

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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Dunkeld set to welcome leading Australian choir

The internationally acclaimed Australian Chamber Choir, under its director Douglas Lawrence, will perform three concerts in Dunkeld during 2023, with the first, on Saturday 4th March, entitled “Magic, Miracles and Mysteries”.

Dunkeld resident and music lover, Peter Flinn, said it was a “feather in Dunkeld’s cap” for the town to host this major ensemble.

Since its foundation by Douglas Lawrence in 2007, the Australian Chamber Choir has performed around sixteen concerts each year, in Melbourne and regional centres, as well as undertaking regular international tours.

In 2019, the choir sang in Bach’s church (St Thomas’s, Leipzig) to great acclaim, as well as at St Martin-in-the-Fields in London and several other European venues.

Mr Flinn reminded locals that the choir performed regularly during the long-running Southern Grampians Promenade of Sacred Music, and that its most recent concert in Hamilton featured Fauré’s Requiem.

He added that one of their talented young singers, Samuel Rowe, hails from Hamilton.

The choir specialises in a *cappella* works from the Renaissance to the present day, and also major works with orchestra.

The choir’s first concert in Dunkeld will include works by Renaissance composers William Byrd and John Wilbye, together with the famous “Nimrod” from Elgar’s Enigma Variations. Dunkeld will also experience the first Australian performance of the motet “There was a wedding in Cana” by Orlando di Lasso (1532-94).

Douglas Lawrence explains “This tells the story of my favourite miracle – Jesus turning the water into wine!”

Also included is the first ever performance of a musical version, by young Melbourne composer Alex Owens, of the poem “The Gate of the Year”, which the late Queen enjoyed as a child.

“We are really fortunate to have the Australian Chamber Choir perform in Dunkeld, and the concert program on 4 March is guaranteed to be medicine for the soul,” Mr Flinn said.

The Dunkeld concerts are supported by Dunkeld’s Royal Mail Hotel, which is also offering accommodation and dining packages in conjunction with concert tickets.

Magic, Miracles and Mysteries, Australian Chamber Choir
directed by Douglas Lawrence
Saturday 4 March, 3.00pm to 4.00pm
Dunkeld Community Centre (Sterling Place)
Information and booking: www.auschoir.org
or phone 0452 531 750.



The Australian Chamber Choir at St Martin-in-the-Fields (image Jessica Pigg)

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1 st Week	Sunday	February 5	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	February 12		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3 rd Week	Sunday	February 19	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	February 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

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1st and 3rd Sundays at Saint Mary's opposite the Post Office at 5 .00pm with Father David Oulton.

2nd Sundays - an Ecumenical gathering and sharing in the Round at 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre led by the Uniting Church. We look forward to meeting you. All welcome. Enquiries to Father David phone: 5571 1317.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

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Enquiries: Margo Dark 5574 0222; Iris Field 5574 0202; Kristy Beveridge 0428 581 903

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY / MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
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The Dunkeld Progress Association is back for 2023.

The first meeting for the year was held on Monday 6 February. All Dunkeld residents and business owners are welcome to attend meetings whether a member or not. Community issues need to be heard so please come along or email dunkeld.progress@gmail.com

Interests, hobbies, pursuits, passions – you can find it all in Dunkeld! (and if not, start one).

History, Art, Craft, Environment, Philanthropy, Rescue, Fitness, Sport, Welfare, Religion, International Aid, Education, Cooking, Health, Festival Planning, Woodwork, Animal Welfare, Landcare, Gardening.....

There are many community organisations and activities in Dunkeld. Volunteers start them, grow them, maintain them and push them along for years.

Young people are especially wanted. You can put it in on your work experience, resume and references. It will certainly help in the future for you.

Volunteers are always welcomed, so think about joining a group. You may be the exciting spark needed to breathe new flames into the group or you may just want to quietly work behind the scenes.

Please, please become a volunteer.

YOU ARE WANTED.

Email dunkeld.progress@gmail.com and we can direct you to the right contact

One person can't do everything but every person can do something.

Next DPA meeting is Monday 3 April at 7.30pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre.

Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannon

As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.
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I am still checking firearms storage facilities for licence holders. Make sure you have replaced your old tin clothing lockers for appropriate safe.

Roger MCCLURE
Leading Senior Constable 33436
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A Chat with Cherie Greed

At some point all of us will have to have a chat with a funeral director. While we are having this chat our hearts and heads will be all over the place.

