

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## REGIONAL VICTORIA RESTRICTION CHANGES FROM 11:59PM MONDAY 9 AUGUST

- No stay at home requirements and no travel limits within regional Victoria
- Masks still required indoors and outdoors
- Private gatherings in the home not permitted
- Public outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people
- Keep working from home if you can - offices can open with up to 25% capacity
- Schools open for all students
- Up to 50 people plus workers required to run the service at weddings and funerals
- Restaurants, cafes, retail, beauty, personal care, entertainment venues and community facilities open
- COVID-19 tests are still recommended before heading to Alpine Resorts

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| Dunkeld & District Community Bank | \$60 |
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| Liz and Peter Hinchey             | \$20 |

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## CHURCH TIMES

### Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Co-Pastor: Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161  
Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

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Email: george.kuruvila@ballarat.catholic.org.au

|          |        |           |        |   |
|----------|--------|-----------|--------|---|
| 1st Week | Sunday | August 1  | 8.30am | Mass                                      |
| 2nd Week | Sunday | August 8  |        | No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson) |
| 3rd Week | Sunday | August 15 | 8.30am | Mass                                      |
| 4th Week | Sunday | August 22 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion            |
| 5th Week | Sunday | August 29 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion            |

\*Please check the Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border website <https://westernborder.church/> or phone the Parish Office on 5571 1161 for further details relating to COVID-19 guidelines and procedures.

### Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month commencing at 5.00pm. All Welcome. Please sign in when you arrive.  
Enquiries to Father David Oulton phone: 5571 1317.

### Panyyabyr Uniting Church

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

### WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

| MON                                 | TUES | WED                                      | THURS | FRI                                   | SAT | SUN |
|-------------------------------------|------|--|-------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 9                                   | 10   | 11<br>Newsletter issue<br>12 distributed | 12    | 13                                    | 14  | 15  |
| 16                                  | 17   | 18                                       | 19    | 20<br>Newsletter issue<br>13 deadline | 21  | 22  |
| 23<br>Red Cross Meeting @<br>2.00pm | 24   | 25<br>Newsletter issue<br>13 distributed | 26    | 27                                    | 28  | 29  |
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### MORE HELP PLEASE!!

Many thanks to the people who have responded to our call for information about WW2 personnel. Some interesting stories have come to light, like one soldier who was presented with twelve rabbit traps as a homecoming gift! We really appreciate the community's involvement in building the profiles of these people so their stories can be remembered.

Now we seek information on:

George **Duncombe** (Air Force) and his wife Irene nee **Page** (WRAN Stewardess)  
Norman **McLeod** (Leading Aircraftman)

If you have any photos and /or biographical information on any of the above that you are happy to share, please contact us via email: [dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com) or phone Joyce Gordon on 5574 9236.

### VALE BRIAN LACY

We extend our sincere sympathy to our dear friend Betty Lacy on the passing of her husband Brian. Brian was a foundation Life Member of the museum and was instrumental in recording and documenting artefacts, and the setting up of the museum.

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is scheduled for Monday 23 August commencing at 7.30pm. Due to the shifting Covid situation, we may have to postpone it to another date. Members will be notified when a decision is made.

Needless to say, the Museum is closed when restrictions apply.



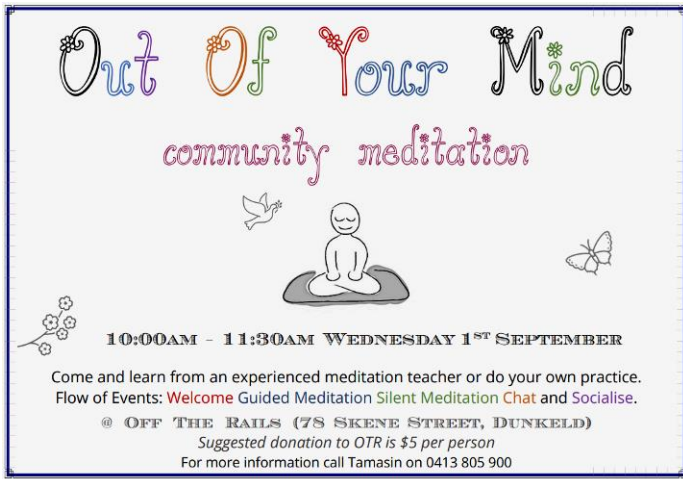
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Just when we were getting used to opening up after Lockdown #5, here we are again in Lockdown!

