Hamilton will visit the Dunkeld Community Centre, Stirling Place to offer patrons better access to hearing health services.

With more than half of Australians over the age of 60 suffering from hearing loss, Australian Hearing’s Chelsea Scott says the partnership encourages the local community to make their hearing health a priority.

"Dunkeld Community Centre is a great community service. It’s fantastic to be able to join forces with them and provide a convenient way for people to check their hearing and make sure they are in good hearing health," Chelsea Scott said.

“It’s really important to provide this sort of access to hearing services and promote general hearing health awareness.”

“As the incidence of hearing loss increases as we get older, we encourage seniors in particular to include hearing as part of their overall health check-up. The sooner you do something about your hearing the better.”

Chelsea Scott says hearing checks are a quick and easy way to find out more about your hearing health and what can be done to help.

“Having your hearing checked is a simple way to learn more about your hearing by measuring what sounds you can and can’t hear,” she said.

“The hearing checks are conducted by staff from the local Australian Hearing Hamilton centre and our team will also be on hand to guide people through what next steps they may have to take in regards to their hearing.”

Australian Hearing will provide hearing checks to any interested adults who visit on the day. More information is available by calling Australian Hearing Hamilton on 03 5551 0100
Australian Hearing provides subsidised hearing care for eligible people, including pensioners and most veterans. For full details visit www.hearing.com.au

Well the Serra Terror is over for another year!

Well done to all teams for tackling another particularly challenging but absolutely stunning course in the Grampians, complete with great weather.

Huge congratulations to our Blackwell Shield winners for Fastest Endurance Team - the Heavy Hitters!!! Third win for them in seven years.

Well done also to the runners up, Crossfit Warrnambool. The winners of the fastest relay team were a new contender - Ham's Heroes! Great embodiment of our event ethos - team spirit and sticking together - were shown by all these teams.

A huge thank you also to all participants, their support crews, volunteer marshals, sweeps, the committee and everyone who puts in so much of their time to make the event possible. We hope you all enjoyed the weekend.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIBRARY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
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When: Monday 4 July 2016 @ 10:00am
Where: Sterling Place Community Centre
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Theme: Winter Fire Safety!

DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES
Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church
Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161     E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au
3rd Week  Sunday  June 19  8.30am  Mass
4th Week  Sunday  June 26  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion
1st Week  Sunday  July 3  8.30am  Mass
2nd Week  Sunday  July 10  No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week  Sunday  July 17  8.30am  Mass
4th Week  Sunday  July 24  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week  Sunday  July 31  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship
Services at Saint Mary’s, Dunkeld
Shared worship at 9 am each Sunday - except when there is a 5th Sunday in the month; when there are district services in Hamilton.
June 19  Anglican service  9.00am
June 26  Services in Hamilton (see Spec)
July 3  Anglican Service
July 10  Edwin McLean  9.00am
July 17  Anglican Service
Inquiries: Judy Trompf 5577 2414 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277.

Judeo Christian Church
Cnr Adams and Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld  Pastor Greg Gardner  Mobile: 0403 960 900
2nd and last Sunday of each month  10.30am

Pannyabyr Uniting Church - Next service to be advised.

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

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SERRA TERROR VII - A GREAT SUCCESS

Another successful Serra Terror was held at the weekend. Forty six teams and 283 walkers participated in this year’s event which started at Moora Moora Reservoir, on the western side of the Grampians, and finished at Kalymna Falls on the eastern side. Aside from blisters and a few minor injuries, such as knees and ankles, all the participants finished the course safely.

Again the weather gods were kind. Saturday was cold but still and Sunday was a beautiful winter’s day.

The Dunkeld Community Centre hosted over 300 people at the briefing session on Friday night. The Dunkeld Consolidated School Parents and Friends Association provided a tasty meal to set up the walkers for a very early start on Saturday morning. The event concluded with a sit down dinner for 260 people on Sunday night.

The fastest team was the Heavy Hitters, from Warrnambool, who had completed the course by 2:00pm on Sunday. They were also the fastest team in 2015 and 2013. This wonderful event, which showcases the Grampians and Dunkeld, would not be possible without amazing community support. As one walker said to me, it’s such an impressive community.

Thank you to all the marshals who were a cheerful and efficient presence at the checkpoints. Thank you also to those people who helped set up the community centre on Friday, clean-up on Saturday morning, set up again on Sunday afternoon and clean-up again on Monday morning. Many hands do make light work. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The food provided by the Dunkeld Consolidated School Parents and Friends Association and the slices cooked by the Dunkeld Kindergarten parents were much appreciated. There were requests for more hedge-hog. Thank you also to the netball players & parents who assisted with serving the dinner on Sunday & cleaning up afterwards.

Finaly congratulations to the committee who have spent countless hours putting this event together:

Georgie Mann and Keri Ross, Event Co-ordinators, who keep everyone on track, organise catering, photographer, facebook updates, to mention only a few of their responsibilities.

