

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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From the Lions Den

Victorian Lions Foundation

As I mentioned in the last newsletter the Victorian Lions Foundation was formed in 1986 with the purpose of co-ordinating donations to many of the Lions charitable projects being undertaken in Victoria and southern New South Wales.

Lions Eye Health

The Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) is the largest eye research organisation in the southern hemisphere and is in partnership with Lions Clubs International Foundation, Diabetes Australia and Glaucoma Australia. Research in Macular Degeneration is a particular focus.

Don't you love the English Language - Part Two

When I was writing about the peace loving Quaker hearing the burglar in his house, and taking his shotgun down, fronted the burglar and said, "Friend I mean thee no harm but thou are standing where I am about to shoot," I thought of what some of our local residents would have said;

Bruce McNaughton

"Idiot, you picked the wrong house, now pick up that knife on the table." (Fingerprints on the weapon).

Simon Armytage

"Did anyone see you coming in, because no one is going to see you go out."

Tom Napier Senior and Tom Junior;

Tom Sr; "There are only two problems that I can't solve with this gun-fire and flood."

Tom Jr; "This is not a problem Dad, I'll get the backhoe"

Doug Fleming

"I do hope that you are an organ donor."

Lance Baker

Speaking in his best Clint Eastwood accent, "You have just made my day."

Michael and Sherrie Phillips

Michael, " . "

Sherrie, "That's why I married him, I love the strong silent type."

Bill Funk

"This is a doubled barrel Browning shot gun with 26 inch barrels with modified chokes, and loaded with No 4 Winchester shot."

The unnamed one (came top of his class in English)

"You ### @@@@ **** ^^^^ %%%%"

Dennis Willey

"All right, I'm sure that your youth was hard, no teddy bear, having to do the dishes occasionally, but I have paid taxes for over fifty years to get what I have got, and I'm not giving it over to you."

The late Don Dickie

"I do love a captive audience, now I'll tell you about the first grand final that I saw Essendon win."

Ginge Howell

"I am a thoughtful and considerate man, I will count to ten to let you make peace with God, but I must warn you I am a sheep farmer so I count quickly."

Ah, you Australians.

Peter Hinchey



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Southern Grampians Shire Council \$525
 Newsletter Grant

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

CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

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Please note that the Victorian Catholic Bishops have recently announced the immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, as well as all other gatherings, until further notice.

Liz and Peter Hinchey will endeavour to kindly open Saint Patrick's Catholic Church on a daily basis to allow visitations and prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

For further information please visit the Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border website: www.westernborder.church/news2

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

Anglican Eucharist is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month at 5:00pm. **The next service is on Sunday 19 July.**

To comply with social distancing please contact Father David beforehand. Phone 5571 1317 Mobile: 0423 671 692.

Email droulton72@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Services in the Parish are now available on You Tube and Face Book. Also on Google, click in **Hamilton Uniting Church Live – streaming**. Available at **11.00am Sundays** or can be viewed at a later time.

Anyone wishing to speak / or meet with Rev Angie Griffin is welcome to contact her regarding a suitable time and place on **0417 367 227**.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY						
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
13	14	15 Newsletter issue 10 distributed	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Deadline for issue 11	26 OTR Free Workshop in ink, pencil & charcoal
27	28	29 Newsletter issue 11 distributed	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 Dunkeld Museum AGM @ 7.30pm	7 Deadline for issue 12	8	9



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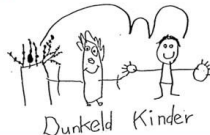
Now offering 15 hours of funded kindergarten for both three and four-year-old children....because two years are better than one.

If you have a child who will be ready for kindergarten next year (your child is eligible if they turn 3 or 4 before 30 April 2021), visit your local kindergarten or go to www.cpsg.org.au to download a registration form and information pack.

Applications must be submitted by **Friday, 14 August** to receive a first round offer. Priority of access guidelines will apply and where demand for a program exceeds the number of places available, a waitlist will be created. Information about the enrolment process is available on the website.

Please note, due to COVID-19 restrictions, you must call the kindergarten to make a time to visit.

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Pauline Yule and Paul Sanders (Lucy dog) are returning to Melbourne

It is with sadness and thankful hearts we leave to return to Melbourne mid-July. We arrived in Dunkeld to permanently reside in December 2008 following many trips to fix up the Old bakery which we purchased in 2001.

Our returning is simply to be near grandkids, to move into retirement making decisions which go with ageing less difficult to undertake and enact.