The Comedy Roadshow is being rescheduled. As you can imagine, there is a lot of work taking place behind the scenes to plan a new date which works across multiple venues. Hats off to Hamilton PAC who had to contact all ticket holders once again. So, we are 'still' looking forward to a full house when the Comedy Roadshow arrives!

Coordinators of the Great Victorian Bike Ride plan to run a community information night at 6.00pm on Thursday 26 August. Covid-permitting, anyone interested is welcome to come along to learn how to get involved and benefit from the planned 3000 riders sleeping overnight in Dunkeld on Friday 3 December 2021. In case dates change, check: <https://www.sterlingplace.com.au/> or our Facebook page for the latest information.

For Great Victorian Bike Ride information, and resources for community groups, schools and businesses, go to: [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au)

We continue to provide the use of the Green Room at no charge to all Dunkeld-based community groups. Get in touch if you would like to book.

We have been supporting the newly re-formed Dunkeld Progress Association which meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. All welcome and membership forms are available from the Sterling Place office and Dunkeld Post Office.

If you have any skills you would like to share, would like to hire the commercial kitchen, rent office space, host an event or if you have ideas for events and activities, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

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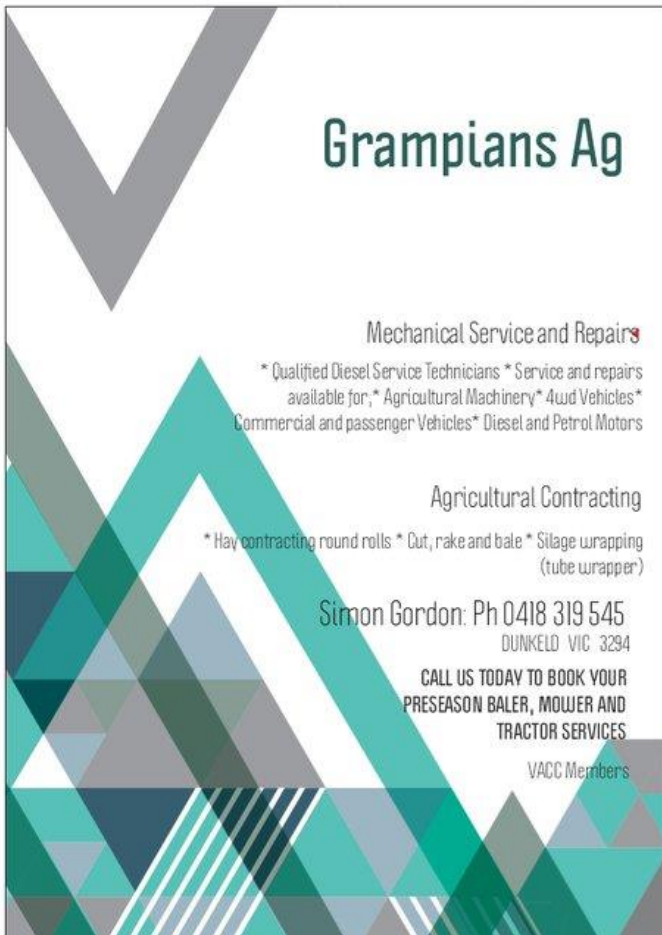
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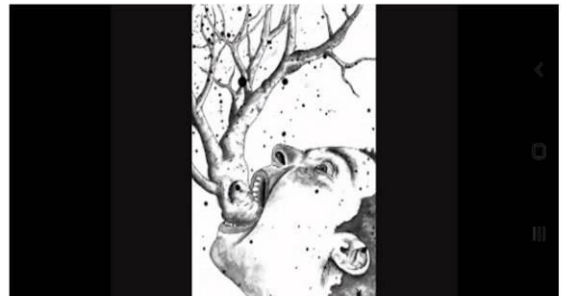
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## RED CROSS NEWS

Our deep and sincere condolences go out to long time member **Betty Lacy**, her son **Adrian** and daughter **Ali** and their families, following the passing of **Brian**. Our love and thoughts are with them at this sad time.