Doug Craig, Course Co-ordinator, whose intimate knowledge of the Grampians, enables him to continue to produce different and challenging courses. Also his witty advice to participants about sticking together and how not to get lost was excellent and conveyed the message in an entertaining manner.

Doug Fleming, who liaises with Parks Victoria, completes all the necessary paperwork for permits, etc, helps tag the course, acts as MC on Friday and Sunday nights, to mention only a few of his responsibilities.

Debbie Millard, who manages the registrations, which is very time consuming, particularly in the 2-3 months prior to the event.

Trina Weatherly, who is the Secretary and keeps everyone up to scratch with her very efficient production of the minutes, also does much of the media liaison, and was on a checkpoint.

Bill Weatherly, who provides information about interesting information about plants and other aspects of the course, general gopher and was on a checkpoint.

Bill and Cee Blackwell, who organise the marshals, who are critical to the success of the event.

Iwona Masny-Wakeling, Treasurer, who keeps everyone on the straight and narrow financially.

Ross Simpson, who organises the portaloos, and general gopher.

John Smith, who can make anything and produced many of the braziers used at the checkpoints. Also was up before dawn to supervise the loading of the buses on Saturday morning as well as being on a checkpoint.

There are also a number of generous sponsors but I would like to mention Phillip Baulch, who is instrumental in generating the maps which are used during the event.

If I have overlooked anyone, please accept my apologies. Well done to all who are involved in this event in any way, you are all wonderful.

Mary-Ann Brown, Chairperson, Dunkeld Community Centre

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park  Wet weather always causes us problems with vehicle access. Gary and I put a new gravel track in last week. The grass is great for most of the year. The barbecue has been sent away for repair. The Office is now complete. We await the other section which will complete the residence. The caravan park is an asset to our small town. It must help business.

Salt Creek  An arborist’s report gave us concern about a large red gum along the walking track. It had to be trimmed severely. Large rotten limbs are a disaster waiting to happen. This has been done. I thank all who have been cleaning it up. David Hampton has spent hours cutting the limbs and Alan Dark and Dale Johnstone have assisted. Thanks to Max Clutterbuck and Craig Smith for removing the beehive. Let us hope the almost dead tree re-shoots.

Memorial Park  The old infant welfare centre building is no longer used and the Shire wants to relinquish the lease. We will discuss this with the Shire soon. The main problem is the electricity to the barbecue area is connected via the building. Our committee has no funds to do anything with the old building. It probably would be better demolished and reverted to park.

Long Service  Elva Jones has retired from the Public Lands Committee. Elva’s 37 years of service to the old Hall Committee and the DPLC has been recognised by the Government with a nice plaque. This has been presented to Elva with thanks from all Dunkeld for her many years’ service.

Sawmill  Thanks to Lance Baker for donating a good sized red gum log and Ian Macgugan for carting it. Norm Schwarz kindly cut it. Norm is getting a large sugar gum log soon. We are still looking for a dry red gum. The cypress we cut in Hamilton seems to have disappeared from Paterson’s Park. Rex carted one load. Max Clutterbuck and I cut quite a few logs, but they disappeared before we could get them. Large cypress logs are always useful to us.

Our Sawmill Group is going to Beaufort on Sunday 19th June, to look at Kevin Kingwell’s large collection of timber memorabilia. We will leave the sawmill at 8:30am. We will go to Stawell to look at the old Smith Sawmill. See you at the Sawmill at 8:30am and we will car pool from there.

Prustie and Wendy have left on another trip – away for 6 weeks, so contact me if something re the public lands occurs.

John Smith  President
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Urgent call for Emergency Service volunteers in South West Barwon.

When emergency events occur, Red Cross Emergency Service volunteers are there to assist the local community.

Throughout June, Red Cross Emergency Services is calling for skilled and motivated people to be trained as Emergency Services volunteers.

Our recruitment is focussing on the municipalities of Glenelg, Southern Grampians, Moyne and Warrnambool where we are recruiting for new volunteers to support local Red Cross Emergency Service teams.

The role and contribution of our volunteers in times of disasters and emergencies is critical to supporting local communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

Red Cross Emergency Services spokesperson Graeme Lowe said that people in the shires throughout Outer South West Barwon are all too familiar with disasters, having been exposed to devastating floods and other emergency events over the last few years.

“It’s important to have local people trained and ready to support their own community. Not just when an emergency strikes but in preparing for and recovering from emergency events. Red Cross is a well known organisation that works across all these areas.”

“Emergency Services volunteering is very community focussed. It’s a great way to get to know people, but also build the resilience of your community for when disaster strikes.”