Paul may return to ministry with the Uniting Church for a short period.

We want to express our gratitude for the Dunkeld community. We arrived initially in 2001 after purchasing the Old Bakery for the purpose of a country retreat. Sometimes ignorance and innocence can offer its own blessings and fate. We look back with fondness and wonder at what we undertook. The realisation of the potential of the old tired building slowly shaped our vision and gave rise to its dormant possibilities.

When the old oven rattled and groaned back into existence it was more than bread and coffee, it became the activation of former times and the opportunity to refresh old memories and associations.

We will remember the connections, the stories, the encouragement and the welcomed support of so many in making the Old Bakery and our life here so rewarding.

The labyrinth group (Arboretum group), the conversation group, the OTR community, Pilgrim Walks with support for Glenelg Trust for Nature reveal just how welcoming, expansive and generous this community is. The concept of Dunkeld as a 'social village' is a true reality. This has not meant we all think the same or act the same, but it does mean a well of good will, cooperation and openness around inclusive thinking and acting is making this town an ongoing challenge to be a water hole of goodness and prosperity for all. Our hope this will continue to be the mood and commitment of Dunkeld.

Pauline's father and mother came here in the 1920s, (her mother Dora aged two) in the time of the great depression. A local well known family took them in and gave them a home and supported them to find work. We have witnessed others coming into town and receiving the same warm welcome. The refugee and asylum seeker group are a testament to the diversity, justice and goodness of this town as with all other supporting community groups. We say thanks to all known and unknown.

May Dunkeld continue to be a beacon of expanding and welcoming heart and mind - thank you! Paul and Pauline
A Poem Haiku 'Mountains'

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SOME WORDS FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

I'd like some help please.

I'm typing this shortly before there was a large gathering in Melbourne. There were various reasons why folk would choose not to go and various reasons why folk would choose to go. Bewdy! However someone on TV suggested that part of the reason that it was OK to attend was this line of logic.

"Well, we were always going to have a second wave of COVID infections anyway, so it's alright to attend". That line of logic I understand and that is why I am asking for some help to understand. I reason thus.

First, I wonder how the person can be so sure that a second wave of infection is / was inevitable. Does anyone know this for an absolute certainty? The advocate for the gathering certainly was not the Chief Medical Officer or a representative from the World Health Organisation.

Secondly, this line of logic is like me saying "That as there will be more road accidents this year, it's OK to get in my car and drive irresponsibly, because there were always going to be injuries and fatalities anyway". Would it not be better to drive as carefully as I can to minimise the risk of yuk to others and to myself?

Finally, to reason that folk were going to fall ill and possibly die anyway, comes scarily close to saying that life is expendable for a greater cause. In this case the cause of the gathering. I would have hoped that COVID has taught us that life is of inestimable value and we do whatever we can to preserve it, cherish it and rejoice in it.

Let me be first to say that my logic may be flawed and perception skewed. I'd like some help please.

Father David Oulton

GARDEN NOTES – JULY

One of the main winter gardening jobs is fruit tree pruning. The reasons for fruit tree pruning are to keep your trees to a



manageable size and shape, to ensure that there is a sturdy framework of branches in order to carry a heavy crop of fruit without limb breakage and to provide plenty of fruiting wood for future crops. Some trees will have a heavy crop one year then a very light crop in the following year, pruning will help to even out this trend which means that you should have a reasonable crop every year depending on seasonal conditions. Incorrect pruning will not kill a tree, the most you can do is to heavily reduce your crop.

Most deciduous trees in the home orchard are pruned to a "vase" shape, this gives maximum use of sunlight, ease of picking and spraying and maximum strength to the branch structure. It is also possible to espalier your trees, that is train them to grow flat against a wall or fence. The starting point is to remove dead, diseased or broken branches also any branches growing across the centre of the tree, then to thin out any overcrowded shoots also to select and train a leader growth at the end of each branch. Fruit may set on current spring growth, or wood formed the previous year or on fruiting spurs which may bear for several years.

Observation will tell you which are the fruit wood on your trees. As a general rule; peaches, nectarines and apricots produce fruiting spurs. You should use clean, sharp secateurs, a pruning saw for larger cuts, making all cuts with

the least possible damage to surrounding shoots and bark. Any cuts over about two to three centimetres in diameter should be sealed and all prunings gathered up and removed, as well as any dried or mummified fruits left on your trees.