There are still some **plant punnets** for sale at \$2.00 each on an honour system, on Liz Hinchey's front verandah, or you can phone Liz on 5577 2460 (number was wrong in last newsletter.) Thank you, Liz.

If lockdown is over by **23 August**, then the **next meeting** is ON at the **Henry Leech RSL room at 2.00pm**. If we are still in lockdown, then the meeting is OFF! It is difficult for everyone, even a small Red Cross group, **to plan activities!**

*Iris Field  
Secretary*

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## 250 Words from Father David

I am ponderously reading a biography of Gandhi. It's a comprehensive document with lashings of background and context. It transpires that Gandhi was in and out of prison on a regular basis. He made friends with those who kept locked him up and it didn't seem to bother him. Why?

There is a telling little line where Gandhi says that the prison could be his temple. His point was basically this. That an encounter, a conversation with God can happen anywhere if you work hard enough at fostering that ethereal relationship. It can even happen in a prison cell. Fortunately, God is not confined to any particular place and so the possibility of finding him in the most meagre and grungy of circumstances is never hopeless.

It's splendid for us. We have sacred spaces that have been prayed in, loved and where the community comes together. It's easy with the stain glass windows, candles and icons to catapult us into 'that' dimension. We ought to make the most of these privileges and opportunities. Gandhi was not exactly a Sunday Anglican, but his point is still valid. God has taken the initiative and it is now up to us to encounter Him, find Him and most of all enjoy Him. To develop and enhance this relationship no matter where we find ourselves. It's not always easy and it would have been an extraneous exercise in a prison cell in India. It is however, always achievable. It is something precious, to be sought and chased after all our lives.

Conversely we can find ourselves in a 'prison cell'. A fraught marriage, the toxic workplace, in fact anywhere or any situation where we can't see a way out or beyond ourselves. For a gold star you might ponder your 'temple' and / or your 'prison cell'.

Father David Oulton



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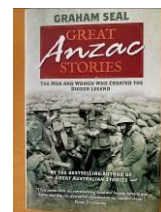
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## DUNKELD BOOKSHOP NEWS August Lockdown 2021

The bookshop is still groaning with new/old stock, and thanks to our local readers many of our previous offerings have gone out. We still have a wonderful collection of military books, botanicals including Stan Kelly's 'Eucalypts', biographies, local histories and crime fiction. As usual, we have selected six books from the shelves. If you fancy any, ring or email and let Marg or me know and we will hold them for you until the doors can open again. Email: rozgreenwood@bigpond.com or phone: 0417 360 362.

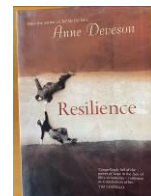
### 1. GREAT ANZAC STORIES compiled by Graham Seal

These are all short pieces of two or three pages, ranging through Anzac Foundations, Heroes of Anzac, The Home Front, Laughter, Legends of Anzac and Memories. It is an ideal lockdown read, which could be browsed through at random. Paperback \$10.00



### 2. RESILIENCE by Anne Deveson

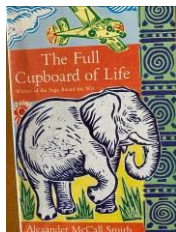
Anne Deveson is well-known in the media and here she takes a philosophical look at how some people cope with adversity. In times like ours, of cascading change and uncertain values, understanding these issues is especially crucial for the futures of our society and our children. Paperback \$10.00



3. **THE FULL CUPBOARD OF LIFE** by Alexander McCall-Smith

A book in the series of The Number One Ladies Detective Agency, all of which represent the author's clever wit and leave his readers with a smile on their faces. Precious Ramotswe is debating whether to get married as she sits at the desk of her Detective Agency. Good fun and very popular.