The following is a quote from a local Pyrenees volunteer that worked out of Buninyong relief centre during the fires early this year:

“I started volunteering for Red Cross Emergency Services 8 years ago. I chose Red Cross because of its strong international reputation. It is an organisation that always acts with empathy. My wife is a volunteer too. Before volunteering, we used to see disasters unfolding on TV and felt helpless and wondered what we could do to assist. By volunteering with Red Cross we can now contribute and have a positive effect in times of disaster. My most recent opportunity to help was with the Scotsburn Fires. It is good for us to know that we can help with an organisation that is there and can help in such a positive way and that we are a part of that organisation.”

Red Cross emergency services is a real emergency response organisation that works efficiently and effectively. As volunteers we feel really connected. I love that it is managed by volunteers for volunteers.”

“Our experience shows us that many volunteers are eager to be trained and be highly-engaged with Emergency Services. There are a range of training opportunities opened to volunteers to further develop their skills and meet on a regular basis with their Emergency Service Team.”

Some things that Red Cross Emergency Services volunteers may be involved with are:

- speaking and informing community groups and individuals about how to prepare for a disaster
- registering and reconnecting displaced evacuees
- provide practical and emotional support during a disaster, and
- door to door visits in affected communities after a disaster to check how people are coping.

There are further opportunities with programs that work outside a major emergency as well as advancement to leadership and management positions.

Opportunities are also available for those volunteers that are able to travel outside their local area. At times we call upon volunteers to support teams in other parts of the state and at times, interstate emergencies if required.

Volunteers receive full training and support during and after all emergency activations.

To find out more, come along to one of the following information sessions:

**Tue 21 June 2pm-3pm at Hamilton, 56 Gray Street**

Tue 21 June 7pm-8pm at Warrnambool CFA HQ, cnr Walsh Road and Princess Hwy

**Thur 23 June 2pm-3pm at Warrnambool CFA HQ, cnr Walsh Road and Princess Hwy**

Thurs 23 June 7pm-8pm at Portland CFA meeting room, 130 Percy Street

RSVP to Glenn Morison mobile 0437 117 854 or Graeme Lowe mobile 0439 300 516 or toll free 1800 232 969

**DUNKELD RED CROSS**

The Golf Day at the Grampians Golf Club was most successful and was enjoyed by about 50 golfers, clad in colourful and warm attire, and from as far as Warrnambool, Geelong, Streatham and local clubs. The weather was reasonably kind as well.

The Dunkeld and Woodhouse / Nareeb Red Cross branches wish to thank the Grampians for once again hosting this fund-raising day. As a result, $1,326 was raised for the Overseas Support Group, of which Frankie Beggs is chairperson, from entries, raffle and the trading table. Raffle winners included Prue McCulloch, Sue Morse, Jenny Bade and several visitors. Thank you everyone who helped in any way...and Sarah Crawford, who manned the trading table all day!

President Jenny Cook has just completed the first 2 full days of Emergency Training in Psychological First Aid. People are being invited to become involved in Emergency Training with the Red Cross, and details are on the window at the General Store.

The June meeting is at 2:00pm at the RSL room on Thursday 23rd. Then on Monday 18 July will be the AGM at Woodhouse at 1.30pm.

Contacts: Jenny Cook, Iris Field and Bek Kay
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VICSES DUNKELD UNIT
Over the past few months we have had several call-outs. These have included some storm jobs, two of these storm call-outs occurred on Christmas Day. Thanks to those members who were able to help on that day.

We had a major search event recently, which involved setting up an Incident Control Centre at our local complex. Police, Melbourne Search and Rescue Squad, Police Airwing (helicopter) from Melbourne, DELWP, Media, and our SES Unit were involved. There were approx. 35 personnel working together at our complex to co-ordinate this event.

We have also been called to several car accidents over recent months. Unfortunately this involved 2 fatalities. We strongly urge people to take care on our roads.

Our Unit has recently taken possession of a fully equipped 4x4 Isuzu Rescue Truck which seats 7 people. This vehicle will enable us to enter terrain that was inaccessible in the past.

We have also been successful in obtaining a substantial Government Grant to build a new motor-room, which we hope will contain change rooms, laundry facilities, disabled toilet/shower, and hopefully more room to house our vehicles and conduct more specialised training indoors. We are very excited about this as it will further enhance the support that we provide to the community.

Because the land is owned by the CFA, there are a few hurdles that we need to get around, but are fully confident of a successful outcome. We are fortunate that we have strong support from our local Fire Brigade.

After volunteering with the Dunkeld SES Unit for over 34 years David Hampton has retired. His knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed. David has served as Controller, Deputy Controller and Secretary over this time. We wish him all the best in his retirement and thank him very much for what he has contributed and achieved for our Unit.

Anyone interested in joining our Unit or just wanting to come and have a look to see what we do is always most welcome.

Doug McArthur (Controller)
Ph: 0418 353 292

Dunkeld Emergency Services Complex
Unfortunately due to equipment being taken from the complex and not returned, it has been decided by management that in the future no equipment is to be removed from the building under any circumstances.