July is an ideal time to plant new fruit trees, talk to your nursery about suitable varieties and cross pollination requirements. Also an ideal time to plant deciduous ornamentals while they are dormant. Vegetable plantings for July include onions, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, peas, broad beans and early potatoes.

Happy gardening!

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- Chicken Schnitzel – 4 x Schnitzels, chips & salad \$60

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Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre has been pleased to support Hamilton Medical Group in providing a venue for the Flu Vaccination Clinic. Please get in touch with Hamilton Medical Group, 5572 2422 if you missed out. If numbers warrant the Clinic may be repeated. As a reminder, every Tuesday afternoon we have a visiting doctor. If you would like to make a booking phone Hamilton Medical Group.

The Maternal and Child Health Nurse service will be returning from the 21 July. For bookings phone Francis Hewitt on 5551 8480.

Thanks to everyone who came along to the inaugural 'Listen & Chat' session with self-professed "cactus nut" and Hamilton local, Stefan Burger. It was fabulous to be reminded of the days of foreign travel. Stefan provided an entertaining snapshot of South America, took us on a visual tour of its unique plants and their remarkable adaptations. We heard some great stories and saw some very spectacular locations.



We are looking to run a regular 'Listen & Chat' session so watch this space for future events. Please get in touch if you have any ideas for topics you'd like to hear or if you would like to speak on a subject reflecting a specific interest, expertise or passion, please get in touch. Thank you for your continued support. Feel free to come in and say hello if we haven't yet met.

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RED CROSS NEWS

Following communication from **Red Cross HQ**, there will be **no meetings for July**. So the next chance could be **24 August**. There will be an update nearer to that time. Meanwhile, the work of Red Cross across Australia continues as before, wherever possible.

Thank you to **Betty Barker, Joan Pearson** and for more used stamps, to be sent to HQ. Every little bit counts, as it has been said.

We are pleased to hear that **Vice President Helena** is slowly recovering, with trips between Geelong and home.

There will be a live Q & A session on Thursday 9 July at 11.00am on www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wkpr4bXZXU

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

Please note that the Dunkeld Museum remains closed to the public until further notice.

Museum Secretary

After 12 months in the role, Greg Gardner has stood down as Secretary of the Museum. The Committee thanks him for the contribution he has made during the past year.

Behind the scenes

Committee members have not been idle. Heather continues with family research requests; Joyce has devoted an enormous amount of time into providing information for our new website; David has been copying photos and sorting photos for our archives. A full audit (sorting, categorising and creating a data base) of all of our photos has now been completed. A big undertaking!

Join Us!

Even though we're not functioning normally at the moment, we welcome new members, including new Committee members. Contact Kay 0439 992 250 if you're interested.

Meetings:

The Museum Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 6 August 2020 at 7.30pm.

The next General Meeting will take place on Thursday 20 August 2020 at 7.30pm.

There will be an Executive Meeting on Thursday 23 July at 2.30pm.

All meetings will be conducted within the required health guidelines.

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Some Australian Ravens appeared on the scene, being swept light lightning by the thermals, plummeting swiftly and gracefully downwards, then being swept rapidly upwards again at an alarming rate, which they seemed to enjoy. Then, wait for it! No, I couldn't believe it either, but one raven had somehow become caught in a strong gust and was actually flying backwards!! My eyes nearly popped out of my head. Then, with great skill and strength, it somehow managed to turn around and continue its flight after its companions. Well, well, well!

This isn't a "tall story" in the manner of Peter Hinchey. It was actually true.



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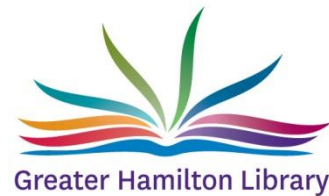
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SOME MORE WORDS FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

It is an eerie thing to stand in an empty church, look into a phone and with great enthusiasm exclaim... "The Lord be with you!" When actually there is no-one there. I try really hard to act normal, to pretend I can see whoever is on the other side of the screen, but when I look past the phone, all I see are empty pews.

Strange Things Do Happen!

By Marion Colton

You may not believe this, but I vouchsafe that it is true. I was sitting on a rock on the summit of Baingug (Piccaninny), enjoying a juicy orange in the shelter of a tree. In the near distance were the curving cliffs of Mudadjug (Mount Abrupt). Between us strong winds tossed and swirled the tree tops. What were they? Mainly the hardy Port Jackson/Oyster Bay Pine, *Callitris rhomboidea*, whose clusters of chunky seed heads gives it that name. Today the tips of the leaflets were sprinkled with tiny golden male flowers.

