

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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BEST PROFESSIONAL MURAL FIRST PLACE – HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY THE DUNKELD MUSEUM

The Museum Committee are very pleased to have been able to acquire the Grampians Landscape Mural that was displayed in the courtyard of Sturgeon View Café (Formerly Café 109). It may not be well known, but this beautiful mural was recognised internationally, with its artist, Gordon Wilson of Glenthompson winning a Resene Mural Masterpiece award in 2019. The mural took out the top honour in the professional mural category at the awards, which was run by paint supplier, Resene, and was open for competition from entries across Australia and New Zealand. The Mural was judged on its creativity, uniqueness, the impact/improvement it made to the area and the general finish/style.



The Museum would like to thank the sawmill group and Peter Nelson for dismantling the mural from its old home at Sturgeon View to its new home in the foyer of the Dunkeld Museum, where it was professionally installed by Fitzpatrick Builders staff Elijah, Dennis and Marc.

Thank you to all involved for a job well done. The mural has now found its forever home!

CHURCH SERVICES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

Website: www.westernborder.church

2 nd Week	Sunday	August 10		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	August 17	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	August 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5 th Week	Sunday	August 31		No Mass or service

ANGLICAN/UNITING CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 10 August	UNITING 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre	Wendy McDonald
Sunday 17 August	ANGLICAN 5.00pm at SAINT MARY'S	Father David Oulton
Sunday 24 August	UNITING 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre	Janet Shalders HC

Enquiries to Heather Macgugan – phone: 0400 952 716

ALL WELCOME

Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrayure

8189 Glenelg Highway

CHURCH TIMES

Sunday 10 August	9.00am
Sunday 17 August	9.00am
Sunday 24 August	10.30am

WHAT'S ON AUGUST / SEPTEMBER – PLEASE CHECK THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER AND USE BELOW TO FILL THE DATES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO YOU

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6 Issue 11 publication	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Issue 12 cut-off	16
17	18	19	20 Issue 12 publication	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Issue 13 cut-off	30
31	1 Sept	2	3 Issue 13 publication	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Issue 14 cut-off	13
14	15	16	17 Issue 14 publication	18	19	20



DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS:

Sunday 1.00pm - 5.00pm and
Thursday 1.00pm - 4.00pm
(Other times by appointment)

WEBSITE: Visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sunday 10 August Heather Funk and Peter Nelson

Sunday 17 August John Kay and David Gordon

RESEARCH: Steve Kennedy is interested in the history of the School Teacher's Hostel - anyone with information, photos or stories, or who might have lived there please get in touch with us as we would like to build a history about the hostel as well as satisfying Steve's curiosity.

UPCOMING EVENT: Our 42nd AGM has been scheduled to be held on Sunday 21st September 2025. The meeting will be followed by a Guest Speaker Meeting, yet to be finalised.

Thank you to all our volunteers for helping at the museum.

RED CROSS NEWS:



The recent Zone Meeting was held at Derrinallum, near Mt Elephant and overlooking a beautiful view. Eleven Groups submitted reports and Joy Savill gave a Zone Report. Joy has diligently represented the Zone at meetings in Melbourne for many years but is now relinquishing her position.

Chairperson Linda Carr of Wangoom reported on the 10th year of the successful Pillow Case Project, run throughout schools, and of the patient transport service in the South West, which has currently 20 volunteer drivers who travel mainly to Melbourne, Geelong and Port Fairy.

Emergency Services personnel have assisted thousands of people in over 60 hubs throughout the flood affected regions of Queensland and NSW. Emergency relief was also given to those affected by the Kilsyth / Montrose fire in March.

Red Cross remains neutral and independent providing long-term relief to communities in occupied Palestine, Israel and Lebanon, with deployment of humanitarian specialists for operations and urgent care of the wounded and vulnerable and supporting people on temporary visas in the Safety Net Program. Australian Red Cross has been on the front line with Myanmar

Red Cross following the earthquake there in March.