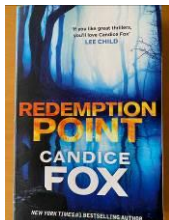
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4. **REDEMPTION POINT** by Candice Fox

A police detective accused of a terrible crime, although vindicated, moves to the Queensland rainforest town of Crimson Lake. There's a young female DI, and one Fox's quirkiest characters, private detective Amanda Pharrell, in a book that is reminiscent of the dark side of the creepy Everglades, all trying to solve a local double murder. Recommended.

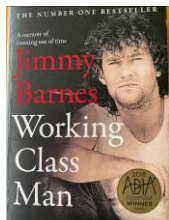
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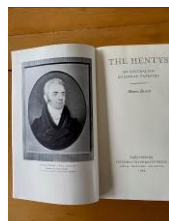
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6. **THE HENTYS** by Marnie Bassett

Subtitled 'An Australian Colonial Tapestry', this is quite a hard book to come by, published by Oxford University Press in 1954, but it should be in any local history collection. The family were pioneers in small, isolated communities, which meant that their lives were interwoven with the events of the day, so there is much well-researched intimate detail relating to a wide area of Western Victoria.

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**The sermon again**

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Not satisfied, he harangued for another twenty minutes and repeated his question.

This time he received a response of about eight percent. Still unsatisfied, he lectured for another fifteen minutes and repeated his question. With all thoughts now on Sunday dinner, all responded except one elderly lady in the rear of the church.

"Mrs Jones, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any."

"Mrs Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety-three."

"Mrs Jones, please come down in front and tell the congregation how a person can live to be ninety-three and not have an enemy in the world."

The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, very slowly turned around and said, "It's easy, I just outlived them."

*Peter Hinchey*



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Acting Principal's Report

What an interesting three weeks I have had in my new role. Needless to say, I am slightly overwhelmed with my screen time, with various online meetings with regional staff and other school leaders, remote learning 5.0, professional learning via Webex, and professional reading aplenty. This was a further reminder of the incredible role Dee has played in the last two years at Dunkeld Consolidated School. In many of my online catchups, people always ask who you are and where you are from and when I say Dunkeld, there is always a comment about our beautiful location, again, a reminder to appreciate our location.

### Principals' Conference

On Tuesday I attended the first day of the Education State Principals' Conference (virtually). I thoroughly enjoyed part one of the conference, listening to Professor John Hattie (University of Melbourne), Kristen Douglas (National Manager Headspace), and Dr David Howes (Deputy Secretary School and Regional Services DET), where we were reminded that during our five lockdowns and remote learning programs – 'learning did not stop'. Furthermore, an awareness of the role schools can play with student emotional health and wellbeing was evidenced and the capacity to develop resilience and self-management amongst our students and wider school community, was highlighted. I look forward to part two of the conference on 3 September 2021.

### Olympics

With our classrooms incorporating the Olympics into their learning, it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm from our students as they watch, discover, and celebrate the amazing achievements of this year's Olympic team. With the Paralympics to follow soon, students will have the opportunity to learn about the challenges and resilience of our Paralympians, and we also will be following Blake Cochrane (Mrs Nicholson's nephew) as he competes in swimming events in his fourth games. With two Gold and two Silver from three Paralympic Games, two world titles, three minor World Championships medals, and four from the Commonwealth Games, Blake is one of the Australian Para-swimming team's most decorated athletes.

### Curriculum

Staff recently attended an online professional development session, outlining the expectations of Respectful Relationships at our school. In 2016 Respectful Relationships education became a core component of the Victorian curriculum. As we are in the early phases of delivering the program, our wellbeing coordinators along with myself, will attend further professional learning on Wednesday 11 August, focusing on a scope and sequence for our school, aligning the curriculum resources with our Health and Physical Education programs, and the Personal and Social Capability curriculum. Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings to promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

### SAKG Program

Our Kitchen Garden Program is up and running again, although no Friends are able to be on-site at this stage. Hopefully, we will hear of some eased restrictions next week, with some changes to our Operational Guidelines - watch this space!

### Thank You

Our new basketball tower has been installed in the undercover area, with many thanks to Andrew Huf, and

volunteers Mark Lazzari and Paul Mibus for completing this job, ensuring our students can continue to play.