Its neighbours were our hardy Grampians Gum, Eucalyptus alpine, endemic to our area, its thick, strong leaves able to endure the effects of the buffeting, alpine climate. As is often the case, on the higher peaks the trees are quite dwarfed. It has very clustered, warty seed pods growing almost sessile to the branchlets and around December its buds burst into small clouds of creamy white flowers, each quite tiny compared with those of other eucalypts.

Sometimes on the screen I can tell that someone is looking in, but that has turned out to be an unhelpful distraction. There is enough to think about with bread, wine, words and what comes next.

After it is all over, I pack up, do the washing up, put out the candles, turn out the lights and frequently I catch myself thinking. "What was all that about"? A celebration that is so geared towards the building up community did not feel like a celebration at all. The community was absent.

Now here's another hard question. Is this electronic, ethernet action better than nothing? Perhaps 'nothing' would be more honest and speak more loudly.

Then I get home and look at the numbers of folk. I hear the odd comment that is fed back to me and I swing back to thinking... "Yes, this 'something', whatever the 'something' is, is better than nothing at all. People hear the word, reflect (hopefully) on the homily and can 'see' others who are tuned in. People that had not connected with the Church, are now in some way 'connected'.

This gives me a steer to the future. I should try to continue to make it happen for those who physically just can't get there on a Sunday and for those who are just curious and want to dance around in the shadows from a 'safe' anonymous distance.

Father David Oulton



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Landcare News

Grampians Ark

For all residents, landowners and visitors - our Grampians Ark Fox Baiting Program runs from

Monday 1 June 2020 - Monday 3 August 2020

Baits will be laid on participating properties.

Our thanks go out to Kevin Peters, who helped Heather Chapman (our baiting contractor) out of a very boggy situation! Thanks Kevin! Heather has accrued amazing techniques, skills and abilities during her work outdoors in bush and farm land, but the spewy sands up at McKirdy's are enough to beat anyone!! (As I bet many locals will well know!!!)

AgVet and 1080 Chemical Users Course

Thanks to generous funding from the GHGMA Community Connections Grant, and the Shire of Southern Grampians - Biodiversity Department, and also to the Panyyabyr Landcare Group, we are able to cover the entire cost of the 11 local people to do their AgVet, refreshers and 1080 accreditation. They'll complete the course in Hamilton this September. I must also thank Ursula Murphy, the Manager Industry and Education - Grampians, at Hamilton TAFE Campus, for all her work in organising this

Some more really interesting webinars!

These webinars are great:

<http://sustainablefarms.org.au/fielddays/enhancing-farm-dams-webinar-recording-now-available>

<https://sustainablefarms.org.au/fielddays/designing-shelterbelts-webinar>

2020 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants

Project funding: grants of up to \$5,000 each (ex-GST) are available for environmental projects that connect young Victorians with the environment.

The grants are funded by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning through the Victorian Landcare Program.

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12th July - 30th August

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Who can apply: Victorian schools (primary or secondary), kindergartens, childcare centres, scouts, guides and youth groups can apply for the grants.

Focus of grants: projects should have a focus on:

- Improving biodiversity through the development, improvement or restoration of habitat for Victoria's native plants (flora) and animals (fauna), and/or
- Educating, involving and engaging young people in valuing and actively caring for Victoria's natural environment.

Projects can be either direct-action projects (with an on-ground component) or in-direct action projects (with an education component), or a mixture of both.

Applications close: 3.00pm Friday 31 July 2020

Projects must be completed by: 14 May 2021

Applications & Guidelines: go to 2020 Victorian Junior Landcare & Biodiversity Grants

More information: contact Landcare Australia via phone: (03) 8631 7800 or email: grants@landcareaustralia.com.au

CMA VLG Grants (i.e. the Landcare grants we apply for every year)

The Victorian Landcare Grants (VLG), which have been available around this time in previous years, *have been delayed this year*. The 2020-21 VLG are aligned to funding announcements in the State Budget and as this has been deferred, so has the grants process. I'll let you know when I know, but in the meantime, we'll keep writing up your projects, ready. Please get in touch if you're interested.

Changes to the Landcare Facilitator Program

The Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program funds 78 part-time Landcare facilitators who are employed directly by a range of organisations including Landcare and environmental groups and networks. The Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program has been extended for six months to 31 December 2020.