Current Appeals: Australian Emergency Fund; Pacific Emergency Fund; Global Emergency Fund; Ukraine Crisis Appeal; Bangladesh-Myanmar Crisis Appeal; Middle East Crisis Appeal.

Coming events: October - *Nareeb Nareeb* Ram Sale catering. November - Zone Meeting in Hamilton, also catered by Nareeb Nareeb - Dunkeld

Iris Field

Dunkeld Writers Festival
29-31 AUGUST 2025

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Join us in Dunkeld for a stellar lineup of inspiring authors including:

- Vicki Couzens
- Helen Garner
- Chris Hammer
- Marieke Hardy
- John Harms
- Tracey Holmes
- Dmetri Kakmi
- Thomas Mayo
- Kate Mildenhall
- Louise Le Nay
- Peter Norris
- Andrew Rule
- Ben Shewry
- Jason Steger
- Claire Sutherland
- Michael Williams

BOOK ONLINE NOW

*Full program and tickets are available on our website.

Thanks to our sponsors:

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL, Dunkeld Community Centre, STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA, www.dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au



NEXT MEETING

Please note that the date of the next meeting of the Dunkeld Progress Association has been changed to **MONDAY 11 AUGUST** at 7.30pm at Sterling Place: Dunkeld Community Centre.

Items to be discussed include the outcome of the budget submissions.

Meeting dates for 2025

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2025

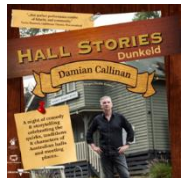
MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025 [includes the Annual General Meeting]



Forthcoming Events at Sterling Place:

Thursday 7 August 2025 - 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Hall Stories – Meet and Greet – Damian Callinan is interested in stories about the hall, photos and other memorabilia. Refreshments will be provided.



Saturday 9 August 2025 at 7.30 pm

Hall Stories – BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets can be purchased from the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre.

Friday 29 August to Sunday 31 August

Dunkeld Writers Festival

Tickets available on

www.dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au



Sterling Place is available for private functions and community events and activities. To enquire about booking the centre, please contact Annette Jones, Manager, phone: 0412 855 359 or email: info@sterlingplace.com.au

Mary-Ann Brown
Chairperson



Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre has been fortunate to receive funding to purchase a new laptop. This means that, for anyone using the facility, there will be a laptop freely available for presentations, Power Points, movies etc.

Let us know if you wish to use the laptop when you book.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Southern Grampians Shire and thank them for

supporting our facility under the Community Partnerships Grant Program.



300 Words

When silence speaks loudly

Some of you might recall an incident like this. You and a 'special friend' have been invited over to babysit the neighbours' children. Everything is laid out, the food is prepared for them and for you. The youngsters are amenable and go to bed on the second time of asking, which is pretty good actually.

Which just leaves you and your 'special friend' to watch some TV and wait for the neighbours to get home. You're young, perhaps in your teenage years and you both feel things pretty strongly. Surely a quick snog wouldn't go astray. I mean it's not like you're actually hurting anyone, right? And so by entirely mutual consent, with a racing heart and a little clumsily...

And then all of a sudden there is the swing of headlights up the driveway. Two car doors shut, the front door opens and you and your friend are now at opposite ends of the settee, furiously, studiously, watching an absolutely fascinating documentary on the mating habits of the praying mantis in deepest darkest Africa. Riveting and compelling viewing!

Your hosts aren't fooled for a moment. The frisson in the room is grabbable. Once upon a time they too were teenagers. This is why they have kids for you to babysit.

But bless em, they don't say anything about the obvious and instead politely ask if the children ate all their vegetables.

It occurs to me that some of the finest things are said loudly in silence. Looks of forgiveness, looks of longing, the firm handshake, the blushing babysitters at opposite ends of the couch.