Have a wonderful week.

*Angela Field, Acting Principal.*

### HONOUR CERTIFICATES

#### For Wednesday 4 August 2021

**Academic Honour:** Year 6: Drew Hassett, Year 5: Ava Balkin, Year 2: Matilda Pattullo, Prep: James Cochran.

**School Values Honour:** Year 6: Michaela Rappaport, Year 5: Phoebe Lazzari, Year 2: Chloe Skermer, Year 1: Jackson O'Keefe.

### SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

#### PREP AND YEAR 1

Last week on our first day back at school we had the Potato Olympics.

First, we had to make our athlete out of a potato. Here are some:



Secondly, we had to name it, give it an age and a sport that it liked to do. We then invited our buddies in to help us do Potato diving, gymnastics and long distance rolling! It was great fun and we loved it.

#### Paralympics 2020

Prep and Year 1 are celebrating the Paralympics and are wearing an assortment of tops and caps, worn by Blake Cochrane. Blake is a swimmer in the SB7 classification and has successfully represented Australia in three previous Paralympic Games where he won two gold and two silver medals. In 2014 he was awarded an Order of Australia

Medal. Our Prep and Year 1 students are sending emails to Blake.



#### YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3

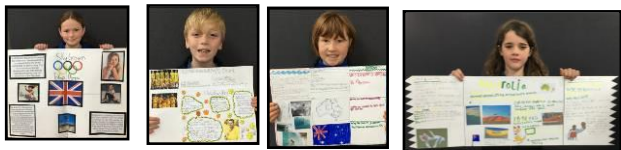
##### Home Learning 5.0 from Year 2/3

We completed many activities during home learning in the Grade 2/3 online classroom. We looked at heat in Science, the Olympics in writing and PE and then in Maths we worked on number skills and division practice.

## YEAR 4 OLYMPIC PROJECTS

### Olympic Projects

The Year 4 to 6 students had an Olympic Theme while Remote Learning. One of their activities was to study an athlete competing at the Tokyo Olympics, the country the athlete is from and the sport they are competing in. These are some of the completed projects.



## PICASSO COW PROGRAM YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PROJECT Piccaninny: The Cow

The Year 5 and 6 Inquiry class were given a fibreglass cow from Dairy Australia. We are doing a program that is called Paddock to Plate. It involves researching information about dairy to put on Piccaninny. Our cow was named Piccaninny and she is a plain white cow, at the moment. We are going to put all of our learning onto her, in a creative way. Dairy Australia will be judging the school cows. The winners will receive a cash prize. We had to choose a name that would suit our cow and represent Dunkeld. *By Libby Herrmann and Mitch Gordon*



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

*Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden*

### Captains ... Kitchen Report:

Last Friday the Year 6 students were cooking up a storm in the kitchen. In cooking we had a competition about who could make the best Lasagne, Garlic Bread and Salad. We were split in to four groups. After a while the room started to smell amazing. When every group had finished, we had a very special guest and that was Mrs Nicholson. She came in to taste all the group's dishes and scored them from 0 – 5. After Mrs Nicholson left, we enjoyed our meal and added up our scores. The two teams that won the gold medals were, the Boomers and the Stingers. Our four teams (Stingers, Matildas, Boomers and Kookaburras) were all rewarded with chocolate. It was one of the most enjoyable cooking lessons we have ever had.

*By Max Graham and Jake Linskens*



### Garden Report:

On Friday 30 July the Year 4/5 class were in the garden creating compost and planting seedlings however the lesson outside was cut short because it started raining. They were planning to build potato towers, but we went inside and made new garden groups instead.

The Year 2/3 class were busy getting garden beds ready to plant raspberries in. They weeded the soil and ploughed it up ready for some plants to fill the space. The Prep/Year 1 students were creating signs to label plants. They used wooden pegs and old ice-cream container lids to write on them with permanent marker and cut a point on the bottom of

them to stick them in the ground. Every class had an awesome time and got heaps of work done.