FROM THE LIONS DEN
In the last newsletter I thanked everyone who had been involved in the running of the French Night. I thanked those who attended as paying customers for their support. It is great that they supported our local fundraiser when so many other things are on in the region i.e. there was a fundraiser at Koroi where you could get an eight course meal for only $80.00. The meal consisted of 7 pints of Guinness and a boiled potato.

Again thank you for your support.

The Grass Parrot has another win
In the last newsletter I mentioned that when I was speaking to the proprietor of the B & B and showed my ignorance about the timing of the weather. Well I decided to stay there but keep my mouth closed. I followed him into his office and he had a big python in an enclosed glass viewing cabinet with heat lamps etc. The snake was apparently asleep, but before I could open my mouth (and put my foot in there again) the door that we had just come through opened and in came another person who was booked into stay the night. The man who walked in was a fellow Lion from our district, a friend of mine; I’ll call him John (because that’s his name). John took one look at the snake and said, “Hell, that’s massive, how many feet?” Neophema pulchella (Grass Parrot) snapped back, “None, it’s a bloody snake.” John said, “Of course, sorry.” The Grass Parrot was looking down at his register and didn’t see the smile on John’s face. I thought, ‘Grass Parrot I know this bloke, he can talk under water with a mouth full of marbles, and you have just primed him.’

As Dad used to say, “Life isn’t tied with a bow but it’s still a gift.”

Peter Hinchey

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8.30 – 9.00am. Registration
9.00am. Introduction, basic advice, OHS, rescue process, euthanasia
10.30am. Birds, water birds, emus, penguins, seals
11.30am. Morning tea
11.45am. Possums, bats, echidnas, mine shafts, reptiles - turtles/frogs/lizards/lace monitors, snakes
1.30pm Lunch
2.00pm. Wombats, koalas
3.45pm. Afternoon tea
4.00pm. Kangaroos and wallabies
5.00-6.00pm. Finish (dependent on interactions and questions throughout the day)
Extra breaks for toilet or coffee added where needed throughout the day
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**ORCHID SEMINAR**

In October this year, there will be groups of plant enthusiasts travelling in the Dunkeld area, looking at wildflowers and, in particular, native orchids. The Henty Highway up to Buandik, the Woomooloo area, the Dundas Range and Gatum Reserve and the Picaninny area in the southern Grampians are just some of the areas which will be investigated by orchid and wildflower enthusiasts.

The 11th FJC Rogers Seminar, a 2 day conference on Native Terrestrial and Epiphytic Orchids, will be held over the weekend of 8th and 9th October 2016. Saturday's program will have 7 expert speakers and 10 Special Interest Group activities, covering topics such as orchids’ shapes, reproduction techniques, distribution, techniques for growing them and threats they face. On Sunday 9th October, there will be 9 different field trips around Cavendish, Hamilton, Digby and Casterton, the Grampians and other areas rich in wildflowers including orchids. One trip will explore the volcanics in this region, while another will investigate the interplay of farm forestry, carbon and indigenous plantings and wetlands with a productive grazing system. Open gardens in Hamilton and workshops on plant propagation, basket making and botanical art means there’ll be something for everyone.

This seminar is held every 2 years by the Australian Plant Society Victoria, and this time SGAP (Society for Growing Australian Plants) Hamilton and APS Warrnambool and District are the hosts. The seminar will be held at the Kantor Centre at the Hamilton and Alexandra College.

It will be an extraordinary opportunity to listen to world class speakers and to meet many interesting people. So if you want to read more about this and attend, you should log onto www.apswarrnambool.org.au, click on Orchid Seminar where you can read details of each day’s programs, and then register. As there are limited numbers in some activities including bus trips (due to the sensitive nature of the environment), it will be a case of “first in, best dressed”.

You can also contact the President of APS Warrnambool, Kevin Sparrow at ksparrow93@gmail.com to receive regular monthly newsletters or just for further information.

Liz Cummins, Bulart
Member of organising committee for the FJC Rogers Seminar

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**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. 2016 subscriptions are now due. 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. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

WW1 Avenue of Honour Memorial – Penshurst: The Penshurst RSL Sub-Branch, Advance Penshurst and Mount Rouse & District Historical Society invite the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch members to join them at the unveiling of the World War 1 Avenue of Honour Memorial and planting of a Victory Tree and Peace Tree at Penshurst on Sunday 17 July 2016 commencing at 2.00pm. Guests will be invited to lay a wreath. The ceremony will be held near the intersection of the Hamilton Highway, Chesswas and Burchett Streets, Penshurst. Afternoon tea to follow ceremony. Please RSVP to Ms Mary Johnson by Friday 1 July on 0408 530 808.

**Cockatoo Rise Vietnam Veterans Retreat Inc:** Greg and Annie Carter wish to advise that the Retreat has grown substantially in size with the many thousands of dollars they have personally spent and the generous donations of memorabilia by vets and other visitors who have visited. They would like to see the exhibition available for future generations to experience and enjoy. They have decided to donate the full collection to the Paynesville RSL Club to care for and display when they are not in a position to look after it themselves.

**GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE**

**DUNKELD MEETING TO CO-ORDINATE PROGRAM**

The Great Victorian Bike Ride is coming to Dunkeld on Sunday 27 November 2016. The cyclists will be camping at the Dunkeld Racecourse. Expected number of cyclists is 4,500.

This event is a terrific opportunity for us to showcase Dunkeld and also to do some fundraising. There are opportunities for food stalls, entertainment, and phone charging, to mention a few.

Jess Klor, the event manager, gave a briefing in Dunkeld and outlined the opportunities for the community.

We want to welcome the cyclists to Dunkeld and encourage them to visit again. The Bicycle Network’s research shows that over 80% of riders say they will return to a town within 12 months.

We want to develop a co-ordinated program of activities. There will be a meeting at the Dunkeld Community Centre on MONDAY 20 JUNE 2016 at 7.30pm.

Mary-Ann Brown, President, Dunkeld Progress Association

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- Farming Fantasies Rural Realities—Rural Women’s group
- Kerry Grigg— No till farming, stubble retention, her American experience
- Glenelg Hopkins CMA— Present and future projects

The day will run from 9am, with lunch followed by a Bus tour of local Landcare projects finishing up at 3pm.

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**DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE**

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 20 June commencing at 7:30pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Membership: A friendly reminder that annual membership of $10.00 is now due.

**Antique Valuation Day with Warren Joel:** The day was a wonderful success and Warren’s wealth of knowledge and expertise were highly sought after. There was a full schedule of items presented on the day with barely a break in between each appointment. A large variety of antiques and collectibles were appraised on the day which included jewellery, artworks, pottery, embroidery, dolls and books.

A landscape painting by Ethel Carrick Fox (1872–1951) who was the wife of painter Emanuel Phillips Fox and a major artist in her own right; was discovered on the day.

Interested parties shared their stories and historical information about each item. Warren’s vibrant and engaging personality kept the audience entertained and encapsulated throughout the course of the day.

The Dunkeld Museum Committee would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Warren Joel, who so generously provided his services free of charge; this gesture was greatly appreciated.

A sincere thank you for everyone who assisted in any way in making this day such an enjoyable and successful day. And thank you to all the people who brought their items along or came along to observe Warren in action.

**Christmas in July:**

This year the Dunkeld Museum will be holding their annual Christmas meal, with guest speaker, on Sunday 3 July in the form of a Christmas lunch. A delicious two course traditional Christmas lunch, will be provided at the Burnbrae Homestead, Penshurst commencing at 12.00 noon. Mrs Liz Byron will be our guest speaker and will also provide a tour of their historic homestead. $25.00 per person. For catering purposes, could you please contact Mrs Wendy Williams on 5577 2386 or Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353 by Friday 24 June if you would like to attend our ‘Christmas in July’ lunch (please advise any special dietary requirements.)

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

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

- Sunday 19 June: Wendy Williams & David Gordon
- Sunday 26 June: Geoff Hitchcliffe, Erin O’Neil, Terrie Nicholson
- Sunday 3 July: Bill & Fay Gordon, Tony Williams
- Sunday 10 July: Beryl Gordon, Joyce Gordon
- Sunday 17 July: 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.

**RANDOM RAMBLINGS**

*With Peter Flinn*

To take my mind off the storm clouds currently swirling around the CFA, I have been indulging in a little historical research.

It all started with an article in *The Age* a few weeks ago, entitled “Crete: a great and terrible story, 75 years in the making”. There are two links to Dunkeld in this story. Firstly, the fascinating article was written by eminent journalist Tony Wright, a nephew of our very own Pat Learmonth. Tony's regular column in the Saturday Age is the main reason I buy it.

The second link takes a little more explaining.

Any survivor or student of World War II will know the terrible events which unfolded on the Greek island of Crete 75 years ago. In May 1941, the allied Greek campaign was crushed by the Germans when they followed up an intense bombing of the island with a massive invasion of airborne troops. Thousands of allied soldiers, including many Australians, were trapped - to say nothing of the Cretan people.

A brave and fierce battle ensued against the advancing German forces. Some 15,000 troops were evacuated on British ships during a rapid but chaotic operation. Thousands more were forced to surrender or were captured, spending the rest of the War in German prison camps.

However, a small number managed to evade capture by escaping into the hills and hiding out over several months - but only with the help of the brave local people, who risked their lives in doing so. This group, around 80, was led by a young Victorian Lieutenant, James Carstairs, who also managed to keep a detailed diary, written mostly on the back of cigarette packets. With the help of secret agents, and under highly dangerous conditions, Carstairs and his group finally managed to sneak away from the island in a British frigate. He left his diary with a Cretan Resistance leader, who plastered it into the wall of his house so that the Germans would not find it.