Why do we feel that we have to fill up silence with words and shrieks and chatter? Silence has always been far more articulate and effective in her 'speech' than noisy words. May silence continue to speak loudly.

Father David Oulton
Phone: 0435 867 040
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OFF THE RAILS DUNKELD

OFF THE RAILS DUNKELD COMING UP



Skin Revival Workshop

Want to level up your skincare but dont know where to start?
Come enjoy a morning of simple skincare application thay you can do everyday!

Sunday 17th August 10am

0450 613 066
Places strictly limited



Skin Revival Workshop – Sort out that Winter skin! Sunday 17 August 2025 10.00am – 12.00pm

Hair and Beauty by Shane is coming to Dunkeld to bring back our spring glow!

Trained in Geelong, Shane has over 15 years' experience in Hair and Beauty. Based in Hamilton he services the Southern Grampians Shire as a senior stylist focused on cutting, colouring and styling as well as providing Remedial Massage and

Myotherapy with a special interest in Neurological and Nerve Conditions and Chronic pain patterns.

Shane is offering Dunkeld his skills in cosmetics, makeup artistry, and skincare.

To take it to the next level ... this workshop is **FREE!!!** We suggest you get in fast!

Needle Felt a Penny Bun Mushroom – DATE CHANGE Sunday 31 August 2025 2.00pm – 4.00pm



Create Woodland Magic with Your Own Hands!

Join us for a cozy, creative workshop where you'll learn to sculpt your very own needle felted penny bun mushroom — a charming homage to the forest floor's most beloved fungi!

What's Included:

- Step-by-step guidance from an experienced felting artist
- All materials provided (natural wool, felting needles, foam pad)
- Tips and tricks to shape realistic textures and earthy tones
- A relaxing atmosphere perfect for beginners and experienced crafters alike

Leave With:

Your own handcrafted penny bun mushroom — perfect for gifts, seasonal décor, or a whimsical touch to your home!



Location: Off the Rails, Dunkeld, Corner Skene and Sterling Streets



Date and Time: Sunday 31 August, 2.00pm to 4.00pm



Cost: By donation, whatever you can afford.

Spaces are limited, so let us know if you can come now and let's bring a little bit of woodland magic indoors!

Doll and Teddy Bear Mending Saturday 20 September 2025 Sunday 21 September 2025 12.00pm – 4.00pm on both days

Bring your doll or teddy that needs mending and Sue from Little Poppets will nurse your favourites back to life!

Please book in advance as Sue (through Sally) needs photos of your precious items to plan her triage!



Do you have a Doll or Teddy that has seen better days?

Little Poppets - Doll Repairs
will be holding a 2 day workshop at
Off the Rails Gallery



20th-21st September
12pm to 4pm both days.
\$50 per item



Send a photograph of your project to
sallyreynolds.johnson@gmail.com. These will be
passed on to Sue (the doll and teddy wizard)
for her to assess what she needs
to bring for each project.

If a doll or item needs more attention than the
workshop can do, you can negotiate with Sue
as to any extra work cost.
Little Poppets is located in Geelong.

Call Sally to book
your place for this
fun workshop:
0414 463 013





ABOUT US

Off The Rails Dunkeld is a voluntary, community-run Not-For-Profit Organisation, dedicated to facilitating arts, educational, creative, and cultural opportunities for locals and the wider community in the beautiful heritage Dunkeld Railway Station.

Community spaces play a crucial role in providing residents with a sense of belonging and identity. They offer a place for people to connect, socialise and engage in activities, fostering a sense of community spirit and shared purpose. This space is for everyone, so if you want to get involved let us know or just come along!

HIRE THE SPACE

Got an idea you'd like to run with to use this lovely space? Want to run a workshop, a class, share some skills, host a community event, or just hang with your club in a cool space?

The rental market is still completely affordable at OTR! Birthday parties are awesome here too! Feel free to contact us on otrdunkeld@gmail.com or call 0405 385 359.