*By Isabella Jury and Oscar Fanning*

## School Council Update

- The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 August 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in the school staff room.
- Mrs Holly Herrmann has been co-opted to fill a casual parent vacancy on School Council.
- A new basketball ring and tower has been purchased and installed in the school's undercover sports area.
- Policy Sub-Committee and Fundraising Working Party meetings will be held this month.
- Facilities Sub-Committee are exploring options and costs for a possible pick up/drop off area at the school.
- Table drain/road shoulder on Victoria Valley Road (which falls under the Southern Grampians Shire Council's responsibility) will be kept on the Agenda.

## REMINDER

As per the Department of Education and Training's (DET) current Operation Guide; 'non-essential visitors should be excluded from school sites during this period'.

Any visitors must continue to follow COVID-19 procedures, face mask advice and check in using the QR code (for contact tracing) and the Visitors Book (for school purposes) at the office, when entering school grounds.

## 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.

If you require any assistance with the pick-up of your used batteries, please contact Simon Ross on 0408 984 499. Thank you for your support!

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



## 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 2021 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.

**Annual State Conference:** RSL Victoria's 106<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference has been rescheduled for Saturday 11 September 2021 in Melbourne.

**Vale – Mr Henry Victor 'Vic' Lynch:** The President and members of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch mourn the passing of our past member, Mr Vic Lynch. We acknowledge his dedication, generosity and untiring support for the Glenthompson community. The RSL wish to pass on our heartfelt condolences to Heather and extended families.

**RSL Victoria's Winter Appeal:** In July, RSL Victoria announced the 2021 Winter Appeal. This Appeal complements fundraising efforts which are so magnificently anchored by our traditional and long-standing campaigns of the ANZAC Appeal and Poppy Appeal. The ANZAC and Poppy Appeals, outstandingly executed by our Sub-Branch network through the work of our Appeals Officers and volunteers, will always be the foundation of our public fundraising campaigns and it remains our intention to continue to grow these two highly successful campaigns.

On Tuesday 10 August, RSL Victoria proudly launched the RSL Victoria Winter Appeal website - [winterappeal.rslvic.com.au](http://winterappeal.rslvic.com.au)

The Winter Appeal will be activated by a Direct Mail campaign, supported by online donations and is an opportunity for RSL to pursue new fundraising opportunities and introduce the work of the RSL to different audiences through different channels.

**Support for ADF Fire Fighters:** As part of the 2021-22 Budget, the Government allocated \$6 million in support of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel who participated in fire training at Royal Australia Air Force Base Point Cook Fire Training School between 1 January 1957 and 31 December 1986.

These personnel were potentially exposed to a range of toxic chemicals at a time when personal protective equipment standards were lower than today.

The ADF Firefighter Scheme is scheduled to begin on 20 September 2021. For anyone requiring information on this, please refer to the ADF Firefighters Scheme page of the DVA website.

**Australian Women's Army Service:** The Australian Women's Army Service celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday 13 August 2021.

*The Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) was a non-medical women's service established in Australia during the Second World War. Raised on 13 August 1941 to "release men from certain military duties for employment in fighting units" the service grew to over 20,000-strong and provided personnel to fill various roles including administration, driving, catering, signals and intelligence. Following the end of the Second World War, the service was demobilised and ceased to exist by 1947. It later provided a cadre of experienced personnel to the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps when it was established in 1951.*

<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian\\_Women%27s\\_Army\\_Service](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Women%27s_Army_Service)

## Garden Notes – August

By now your fruit tree pruning should be nearing completion and a winter oil spray applied to apple and pear trees, this helps to control woolly aphids (also known as American Blight), also various mites and scales.



Stone fruits (peach, apricot and nectarine) should be sprayed with copper fungicide at pink bud stage (i.e. when the flower buds are pink but before the flower actually opens), the timing is very important and a few days too early or too late will significantly reduce the effectiveness of the spray to control various fungus diseases such as curly leaf, brown rot, shot hole, scab and freckle. Apples and pears should also receive the copper fungicide at pink bud stage, but this will occur three to four weeks later than for stone fruit. Lime sulphur applied to your apples and pears when approximately ten percent of the blossom is open will help to control black spot. Make sure you carefully follow directions on the spray container (especially safety directions) and that your spray equipment is well washed out after use and that empty spray containers are disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

Late plantings of roses and fruit trees can still be made until the end of August.