Years later, the diary was recovered, and Carstairs turned it into a memoir for his family, and also gave a copy to the RSL. It was discovered recently by a historian and journalist, and has just been published by the Historical Museum of Crete as *The Carstairs Diary*. I am trying my best to obtain a copy.

It is interesting to note that Carstairs not only survived the War, but was a farmer near Streatham for many years until he retired. He died aged 93 in Geelong, in 2007.

Having read Tony's article, I thought about another well-known (later) Dunkeld identity and soldier settler who was fighting in Greece at the same time, but who was not so lucky, ending up as a POW in several German camps, most famously in the so-called escape-proof Colditz Castle. I refer, of course, to the redoubtable Mark Howard. Anyone knowing Mark in his latter years, but not knowing his World War II history, would be astonished at his exploits. He
features in the book *The Diggers of Colditz*, which points out that Mark caused more trouble for the German guards than any other prisoner. As well as being involved in several escape attempts, he once blew smoke from his pipe into the face of the Commandant, whilst classifying him, Hitler and the whole German race in very explicit terms - in fluent German! Needless to say, he spent some weeks in solitary confinement as a result. Mark's ability with his fists was also legendary.

Anyway, to my amazement, I discovered that not only did James Carstairs and Mark Howard know each other, but they met before the War whilst both working at Tubbo Station in NSW, owned by Mark's family. Mark had come from England to work there as a jackaroo, and James was working as overseer.

But wait, there's more! When the War broke out, James and Mark decided to enlist in the AIF together. They both received commissions, both served in the 2/7th Battalion, and even obtained consecutive numbers; James was VX5423 and Mark was VX5424. After the War, they remained lifelong friends.

I had previously known that Mark's father, Captain William Gilbert Howard (RN), CBE, had served with distinction in World War I, but I have since found out a great deal more about the Howard family, some of which took my breath away.

For a start, the family home was "The Oast House, Stonegate, East Sussex", which explains why the former Howard property in Mahoney's Lane was named "Stonegate".

Mark Howard's pedigree is truly staggering. I was able to trace it back 23 generations, to Sir William Howard who died in 1308. He is descended from the Earls of Carlisle and the Dukes of Norfolk. One of his ancestors was the Captain of Oliver Cromwell's Bodyguard, and two others were beheaded for treason in 1546 and 1572 respectively. Another married Lady Anne, the daughter of England's first Yorkist King, Edward IV. The ancestral home is Castle Howard in North Yorkshire, where *Brideshead Revisited* was filmed.

I was even more blown away by Mark's maternal ancestry. His mother was the Hon. Agnes Caroline Sophia Parnell, from a very prominent Irish family. Mark's great-great-grandfather was Henry Brooke Parnell (1776-1842), the 1st Baron Congleton, an Irish writer, Whig politician and Minister in Lord Melbourne's government. This gentleman's brother, William Parnell-Hayes, was the grandfather of the famous Irish nationalist, Charles Stewart Parnell.

What dumbfounded me most of all (but will mean nothing to most readers), was that three of Mark's relations had very close connections to the establishment of the Plymouth Brethren religious sect in Ireland in the 1820's-1830's. I had the misfortune to be born into this organisation, and I noticed some very familiar names. Mark's great-grandfather's brother, John Vesey Parnell, 2nd Baron Congleton, was one of the key associates of Brethren founder John Nelson Darby, as was Lady Powerscourt, sister-in-law of William Parnell-Hayes mentioned above. Incidentally, this lady's maiden surname was also Howard, but as far as I can ascertain, she was not related. Charles Stewart Parnell's aunt, Catherine, married George Vencesimus Wigram, another Brethren co-founder. It seems the majority of these worthies were Anglo-Irish aristocrats, but one thing is certain - none of my ancestors were!

I wish I had been able to speak to Mark Howard about this history instead of things like hay quality and fire brigade issues. Then again, he may not have wanted to talk about some of it.

All this just demonstrates just how much history there is still to discover about the various personalities of Dunkeld and district. Once you start searching, you never know where it may lead you!
DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB
LADIES 100/UP
First round saw Elaine and Heather move forward on forfeits with Chris Scott defeating Elizabeth D, 101 / 82 and Dorothy beating Beryl 103 / 88.

Second round – Dorothy defeated Elaine 100 / 86, Heather defeated Chris 101 / 59. The final was played on April the 19th between Heather and Dorothy.

In a good tight game Dorothy prevailed with a 104 to 84 victory over Heather.

MEN’S FOURS 14/05/2016
This Board event was played with 12 teams. The Mortlake team, skippered by George Draffin with Peter Summer Hayes, Darren Grant and Dave McNicoll were the only 4 game winners to claim the day. Runners Up were the local side of Shanks Cullinane, S Field, I Field and Bob Napier.