An Expression of Interest will open later in the year for Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks who would like to seek funding to employ a Landcare Facilitator from 1 January 2021 under the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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End of Term

It was lovely to have our students back with us for the last month of Term 2. I think all teachers would most definitely agree that we love having our students here every day, watching them learn, grow and develop their individual uniqueness. The classrooms were a hive of activity, noise and happiness. Friendships were reunited and children navigated social and play situations with others again. These are often the things we take for granted, but when one is taken away from the social world for an extended time, then thrown back into big group situations, this can be a daunting and uncertain experience. We commend our students on the many hurdles they have had, and are continuing to overcome. We are here to support and guide you all the way. You are inspiring young people.

There will continue to be strict cleaning and hygiene measures in place during Term 3. It is a good idea to do your own screening at home before sending your children to

school also, checking they are feeling 100%. Unfortunately, we will see students have to stay home for longer than normal periods of time when ill, due to strict regulations on attendance at schools, however this is for the safety of the entire school and all our families.

Permanent Modular Building

Planning is well underway for the addition of a new modular building at our school. This is a Department of Education initiative which our school was targeted for. It involves the process of asbestos removal in the eaves and demolition of part of the original school building. As a 'like for like' project, we then receive a new modular building, replacing what has been demolished. Many discussions have been held over the demolition and the decision was made to replace our hall with the new building. However, we will be placing the new building on the old netball court, as a new and inviting entrance point to the school, where we will hold Assemblies, classes and gatherings. I believe it will be a great addition and improvement to our school. I look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

Camps

With the uncertainty of COVID-19 and how long restrictions would extend for, staff made the decision to not hold any camps this year. Although the Department has just announced that School Camps can recommence, we are going to stick with our decision for a number of reasons, including the health and safety of all involved and reducing expenditure for families and the school when fundraising hasn't been feasible this year. In light of no camps however, we would like to hold some excursions and local fun activities when restrictions allow.

Thank you,
Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal

TERM 2 ACTIVITIES

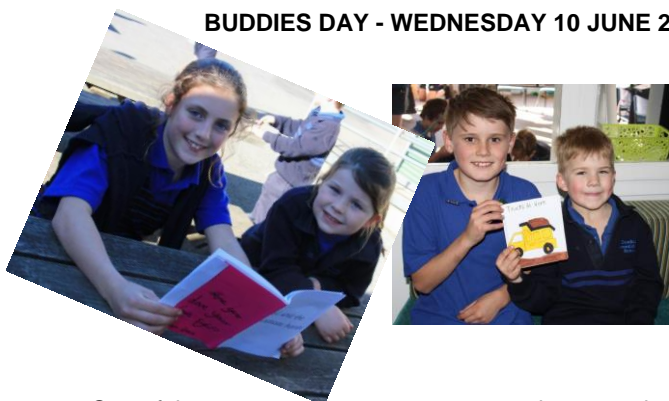
It was great to have all our students back at school to finish out the school term. This is how we like it.

FUNKY HAIR DAY – Friday 12 June 2020

Our Funky Hairy Day fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation raised a total of \$202.00. This amount includes extra donations made by some community members. Thank you everyone for your efforts!



BUDDIES DAY - WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2020



One of the programs we run here at school is Buddies. Our senior students become mentors for our junior students and help them integrate into school. It was great

that they were able to meet up again this term and read through the books that our Year 5/6 students made during isolation for their junior buddies.



IN THE KITCHEN – With no helpers all jobs were done by students!

Cooking was the best ever! We had fruit salad and mango banana smoothie. It took us from 11.30am to 1.30pm. We also made Ham and Cheese Pinwheels which were the best as in the middle was



cheesy goodness. It was some sort of pizza, anyway, it was yum! We had separate tables for each station. It took 20 minutes for the Pinwheels to cook. That's all for now, bye. *By Seth Monaghan, Year 5.*

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAGK)



From the Garden...Lisa McIntyre

We had a lovely few weeks with the children back in the garden. We weeded and sowed the paddock to peas and beans, sowed all kinds of seeds in the greenhouse, weeded out massive established plants in the garden beds, and drunk some very soothing herbal billy tea. Despite all the upheaval of the last few months, it was so great to have constants like the seasons, and with them, our gardens, just continuing to flow and grow. It is very calming to see that nature still exists and thrives, despite all that is going on.

We have a number of very calm, quiet, friendly chooks to give away. They are excellent companions, and great pest controllers! Please get in touch if you'd like to give one a home.