MEMBERSHIP

Off the Rail Dunkeld Memberships!

Membership is super important to us! It not only helps us keep the lights going and water running, but small community spaces like Off the Rails Dunkeld play a crucial role in fostering a sense of belonging, connection, and mutual support among established and new residents and families in small towns.

To renew your membership, or join Off the Rails Dunkeld, please consider making a \$10 donation by direct deposit or drop into the Dunkeld Bendigo Bank branch:

Off the Rails Dunkeld

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 155 271 299

Thank You

Off the Rails, Dunkeld Committee



VARIETY VICTORIA BASH SET TO START IN HAMILTON

This year marks 50 years for the longest running most iconic charity motoring event – Variety Victoria Bash, and we are pleased to announce the journey will begin right here in Hamilton on Friday 8 August 2025.

More than 100 colourful, quirky and classic cars will be on display at Campes Motor Museum from 6:45am before departing at 9:30am. Breakfast will be on offer for all car enthusiasts and community members wishing to soak up the action and Campes Motor Museum will be open for business while this event is running.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the event was a fantastic opportunity to showcase Hamilton's hospitality and heart.

"We're excited to welcome the Variety Bash to Hamilton. Not only does it give our local economy a great boost, but it's also a feel-good event that brings colour,

character and community spirit – all for an incredibly worthy cause.

"While this is not a Council ran event, it is fantastic to see Hamilton chosen as its starting point for this milestone year. The event will bring crews, support teams and visitors to town – many arriving the night before and staying in local accommodation, dining in our restaurants, and supporting our businesses," Cr Heslin concluded.

An unofficial welcome dinner has been organised for the Thursday 7 August where local businesses are stepping in to support the participants.

The Variety Bash is the longest running most iconic charity motoring event, featuring a colourful convoy of creatively themed cars that takes participants through some of Australia's most stunning landscapes. The event runs from 8 August - 17 August and aims to raise funds for Victorian children living with disabilities, illness, or experiencing disadvantage - a cause that sits at the heart of the variety mission.

This year's event marked as the most iconic yet will run from Hamilton heading north through Adelaide, Coober Pedy and Alice Springs to where it will finish in Darwin. There are currently over 100 cars already registered with several of them local participants.

The event is open to the public and is a must-see for families, car lovers and anyone who enjoys a great story on wheels.

For more information on this event, visit: <https://fundraise.variety.org.au>

UPGRADES AHEAD AT HAMILTON SKATEPARK

Southern Grampians Shire Council is pleased to announce a new round of improvements at the Hamilton Skatepark aimed at enhancing safety, usability and fun for local skaters and riders.

As part of Council's broader commitment to investing in high-quality recreational spaces, works will begin on Monday 28 July 2025 to replace the existing metal pyramid with a concrete version. A concrete "volcano" feature will also be installed, and targeted repairs will be made to the existing skate surface.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the project is in direct response to community feedback and reflects Council's focus on youth-friendly spaces.

"We consistently hear from residents and particularly families that they want more inclusive, social spaces for young people," Cr Heslin said.

"Our youth are keen for places where they can connect outside of structured sports, in fact, these improvements have come about as a direct result of young people proactively engaging with Council.

"The Hamilton Skatepark is one of our most popular recreational areas, having become a favourite youth hub for locals and visitors and we're committed to keeping it safe, exciting, and well-maintained."

In addition to the new pyramid and volcano elements, Council will undertake around six square metres of

patching to address surface wear and ensure a smooth ride. The upgrades have been carefully designed to match the park's existing aesthetic, preserving its look while improving durability and appeal.

Cr Heslin noted the recent addition of a pump track nearby has only increased demand for high-quality recreational facilities.

"We love seeing young people enjoying our parks and making the most of these spaces."

Works are expected to take approximately two weeks, weather permitting. Council thanks the community for their patience during this time and encourages all users to follow safety signage while works are underway. To stay up to date with all things Council, please consider signing up to our [Enews](#).