August is a good time to begin preparing for the spring vegetable garden. Choose an open, sunny position sheltered from strong winds. Remove excess weed or grass growth by mowing or slashing. Compost or well matured animal manure can be mixed into your soil to improve depth, structure, and fertility. However, avoid the use of manure for root crops (e.g. carrots, parsnips and onions) as you may get excessive top growth and little or no root growth. Also, it is unwise to use too much manure on legume crops (e.g. beans and peas) as they can be stunted and unproductive. Heavy clay soils can benefit by the use of gypsum, garden lime or dolomite.

If possible, run your vegetable rows in a north-south direction to make maximum use of sunlight. August plantings include peas, broad beans, onions, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, potatoes, also celery, carrots, parsnips, lettuce, beetroot and silver beet.

Happy gardening!  
Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

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## Wild Wintry Weather

By Marion Colton

It was a day of gusting winds, mostly grey skies, alleviated by slices of blue and white, or a peeping wan sun. Misting rains transformed the mountains with silvery grey cloaks, sometimes hugging them tightly, sometimes shrugging them off.

I set off to walk along Fyan's Creek in Halls Gap, starting behind Brambuk, the still closed, indigenous cultural centre, to its junction with the Stawell – Halls Gap Road, near Delley's Bridge.

What a change from the last time I was here! The saturated, greener than green grass and herbs was littered with discarded limbs, fallen trees and ribbons of bark, plus piles of young leafy branchlets, often bearing buds. It was the season for these majestic Manna Gums to shed their bark in copious quantities, revealing their new upper skin. It could still be seen hanging in strips or peeling off over branches and piling up on the ground beneath. Yet what wild winds must have torn through the areas adding to the debris. Not only winds, but copious rain. The beautiful, tranquil lagoon, that I have often sat beside, had increased its size dramatically and today no ducks were in sight.

For those who haven't walked this track, Fyan's Creek has carved deeply into the surrounding terrain. It is almost fiord-like the way many of its banks have been sculptured by the elements. During my walk I discovered many places where these steep descents today showed the muddy footprints of kangaroos, emus and wallabies, wishing to quench their thirst or cross the creek. Today, its waters were swirling rapidly along, sometimes topped with white foam. I left the track in one area, depositing my pack on a large, bleached trunk at the base of a huge, living eucalypt on the edge of a curving bank edging a grassed open area. Before sitting to enjoy the tranquillity and a snack, I followed the rim of the bank, which created a spatula shape. Here I found a deeply eroded gully and the imprint of a multitude of kangaroos' feet in the rich, black, wet earth leading down the gully and into the creek. They snaked past a huge pile of dead *Acacia mearnsii* branches which had been snapped off in the wild weather from a very tall tree actually growing in the gully.

I returned to the fallen trunk and sat down, gazing at the scene before me. The steep bank scalloped into the open, grassy area until it disappeared into trees and saplings stretching to the path. I became aware of a movement and an emu materialised at the edge of the bank. It hesitated as it entered my consciousness and vice versa, then slowly turned and disappeared. After a while my curiosity led me to the place of its disappearance. A mossy, narrow dirt gully led down to another sizeable grassy terrace at the edge of the creek and its large footprints designated its path downwards. While intrigued by the terrain and emu, I became aware of movements not far away. Looking around, I saw a pair of quite large Grey Kangaroos nibbling the grass in front of the trees. It was obviously a popular area for creatures.

Returning to my seat on the trunk, I sat quietly absorbing the surroundings and the pure, peaceful energy. A pair of tiny birds came hopping up the branches of a dead *Acacia mearnsii*, which was sprawled down the bank. Sprightly, they hopped around the grass, obviously finding plenty of morsels to eat ... maybe Red-browed, or Red-rumped Finches, but I could not see them clearly. They returned to the sprawling tree and disappeared out of sight ... High above me the slender forms of three parrots flew from the canopy behind me to that in front. A little later, a tardy member decided to alight on the tip of a dead, slivered, standing trunk, making a perfect silhouette against the sky. It half-heartedly fossicked in the dead timber, then flew off to join the others.