Wouldn't it be better if we could just have an informal gathering with a Funeral director in a gentle Q & A session.

Mrs Cherie Greed will be with us on Friday 24 February at 7:00pm where she will pastorally outline the process of organising a funeral and answer all those questions that you may have been too shy to ask.

All you have to do is put your name down on the clipboard at the back of Christchurch Hamilton by Friday 17 February or let Father David know – phone: 0435 867 040.

There is no charge for this evening, all are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FOR TAIWAN FRIDAY 3 MARCH 10.45am

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RED CROSS NEWS

Yet another massive disaster has struck, with the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Red Cross and Red Crescent are on the ground with many other relief organizations. They are providing shelter, sanitation, water and basic needs and will also provide longer term relief for affected communities.

At this stage, donations can be sent online to: <https://www.redcross.org.au> and also into the Red Cross account at the Commonwealth Bank, or through a local member.

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Iris Field, contact person



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250 WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

The work of the Table

They come every so often and together we have sat at a table. We have swapped stories, shed tears and laughed raucously. The wine like the conversation has flowed, been consumed, and enjoyed. The bread broken; the food passed around.

But there are other tables I go to in other places. In homes, in Churches and in institutions where a similar dynamic occurs.

There is dialogue, there is food and beverages. Sometimes nothing much seems to happen and yet everything is happening. It's not just about the outward fare and the drinks. In the chatter and through the chatter, something shifts. We enter into a slightly different dimension. Sure, we look the same and sound the same, but after the time together we are always altered just ever so slightly. We arise from the table transformed. Relationships are strengthened, new insights are grasped, turned over, reflected upon and integrated.

Odd, that a simple piece of wood with four legs can do all of that when people gather together around it. The table facilitates something much grander and more potent than itself. It is really just the implement, the focal point. The mechanics and the effectiveness of the relationships are really up to those who are gathered around.

I count myself privileged to work from a table. Sometimes in the formal setting of the worship, but far more frequently at a simple kitchen table. Both the altar and kitchen table are important. One is not somehow 'better' than the other. Both have a role to play and in fact, they complement each other in the work they do.

Fortunately, tables are not my exclusive prerogative. The 'table work' is for all to enjoy. Next time you are at table, ask yourself 'What is really going on here?'

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So great is the strength we possess in our unity. Mary MacKillop 1874.

Australia Day

Again, the Lions were involved in the Australia Day celebrations at Dunkeld. This year we thanked two recipients of the Citizenship Award for the work that they have done in our community over many years. David Hampton and John Smith are very worthy recipients and thanks must also be given to their families for their support they gave to David and John over the years, without that support these two men could not have done the work that they did.

The guest speaker was Russell Macgugan and as expected of Russell he did a fine job. Thank you to these people and to those that showed their support by attending the ceremony.

John Smith

John was born at Warrnambool; his parents were Les and Edna and they lived at Mepunga East (about 25 kilometres east of Warrnambool) on a dairy farm. There were three other children in the family, Barry, Margaret and Pamela.

John attended the Mepunga East Primary School and then the Warrnambool High School. During this time at Warrnambool, he boarded at his grandmother's place. He joined the Scotus and in 1961 he was awarded the Queen's Scout Badge.

In 1963 after finishing at the Warrnambool High School he attended the Geelong Teachers College; this was a two-year course. During the holidays he caught rabbits, cut wood and carted hay for money.

In 1965 after finishing at the Geelong Teachers College he got his first teaching appointment at Ardonachie near Mount Eccles. He was the only teacher and had seventeen students, covering seven different levels. Not only did he teach but had to do the cleaning, cut the grass, keep the grounds tidy, bookwork and pay accounts.

Whilst there he boarded with Ruby and Jim Hill. They had a farm and were also contractors. It was there that John learnt tractor driving and maintenance as well as welding.

In 1967 he met a young lass, Corinne McInnes, who had asked him to take her to a 21st birthday party at Warrnambool (he had a car and driver's licence so he was considered a good catch). They have now been together for 55 plus years. They married in 1969 and went on to have three children Karen, Craig and Tim. John says that he and Corinne made a good team – she cooked and he ate, she cleaned and he messed up, she spoke and he jumped. His words!