RATE RELIEF ON THE WAY FOR SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS FARMERS

Southern Grampians Shire Council held an unscheduled meeting last night to approve a Drought Support Rate Relief Package which will provide much needed assistance for farmers in the Southern Grampians Shire. Earlier this month the State Government announced it would be allocating \$35.8m to selected south-west Victorian councils through the Primary Producer Support Payment program (PPSP). This program is a key component of a broader Drought Support Package. This funding saw \$4,345,544 million allocated for Southern Grampians Shire.

Council has calculated the amount to be distributed based on the criteria and have identified a shortfall in funding of \$111,903. This shortfall has been communicated to the State Government, with Council currently awaiting confirmation of whether this amount will be added to the total funding amount. Should the shortfall remain, the rate relief package will approximate to slightly below 40% promised by the State Government. Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said Council welcomed the package, acknowledging many in the community were still doing it tough due to the ongoing drought.

"Council has identified over 3,000 rateable properties that will benefit from this discount to help our communities in their recovery for the ongoing drought," said Cr Heslin. "This package should translate into approximately a 40% discount for properties classified as rural with the rate relief to be featured as a credit on the upcoming 2025/2026 Council Rates Notice.

"Council has advocated hard over the past 12 months at all levels of government for adequate and appropriate drought support which has included our social media campaign championed by local farmers, conversations and letters to ministers, and most recently hosting a Farmer Forum with 21 local farmers feeding into an advocacy plan for the upcoming 12 months.

"We've also introduced practical measures with laundromat vouchers, showers, and free waste disposal at outer transfer stations. Due to high demand, the free waste/recycling drop-off program has, as of last week, been extended to include weekdays as well as weekends.

"I'd like to thank all of the farmers who appeared in our videos to assist in this advocacy effort. This was an

enormous ask and we're very grateful for your vulnerability and your support.

"We know that there is still a long way for our region's recovery with this rate relief package aimed to help out our primary producers, but we will continue to support our residents where we can, to help our communities back on their feet," concluded Cr Heslin.

Several options were considered by Council for the distribution of the funding with the overarching objective of ensuring the intended recipients, being drought affected primary producers, are the targeted recipients of the rate relief.

The relief will be provided in the form of a credit applied to the general rates and municipal charge for properties classified as rural as shown on their rates notice. Please note the rebate will only apply to General Rates and Municipal Charges (not waste or Emergency Services Volunteer Fund levies).

Ratepayers seeking clarification on property rating category can contact Southern Grampians Shire Council Rates Administration Officer on 5573 0444.

If you are not eligible for the drought support rate relief and are experiencing financial hardship that may prevent you from paying your rates and charges by the due date, you can apply for a payment plan. This arrangement will enable you to pay your rates on a manageable plan on either a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

Visit the Council website for more details - [If you're having difficulty paying Southern Grampians Shire Council](#) or contact the Council Rates Team on 5573 0444 for a confidential conversation.

TIM ROSS EXPLORES THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM AT HAMILTON LIBRARY



From groovy conversation pits to wildly winding staircases, decadent decks to lavish libraries, comedian, host, writer and design guru Tim Ross unpacks Australia's housing obsession in a one-night-only live event in Hamilton.

Hamilton Library are delighted to welcome beloved Aussie voice Tim Ross to perform a one-of-a-kind live performance of his acclaimed live show, *The Australian Dream?* at 7:00pm on Thursday 9 October at the Hamilton Cinema.

More than just a talk, Tim will take you through an immersive evening of storytelling, cinema and ingenious insight as he takes a dive into Australia's deep and sometimes complicated love affair with the idea of home ownership. A lifelong design and architecture aficionado, he uses a blend of wit, warmth and hard research to bring an unlikely story to life.