The Dunkeld Bowling Club wish to thank and recognise our wonderful sponsors of this highly regarded event: Mary-Ann Brown & Associates and Fox Refrigeration. The sponsorship by these companies is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23/05/2016
The AGM was held at 7.30 on Monday 23 May. President Simon thanked all those involved over the past 12 months and then declared all positions vacant. Bob Napier occupied the chair for the election of Office Bearers for 2016 / 2017.

President: Simon Cullinane
Vice President: Gary Wall
Jnr Vice President: Angus Jackson
Secretary: Geoff Hinchliffe
Treasurer: Paul Callander
General Committee: Christine Scott, Neil Scott, Frank Raymond, Iven Field, Bob Napier, B Mathews and Peter McLean.

All sub-committees will be posted on the clubhouse noticeboard.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS
Two of Dunkeld’s long serving and dedicated bowlers were nominated for Life Memberships at the previous general meeting. These two nominations were ratified at the AGM and it is with honour that our club now have Mr Brian Mathews and Mr Iven Field as Life Members. Congratulations to both for their well deserved awards.

Iven Field who last week received a life membership to the Dunkeld Bowling Club for 35 years plus of service. He is pictured with President Simon Cullinane and Region Secretary Ray Downes. Photo supplied by Stephen Field

SUPER VETERANS
At the AGM, two of Dunkeld’s long standing bowlers were recognised for the longevity of their bowling and involvement in bowls. The presentation of these rare awards was conducted by Association Secretary, Mr Ray Downes and proudly received by Mr Hugh Webster and Mr John Fraser. Congratulations gentlemen! Enjoy the accolades.

UPCOMING EVENTS
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Rams Football Report

Seniors
The Glenthompson-Dunkeld senior team remains two games out of the top five, but is doing enough to keep in touch with the pack, leaving it a chance to still play finals at the half-way mark of the season.

In the last fortnight the Rams have experienced a disappointing 43-point loss to Hawksdale-Macarthur and on Saturday thumped Great Western to the tune of 94 points.

Talented defender Matt Lowe was brilliant in both matches with his drive out of defence, as was exciting midfielder Jamie ‘Rat’ Ferguson who managed a bag of seven goals against Great Western.

The Rams have struggled with consistency this season, as one week they can beat the undefeated side and the next they deliver a disappointing performance.

If Coach Damian Logan can get his troops playing consistent football, there is no reason why they cannot make finals and have a real crack.

Reserves
Due to a lack of numbers it has been a long and tough fortnight for the reserves.

To say round eight’s clash with Hawksdale-Macarthur was a tough day at the office would be an understatement as the Rams found themselves on the end of a 150-point belting.

The Rams only managed to register the three behinds for the match, while the Eagles piled on 23 goals to fly to a convincing win.

Last weekend the boys looked set to seek some redemption against Great Western, but unfortunately fell short by just 14 points.

With a few winnable games coming up Coach Justin ‘Juddy’ Coote and his team will be a strong chance to return to the winners list.

Under 16.5’s
Out of all of the Rams football teams it is the under-16.5’s that are leading the way as the young Rams are sitting second on the ladder with just one loss after nine rounds.

In round eight they went head-to-head with Hawksdale-Macarthur and proved 54 points too good for the Eagles.

And on Saturday blitzed Great Western by an impressive 111 points, without letting their opponents even register a single behind.

Ryan Burgess was a clear standout as he booted six goals in a best on ground performance.

If any of the Rams football teams are worth watching, it is in a best on ground performance.

Rams Netball Report

A Grade
In the last two weeks the Glenthompson-Dunkeld A grade team has faced two new challengers, Hawksdale-Macarthur and Great Western, and successfully put the sword through both.

The Eagles threw everything they had at the Rams and pushed them right up until the final whistle, but the ladder leaders managed to escape with a six-goal win.

Nicky Lowe was best on court for the Rams and Madison Kelly was again hard to stop in the goal circle as she finished with 34 of her team’s 47 goals.

The following week the Rams hosted Great Western at Dunkeld and sent them home after thrashing them by 46 points.

Glenthompson-Dunkeld goalies Madison Kelly (40) and Jo Amott (34) were the top two players on the day.

The Rams remain undefeated on top of the ladder after the first nine rounds.

B Grade
ROUND eight saw the B grade girls suffer their first defeat of the season, as Hawksdale-Macarthur proved too good on the day to run out eight-goal winners.

This loss saw the Rams drop to second on the ladder and the Eagles steal top spot.

There is no doubting that Hawksdale-Macarthur’s netball sides are extremely strong this season, but the Rams are confident they will get even later in the season. With these two teams expected to go far.

On the weekend the Rams B grade side got its winning streak started again with a strong 42-goal victory at the expense of Great Western.

C Grade
So far nothing or no one has been able to stop the Rams C grade side, as it is sitting on top with a perfect 9-0 record.