John remained at Ardonachie for seven years, but the number of students dropped to six and the school closed in



1971. This was an eventful year for them because their first child Karen was born.

In 1972 he was appointed Vice Principal of Gray Street Primary School in Hamilton, this also was eventful year with Craig being born. He remained at Gray Street for three years and in 1975 was transferred to the Lake Primary School in Mildura as Principal. The family enjoyed their time in Mildura and in 1977 Tim was born. They remained there for seven years until 1983 when John transferred to Dunkeld Consolidated School as Principal. He remained in that position until he retired in 2000. John and Corrine still live in Dunkeld.

Over the years John has been involved in various organisations, he has been a member of the CFA since the 1960's. In Dunkeld he was on the Hall Committee and realised that there were a lot of committees in Dunkeld that were struggling for members. So he and John Prust decided to form the Dunkeld Public Lands Committee, which then took the place of some smaller committees. The Caravan Park, Salt Creek and the mentioned Memorial Park are still administered by this committee. John then convened the Sawmill Restoration Committee and many hours of work by the members have transferred that project into a real asset for the township.

Other committees that John has been involved in are Arboretum, Cemetery and Caravan Park.

The people of Dunkeld would like to thank you for the work that you have put into our community. We also would like to thank Corinne and your children for the support that they have given to you over the years. Without their support you could not have been able to put that time and effort into the community. Thank you, John.

David Hampton

David was born at Pakenham, Victoria, his family lived a Garfield on a farm. From there the family of parents, David and three brothers and a sister moved to Beeac, and by the time he was school age they had moved to Colac.

David attended the Colac East State School and then the Colac High School.

In 1965 the family moved to Drysdale where their father worked on a dairy farm and also had a milk machine repair business where David helped. But his father was hurt in a car accident and was unable to continue the business so David continued to work the farm then became a plumber's assistant for a year before commencing work at a large dairy farm at Drysdale.

In 1966 David commenced his long association with the CFA when he joined the Mannerim Brigade. He was a member of that brigade until he moved to Dunkeld in 1976.

It was during this time that he met Heather Belfrage at the Mannerim dance and they married in 1969. Heather and David went on to have two children, Glen and Beverly and remained at Drysdale until coming to Dunkeld.

In March 1976 they purchased the self-service grocery store in Dunkeld and ran this shop until they closed the door in

April 1997. They still live on the premises. During the time David also engaged in part-time farm work.

When they moved to Dunkeld, David joined the local brigade (28 February 1977) and was Urban Lieutenant from 1977 until 1981, he was Apparatus Officer from 1979 to 1993 and Assistant Communications Officer for the Serra Group. In latter years he worked at the Hamilton Airport to fill the fire fighting aircraft. He is still a member of the CFA.

David was active in the lead up to the formation of the SES, from 1980 to 1981 as the Shire of Mount Rouse Civil Defence and Disaster Plan Secretary until 25 July 1982. The Dunkeld SES Unit was formed in 1982 and until 1991 he was Secretary, and from 28 August 1991 until 26 March 2008 he was Unit Controller. He was Deputy Controller from 8 August 2012 until he retired in 2016. He was a member of the SES for 34 years and in 2004 he was made a Life Member of the organisation. He was also awarded the National Medal for his service. This award had to be approved by the Governor General on behalf of the Queen.

In 2011 members of the Dunkeld SES Unit attended a bad two vehicle collision. As a result of the standard of their work at the scene a policeman wrote to the SES Headquarters, "In 21 years of policing, the last six at the Major Collision Investigation Unit, these two members (Dough McArthur and David Hampton) displayed to me the greatest efforts of any volunteers I have ever seen without peer. I was awestruck by their commitment and dedication to the cause and felt compelled to write to yourself, which I do not do lightly, to commend them on their actions. They are a tribute to your organisation and to the Victorian and Australian communities in general."

Other activities that David has been involved in are:

- From 1983 until 1986 he was assistant Scout Leader of the 1st Yuppeckiar Scout Group.
- Dunkeld Cemetery Trust where he has done countless hours of cemetery beautification, preparation for and clean-up after burials and general maintenance.
- Dunkeld Arboretum where he again has done and still continues to do countless hours of work.
- Dunkeld Public Lands Committee – has been carrying out countless hours of work assisting in the areas of this committee.

In 2006 he was awarded a Southern Grampians Shire Council Community Recognition Award.