This is a beautiful month to walk this track for all the *Thryptomene* is blooming. Its shrubs border both sides of the track in masses of white blossoms. It seems to enjoy this area. Each shrub has a multitude of short racemes of tiny white flowers, some with deep red centres, others, maybe younger ones, with pale lime centres with dotted miniature circles of five paired red stamens. Their smaller buds are tinged with pink. Their small, aromatic, oblanceolate leaves alternate along the branchlets. This lovely shrub is endemic to the Grampians, known commonly as *Grampians Thryptomene*; botanically known as *Thryptomene calycina*.

Whilst admiring the *Thryptomene*, I couldn't fail to notice all the branches and branchlets of fresh green leaves lying on and between the shrubs and bracken lining the path. The winds must have been phenomenal and the Port Jackson Pines, *Callitris rhomboidei*, seemed to have been some of the main victims of their fury. Many of the ripped branchlets bore clusters of tiny, fawn male flowers, whilst others bore clusters of immature female fruits, deep reddish-brown with pointed scales. The profusion of standing trees looked very attractive with their bluish-green feathery leaves and thousands of tiny fawn flowers disseminating their pollen onto the female cones. What a fascinating natural world surrounds us!

Occasionally the greens and greys were broken by the bright lemon-yellow pom poms of a small-shrubbed Wattle. Its flowers grew in pairs and were attached by long peduncles at regular intervals along the branch. They emerged from the axils of single, alternate, slender leaves, about 4.5 to 5.0 centimetres long, with rounded tips and narrowing at the base. Their surfaces looked shiny which indicated that it could have been Varnish Wattle, *Acacia verniciflua*.

Another attractive Wattle, seen once only along this track was more prostrate with very pale, creamy, single peduncled blossoms emerging occasionally from its branches. Its tiny leaves were very distinctive, a deep, blue-green and shaped like a plough share with a pungent tip; hence the common name, Ploughshare Wattle, *Acacia gunnii*.

I passed many stands of *Dodonaea cuneata*, not yet flowering or dangling its attractive seed pods. Sometimes the lovely Rock Fern, *Cheilanthes tenuifolia*, grew at its base or at the base of rocks and stones.

I became more and more amazed at the force and frenzy of the storms that must have swept through this area. As I progressed along the furthest part of the track, it became more and more like an obstacle course, which was actually quite fun. First, a massive eucalypt had fallen right across the track totally blocking any access with its huge trunk. What to do? I scrambled up the far slope until I reached the base of the uprooted tree, only to find a large *Callitris rhomboidea* had been struck down beside it. Fortunately, I managed to find a space between them and carefully descended to the track once more.

A few metres later, a maze of tangled branches from the canopy of another large tree stopped my progress. A glance up the slope showed me it wasn't viable as it was covered



with even more debris, trunks and branches scattered in all directions. Carefully I parted the upper branches and, supported by those underneath, made my way through the labyrinth. It felt a bit like the search for the Holy Grail, going through the thorny hedge, but luckily there were no thorns! ...Onwards. Yet another large tree strewn over the track. This time I managed to gingerly edge my way around the perimeter, making sure I had firm contact with the earth and strong branches.

What a chaotic scene! The elements must have been really furious. Out of chaos comes order. My heart went out to those people who continually clear the tracks for others to walk on. There was an enormous amount of work to do and this was only one small track.

Bits and pieces of branches and trunks continued as I reached the huge rocky outcrops towards the end of the track. I always love these rocks: their massive bulk, their curves and colours, the lichens, mosses and plants that clothed them or grew in crevices, and today, rivulets and seepages of water draining down their surfaces, reflecting the light. I stopped to gaze at the huge boulder balancing on the rocky skyline, almost daring a person to be bold enough to walk past below.

And so, the track ended, or began, whichever way a person was facing. It was a very different experience from previous occasions, but it was refreshing, fun and most enjoyable.

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