The Rams were 18 goals too good for Hawksdale-Macarthur in round eight and also prevailed over Great Western by 42 goals the next week.

Jo Frost and Molly Kennedy have been in solid form.

17 and Under
The Rams 17 and under team has emerged from the last two rounds with one win and one loss.

Unfortunately the girls could not quite go the distance with Hawksdale-Macarthur as they fell 15 goals short, but did make up for it with a big 20-goal victory against Great Western.

15 and Under
The last two matches have resulted in two wins for the 15 and under girls, with a five-goal win against Hawksdale-Macarthur, before thumping Great Western by 43 goals.

Hollie Phillips has continued her strong run of form and has received plenty of assistance from Jess Field.

13 and Under
The Rams 13 and under outfit have won their last two matches by a total of 42 goals.

In round eight the girls recorded a 12-goal win when they met with the Eagles and then stepped in up in their last match to claim a convincing victory over Great Western by 30.

Abbey Hill and Madaline Phillips have been two of the best players in these two matches.
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Glenthompson-Dunkeld v Great Western - Round 8

FOOTBALL

SENIORS

Hawkesdale-Macarthur 18.7 (115) d Glenthompson-Dunkeld 11.6 (72)

GOALS: Glenthompson Dunkeld - Christopher McLeod 2, Luke McDonald 2, Tyson Mills 2, Jamie Logan 1, Jamie Ferguson 1, Adam Ferguson 1, Brandon Weatherston 1, Lachlan Morganti 1.

BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - Matthew Lowe, Jamie Ferguson, Christopher McLeod, Damien Logan, Tyson Mills, Jack Oswald.

RESERVES

Hawkesdale-Macarthur 23.15 (153) d Glenthompson-Dunkeld 0.3 (3)

GOALS: Glenthompson-Dunkeld: None.

BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - Bradley Martin, Jamie Wilson, Brett Matthews, Tristan McMahon, Thomas-James Greenwood.

UNDER 16’S

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 13.12 (90) d Hawkesdale-Macarthur 5.6 (36)

GOALS: Glenthompson Dunkeld - Bailey Dewan-Holmes 2, Matthew Fry 2, Joshua Dawson 2, Dylan Starkie 2, Calvin Ross 1, Zach Burgess 1, Ben Cullinan 1, Kobi Walter 1, Ryan Burgess 1.


NETBALL

A GRADE

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 47 41 Hawkesdale-Macarthur 41


BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - N Lowe M Kelly.

B GRADE

Hawkesdale-Macarthur 42 d Glenthompson-Dunkeld 34


BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - S. Lamont, R. Oswald.

C GRADE

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 35 d Hawkesdale-Macarthur 17


BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - J Frost M Kennedy.

17 AND UNDER

Hawkesdale-Macarthur 28 d Glenthompson-Dunkeld 13


BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld: T Burgess D Weatherston.

15 AND UNDER

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 27 d Hawkesdale-Macarthur 22


13 AND UNDER

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 21 d Hawkesdale-Macarthur 9


Glenthompson-Dunkeld v Great Western – Round 9

FOOTBALL

SENIORS

Glenthompson Dunkeld 22.20 (152) d Great Western 9.4 (58)

GOALS: Glenthompson Dunkeld - Jamie Ferguson 7, Brandon Weatherston 4, Damien Logan 4, Lachlan Morganti 2, Christopher McLeod 2, Nathan Lester 1, Jamie Logan 1, Ryan Fischer 1

BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld: Jamie Ferguson, Matthew Lowe, Ryan Fischer, Adam Ferguson, Nathan Lester, Christopher McLeod.

RESERVES

Great Western 5.7 (37) d Glenthompson-Dunkeld 3.5 (23)

GOALS: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - Kynan Caruana 2, Jordan Clarke 1


UNDER 16’S

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 16.15 (111) d Great Western 0.0 (0)

GOALS: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - Ryan Burgess 6, Jacob Hill 4, Zach Burgess 2, Matthew Fry 2, Joshua Mawson 1, Lachie Field 1.

BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - Ryan Burgess, Matthew Fry, Andrew Fry, Dylan Ross, Adam Ferguson, Lachie Field.

NETBALL

A GRADE

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 74 d Great Western 28

GOALS: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - M Kelly 40 J Amott 34.

BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld – M. Kelly J Amott.

B GRADE

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 57 d Great Western 15


C GRADE

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 29 d Great Western 9

GOALS: Glenthompson-Dunkeld – M. Kennedy 14, B. McMahen 13, S. Logan 2.

BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld - E. Callaway, J McMahon.

17 AND UNDER

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 23 d Great Western 19


BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld – C. Meyers L. Ross.

15 AND UNDER

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 48 d Great Western 5


BEST: Glenthompson-Dunkeld – J. Field.

13 AND UNDER

Glenthompson-Dunkeld 32 d Great Western 2


BEST: E. Sevior, M. Phillips.

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