"We are so pleased to have secured Tim," said Hamilton Library Services Senior Coordinator Kelly Pitt-Lancaster. "He's an extraordinary storyteller with the power to make very big stories feel intimate and relatable. His perspective on housing and living spaces is fresh, funny and utterly fascinating. We all loved him as half of

Merrick and Rosso and we're very excited to see him perform in person."

Developed over 18 months of ambitious research and supported by a selection of new cinematic films produced specifically for this project, *The Australian Dream?* explores how the humble goal of owning a home transformed into one of the biggest challenges facing modern Australians.

Join us as we explore the tangles of modern home ownership, something that has gone from rite of passage to unattainable idea and listen as Tim asks what we can learn from the past to help solve the problems of the future.

The Australian Dream? is presented in partnership with the National Library of Australia, State Library of Queensland, State Library Victoria, State Library of New South Wales and State Library of Western Australia. *The Australian Dream?* tour is largely showing in major regional cities, making this is a unique chance for our community to see a show designed for large crowds in a local environment.

The event will take place from 7:00pm to 8:15pm on Thursday 9 October 2025, at the Hamilton Cinema. This event is for over 18's only.

Please note that this event is free, but that bookings are required. Book your place [here](#). For more information on this and other library events, please visit the [library website](#)

From the Lions Den

L Liberty
I Intelligence
O Our
N Nations
S Safety



If we worry too much about ourselves, we won't have time for others. Mother Teresa

A nice Lions Story:

At our annual changeover of office bearers' dinner Ian Macgugan was awarded the Jock Danby Award for service to Lions and the community. Well done, Ian.

Coming events involving the Lions:

We will be assisting with the Dunkeld Peaks and Trails (which will be held in Dunkeld on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August 2025).

In the warmer months we will have a celebration to mark 50 years of Lions in Dunkeld and District. We will be in touch with past members to help us celebrate.

One of those things you really had to know:

Saint Paul, accepted by many as the greatest missionary of all time, once put a listener to sleep. A young man, Eutychus was listening to Saint Paul preach whilst in Troas. Eutychus was sitting on the windowsill of the room, drifted off to sleep and fell to the ground, three storeys below. He survived.

The world according to Hinchey:

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

If you wish to know more about Lions, please call me on 5577 2460.

Peter Hinchey



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 for 2025 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 on 0487 416 971.

Veterans can earn more before pensions affected:

From 1 July 2025, veterans can earn more income and have assets of a higher value before their pension payments are affected.

The rise in income and asset amounts is in line with the annual indexation process and the income-free areas and asset value limits that are used to calculate rates of income support pensions.

Different limits may apply for veterans who are assessed under transitional rules. Disability compensation payments and war widow(er)'s pensions are not subject to the income and assets tests.

Related to these thresholds increasing, some recipients of the service pension, income support supplement, veteran payment and social security age pension may see an increase to their payments.

Permanent impairment payments, eligible young person payments and the limits for household services and attendant care under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA) and the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988 (DRCA) have increased.

Pensioners don't need to do anything to receive the increase.

For more details such as the new limits and thresholds for income support payments, please visit: www.dva.gov.au/news/latest-stories/veterans-can-earn-more-pensions-affected

Department of Defence launches transition support app:

The Department of Defence has launched a free mobile app designed to support Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and families as they navigate their transition to civilian life.

The ADF Transition Guide app brings together the most up to date transition resources from Defence, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the broader transition support system.

These resources will guide personnel and families through every step of the transition journey, helping them to prepare with confidence, find meaningful support, and make informed decisions about their next steps.

The app is available for download now on the Apple Store and Google Play. For more information and links to download the app, please visit:
www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/military-life-cycle/transition/adf-transition-guide

Battle for Australia Commemoration Ceremony:

Every year on the first Wednesday of September, the Battle for Australia is commemorated and we remember the men and women who drove back the Japanese advance in the Second World War.

Marking the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II, this year's Battle for Australia Commemoration ceremony will take place on Wednesday 3 September 2025 from 11:00am –12:00pm at the Second World War Forecourt, Shrine of Remembrance.