David, the people of Dunkeld would like to thank you for the work that you have put into our community. We would also like to thank Heather and your children for the support that they have given to you over the years. Without their support you would not have been able to put that time and effort into our community. Thank you, David.

A bit of Australian history; or thank you Tom, some would say that it is a pity you were not still around.

There was old Tom Smith who had been coachman for the young Prince Albert and Prince George on their visit to our district (Naracoorte, South Australia). Coming through the Coorong he rested horses and passengers, and the boys had a lovely time throwing stones at black swans to see them take off. Then they climbed gum trees, and Tom had some trouble getting them down when he was ready to go. At last he blew his top and to the consternation of their guardian tutor he got out his horsewhip and said, "If you young fellows don't come down from that tree I'll give you a taste of this." They came down. The shock may have contributed to the early demise of Albert, but George survived to become the down-to-earth King George V.



(The above is taken from a book "Bush Lawyer" by Norman V. Wallace, written in 1976).

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Harvesting and storage of your fruit crop requires care and planning. Soft fruit such as peaches, nectarines and plums will only "hold" for a short time after harvest, however this may be extended by placing them in the vegetable dish or your refrigerator. Drying, bottling or stewing and freezing are your main long term storage options.

Apples and pears should be picked when they are fully ripe (not before or after). The main ways to determine when a fruit is ripe include skin colour, ease of harvest, colour of pips (they should be brown or black, not green) and most reliable of all, taste. Fruit should be handled carefully (with stems intact) with only the best quality chosen for long term storage. They will keep quite well by placing in an old refrigerator set on defrost or by packing into boxes and placing in a cool, airy position protected from excessive frost or sunlight. You should regularly check your stored fruit, removing any which "go off" before they taint and spoil the rest of the crop.

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With summer now at its peak we can enjoy the displays of warm weaker annuals, which we planted in the spring.

February, March and April are the main planting months for your winter and spring flowering bulbs. They need an open sunny position with well-drained, well-prepared soil. Most bulbs can also be grown very successfully in pots so that they can be moved around the garden, even indoors for a special display.

Happy gardening!

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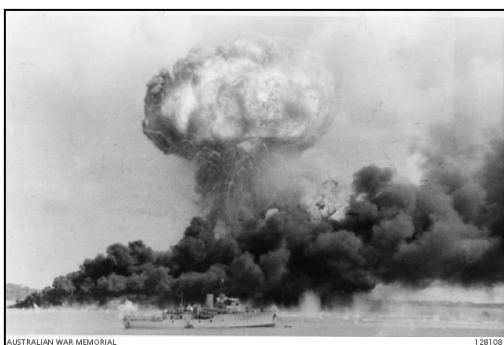


DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2023 is \$40.00 per person. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES). By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

Ararat RSL Active – First Presentation for 2023: On Thursday 2 March from 4.30pm to 6.00pm, Retired Lt Col Kyle Tyrrell will be in Ararat to speak to veterans and the local community about his personal journey in the defence force, his work with CARRY ON veterans' services along with how the Army helped him with his future career in leadership and high-performance teams. Please come along and support this event as you are sure to find Kyle an excellent speaker and a wealth of knowledge – even if you are retired, it's always good to learn something new plus get to engage with other veterans. Please RSVP by 28 February to Lyn Russell on 0408 248 852 for catering requirements.

Bombing of Darwin Day: The Bombing of Darwin Day is observed on 19 February on the anniversary of the day in 1942 when Darwin, in northern Australia, was first bombed by Japanese warplanes. The people of Darwin suffered terribly during this time and many civilians were evacuated. To this day, this action remains the largest and most devastating modern attack by a foreign power on mainland Australia. Bombing of Darwin Day is a time for us to recognise and remember the allied service personnel and civilians who suffered through that experience.



Commemoration of those who died

More than 250 people, both allied service personnel and civilians, died in Darwin on 19 February 1942.

Members from all three Australian armed services were among those who died, ranging from wing commanders right through to cooks. Members of the United States Navy and Air Force were also among the casualties. A large number of lives lost included merchant seamen, postal workers and civilians. These were everyday Australians simply going about their daily lives.

The names of civilians who died are not recorded on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. Instead, they are commemorated by name in Darwin, where many of them are buried.