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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR 2020

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JUNE-JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
10	Fri 10 July	Wed 15 July
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14	Fri 4 September	Wed 9 September
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
15	Fri 2 October	Wed 7 October
16	Fri 16 October	Wed 21 October
17	Fri 30 October	Wed 4 November
18	Fri 13 November	Wed 18 November
19	Fri 27 November	Wed 2 December
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Please note that the closing date for the Community Newsletter is **6.00pm on the Friday before the distribution date**, as listed in the table.

Please forward your content to Mrs Carol Burger – email: carolburger5103@gmail.com or phone: 0417 374 673.

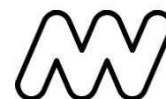
Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) Program: The second stage of the Veteran and Community Grants project has recently been completed. A disabled access ramp has been installed by Jones Building allowing easier access for RSL and community members to the entrance door of the Henry Leech RSL Room, which is located in the Dunkeld Community Centre. The first stage of this project included the installation of a reverse cycle air-conditioner for the comfort of RSL members and visitors alike. A sincere thank you to our President, Mr Terry Noble supported by his wife, Rose, for their hard work and tireless efforts in securing funding for the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, and seeing this project come to fruition.



RAAF in the REB: Voices of Veterans Stationed in the Royal Exhibition Building in World War II: RAAF in the REB seeks to identify and interview surviving veterans who were stationed or worked at the Royal Exhibition Building (REB) during World War II. This story had a significant impact on Victorian experiences of the war.

The REB's WWII story began on 23 January 1940 when 4,000 men of the 2nd Australian Infantry Forces stayed in the building overnight. In October 1940 the RAAF officially requisitioned the Building. It was occupied by the No. 1 School of Technical Training from 1941 to 1945 and then the No. 1 Personnel Depot was stationed there from 1945 to 1946. The proximity of the REB to the centre of Melbourne meant it was also used as a venue for entertainment for service men and women.

Submitting a Story: Museums Victoria invites you, or someone you know, to provide a short paragraph describing your memories of the REB during World War II, including dates you were there. They hope you will include:



- Highlights or special memories – whether personal or associated with service;
- Information about any mementoes or photographs you might be able to share; and
- Your postal address, email (if possible) and telephone number.

You can submit your story via:

- Email: AskUs@museum.vic.gov.au, with subject line – REB WWII Story; or
- Post: Museums Victoria, P.O. Box 666, Melbourne VIC 3001 – Attention Senior Curator Deborah Tout-Smith.

The deadline for story submissions is Friday 31 July 2020.

Museums Victoria will select several stories to document in further detail; ideally via a telephone discussion and possibly a recorded interview (COVID-19 restrictions permitting).



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership (\$40.00 per person) 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. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.

Stories captured as part of the project will be preserved by Museums Victoria, and may be used for other uses in the future.



Department of Veterans' Affairs – Your views sought to shape future engagement: Veterans and their families have been invited to comment on the effectiveness of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) consultation framework, putting forward recommendations for future engagement to better represent all veterans and their families.

Every three years DVA's National Consultation Framework (NCF) undergoes a review to ensure it continues to best serve the interests of serving and ex-service community.

The NCF is responsible for formal consultation between the serving and ex-service community and the Department. It aims to ensure the needs and views of veterans and their families are listened to through forum structures, membership of forums, and capacity of member organisations.

This year's review focusses on the effectiveness of the current consultation model by engaging with the broader ex-serving community with a view to ensuring that it is fit for purpose. DVA is going through the most significant reform in its history to ensure serving personnel, veterans and their families can access the services they need, when they need them. Co-design is an important part of this transformation.

Your views are important to the Department as they will inform the future look of the NCF and the consultation process for DVA. The centrepiece of the review is an online survey. The survey is open to all members of the serving and ex-serving community, including families.

In order to ensure data integrity and to maintain complete transparency, DVA has engaged an external research company, ORIMA Research, to host the online survey. ORIMA will also compile all data and provide this to the Department to facilitate the review.

Members of the Ex-Service Organisation Round Table (ESORT) were consulted in relation to the development of the Terms of Reference of this review and have been regularly updated.

The survey opened on 29 June 2020 and **will be available until 26 July 2020**. The final report of the NCF Review is expected to be completed in late 2020. For more information about the NCF and the link to the survey, please visit the DVA website: www.dva.gov.au or email us at ncf.review@dva.gov.au