This year's guest of honour is Major General Jason Blain, DSC, AM, CSC; the Senior Army Officer – Victoria; and Head Land Systems, Capability and Sustainment Group, Department of Defence.

The guest speaker will be Ted Baillieu AO, the former Premier of Victoria and an outspoken advocate for veterans and the veteran community.

The Battle for Australia Foundation invites everyone to join and honour the service and sacrifice of Australians and their allies.

For questions and enquiries, please contact The Battle for Australia Foundation via info@battleforausvic.au.

For more information please visit:
www.shrine.org.au/battle-australia



SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal's Desk:

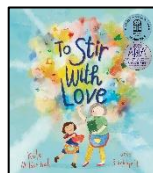
Building and Grounds Update: We are thrilled to share that the long-awaited court redevelopment project is now underway! This upgrade will significantly enhance the school's sporting and play facilities and provide students with even more opportunities to be active and engaged outdoors. In addition, our Wurgarri Meeting Room refurbishment is almost complete. The new space will offer a welcoming and functional area for staff collaboration and professional learning.

We are also proud to announce the official naming of our school ovals and the new court, inspired by local language and wildlife. The ovals will be known as Kapping (Emu) and Koorae (Kangaroo), while the new sports court will be named Meeam.

A standout event in the last week of Term 2 was Dunkie's birthday celebration, which brought colour, joy, and connection to our school. The day was such a success it even caught the attention of The Hamilton Spectator, who published a feature on the celebration and our school mascot, Dunkie.

We also marked 100 Days of Prep (and Year 1/2) on Monday 29 July. Our youngest learners celebrated this milestone with fun costumes and themed activities that brought plenty of smiles to classrooms and beyond. It was a heartwarming reminder of just how far our Preps have come.

Students recently competed in the Hockey 7's competition at Pedrina Park, Hamilton. Thank you to Mrs Mibus for supervising and managing the team and to Mrs Jen McArthur and Ms Janna Heard for coaching.



You are invited!
To a reading of "To Stir With Love"
Friday 29 August 2025 at 2.20pm
Mud-Dadjug Hall, Dunkeld Consolidated School

Dunkeld Consolidated School together with the Dunkeld Writers Festival are thrilled to announce, acclaimed author, Kate Mildenhall, will be launching the 2025 Dunkeld Writers Festival with a reading of her award-winning book, To Stir with Love.

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the joy of storytelling with our community on Friday 29 August.

Share Your Recipe!

As part of the celebration, we invite you to share your favourite recipe for inclusion in a special publication, the Dunkeld Consolidated School Community Cookbook. Please send your recipe to:

dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au

BY FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2025.

Peaks & Trails 2025

Peaks & Trails is a picturesque trail run starting and finishing in the heart of Dunkeld, Victoria over the weekend of 9 to 10 August 2025.



There are five distances to choose from, with all courses including sections of the Grampians Peaks Trail and take in the beautiful southern Gariwerd (Grampians) landscape.

The longer run options also include trails on privately owned land, normally inaccessible to the public. Runners will experience a range of landscapes and stunning views on these trails surrounded by the four most southern peaks: Wurgarri (Mount Sturgeon), Bainggug (Piccaninny), Mud-Dadjug (Mount Abrupt) and Signal Peak.

Mud-Dadjug Challenge (previously the Mount Abrupt Challenge) runners will take on the rugged terrain of Mt Abrupt (827m). Starting at the Mud-Dadjug carpark, runners will climb 3.1km, with a total elevation gain of 430m to the summit before retracing their steps back to the carpark.

Distances/Events

Saturday 9 August:

- 6.2K Mud-Dadjug Challenge

Sunday 10 August:

- 6.4K
- 13.5K
- 20K
- 50K

Location map: All events start and finish on the corner of Parker Street and Dunlop Street, beside the Parker Street Project at the Royal Mail Hotel.¹

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