The Darwin Cenotaph and memorial garden in Bicentennial Park overlook the harbour. This is where the first shots were fired in defence of Darwin by the 14th Anti-Aircraft Battery. The monument continues to be a place of commemoration for all those who died and suffered in the Bombing of Darwin.¹

¹<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/days/bombing-of-darwin>



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SCHOOL NEWS

A wonderful start to the new school year with our five classrooms, beaming with happy, smiling faces - even our new Preps are arriving with a smile and confidently going about their new routine of school life. It's been wonderful to see many children walking and riding to school each day, making the most of some lovely weather and catching up with friends to and from school.

Our two-week swimming program has begun and will conclude on Friday 17 February with our House Swimming Carnival. We have had great summer weather and our amazing team of volunteers have also welcomed the weather and the motivation this gives our children to be in the water. The school are immensely grateful for the time and effort of Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur, along with support from Casey Trotter and Kate Wickens.

Some assessments have taken place across the school, beginning with our Mathematics Online Interview assessment day held on the first day, and continuing over the last few weeks. These assessments guide staff with their teaching groups, delivering mathematics lesson to each individual students needs. Years 3 and 5 students will complete NAPLAN this term and we are taking steps to prepare them for the online process of completing these tests, eliminating any worries surrounding NAPLAN, highlighting that there is much more that makes up each student, not simply one nationwide assessment tool.

Staff are engaging with various Professional Learning this semester, beginning with regional Numeracy Learning and Professional Learning Communities formal training in line with DET directives.

Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program commences on Friday 3 March and we are encouraging wider Dunkeld community members to come along and volunteer, becoming "Friends" of the program. An information session is being held on Thursday 23 February at 2:30pm in the school kitchen, Please contact the school if you are interested.

In Term Two, we will be beginning electives every fortnight on Fridays. We have a large list of elective ideas and again we are encouraging Dunkeld community members to be involved, sharing their skills with our students. Some of the elective choices that have been discussed are billycart making, knitting, photography, painting/drawing lessons, cooking, chess, just to name a few. **If you have a skill and would like to be involved, please contact the school.** ☺

Angela Field, Principal

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program

We wish to welcome you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program at Dunkeld Consolidated School for 2023!



All students will participate in growing and harvesting produce in our Garden classes and Year 4 to Year 6 students will participate in preparing and sharing lunch together in our Kitchen classes. Prep to Year 3 students will have an introduction to Kitchen classes throughout the year.

Each year we rely on many people our – 'Friends of the SAKG' – to help make our Kitchen Garden program a success in our quest to provide good food education to our students.

We invite you to become a "Friend of the SAKG" and be on the roster to help us on a Friday in the Kitchen and/or the Garden.

You do not need to be an expert in anything; you only need to have a passion for providing good food education to children with assistance, guidance and support provided.

All that is required is a Working With Children Check, applications may be completed online:
www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

If you require any further information about the work of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, please visit www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au

Open Invitation – SAKG Information Session Thursday 23 February 2023 2.30pm to 3.30pm

If you ever wondered what our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is all about or are a current Friend of the program, Lisa McIntyre and Bev Hampton would love to invite you to 'come and see'.

The afternoon will include a tour of the Garden and Kitchen, a Dunkeld Consolidated School SAKG information pack and afternoon tea. We want to support all our Friends (volunteers) who help us, and welcome any 'new' Friends, by inviting you to an information session and the opportunity to share afternoon tea together in the SAKG Kitchen.

Please RSVP by Monday 20 February to the School Admin Office on 5577 2384 or email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au and also advise of any dietary requirements.

All welcome to the information session, including pre-school age children!

Please contact the school Admin office on 5577 2384 for Kitchen and Garden Roster Preference Forms (the forms need to be returned to the school by Monday 20 February) so that the rosters may be finalised.

We look forward to planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing with you and seeing our many 'Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program' once again, and welcoming new 'Friends of the SAKG' from our school families and community.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser. Kelly's Dunkeld have kindly offered to be a central collection point for used batteries for the Dunkeld Consolidated School (Jason Linskens was instrumental in organising this). Any unwanted car, truck, tractor, boat batteries etc may be dropped off at Kelly's Hardware Store, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld

Components of used batteries e.g., metals, acids and plastics are reclaimed, recycled and put back into the manufacturing process to build more batteries and household products, 98% of the battery is recycled.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council would also like to thank Mr Nathan Hinkley and Mr Terry Schultz, Grampians Tyre Service, Hamilton for their generous support of our Used Batteries Fundraising project.

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