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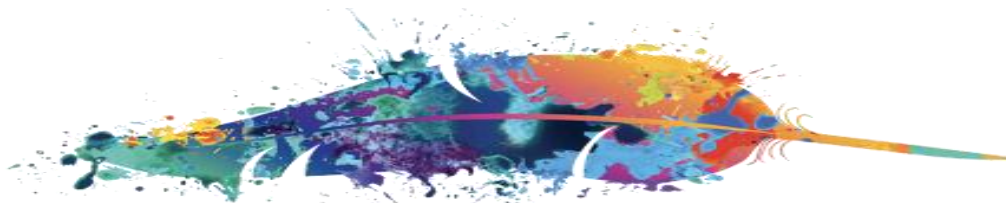
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Dunkeld Writers Festival

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Tickets are now on sale for the 4th annual festival, Friday 29 to Sunday 31 August. This year's event will build on the success of previous years and will feature some of Australia's well-known authors and writers.

Amongst the many DWF highlights will be Tracey Holmes, a pioneering, passionate sports journalist, commentator and author, in conversation with renowned ABC journalist and presenter, Warwick Hadfield. Tracey will share her insights and experiences with Warwick, whilst taking the audience on a journey through her newly released book 'The Eye of the Dragonfly: A Life Seeing the World Through Sport'. Join us for this celebration of a most significant life in sports journalism.

We are also delighted to announce that Adam Liaw, star of the SBS The Cook Up series, winner of the second Master Chef series and author of a number of cookbooks, will be a panellist on the session 'The Physiology of Food: Can Gastronomy be Art?' on Saturday 30 August from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Chaired by the fabulous Marieke Hardy, this session with Ben Shewry, author of 'Uses of An Obsession: A Chef's Memoir, Executive Chef and Principal of Attica, and Adam will explore the links between human creativity and our connection to food.

The Saturday Afternoon Pass and single session tickets are now on sale on the website – www.dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au

Unfortunately due to health reasons, Helen Garner is not able to attend the Festival. We wish her the best and hope to see her next year.

A big thank you to our sponsors: Royal Mail Hotel, Southern Grampians Shire Council, State Library Victoria VIRC and Izzy's Group.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Festival.

Mary-Ann Brown, Chair

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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 17 August	ANGLICAN 5.00pm at SAINT MARY'S
Sunday 24 August	UNITING 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre
Sunday 7 September	ANGLICAN 5.00pm at SAINT MARY'S

Jannie Ryan
Janet Shalders HC
Father David Oulton

Enquiries to Heather Macgugan – phone: 0400 952 716.

ALL WELCOME.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrayure

8189 Glenelg Highway

CHURCH TIMES

Sunday 24 August	10.30am
Sunday 31 August	9.00am
Sunday 7 September	10.30am

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

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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

Sun 24 August Joyce Gordon and Makayla McCabe
Sun 31 August Heather Funk and Di Duckmanton

The Museum has been fortunate to have received a donation from Betty Lacy of photographs taken in the Grampians. Her donation also included promotion material pertaining to Dunkeld in Scotland.

Our small Committee are presently scouting out for more volunteers to come and be involved with the management of the museum, even putting their hand up to become an Office Bearer or Committee member at our upcoming AGM on Sunday 21 September.

We thank all our volunteers for helping at the Museum.

A BIT OF TRIVIA: Rabbit Drives of the 1950's-1960's

THE HUMBLE BUNNY- A CAREER FOR SOME, LIFESAVER FOR OTHERS

Rabbiting was a career, a lifesaver and a hobby for many country people from the 1860s to the 1950s. Sid Riddle of Dunkeld, caught his first rabbit when he was four, and was smacked for his effort! But like his father, Bert Riddle, who caught rabbits on Devon Park, Sid made rabbiting his life work.

Wild rabbits were introduced to the Australian mainland in 1859 when James Austin sent 24 rabbits from Glastonbury in Somerset to his brother Thomas Austin of Barwon Park, near Winchelsea.

It seemed harmless enough - a nice gesture to help his faraway brother feel more at home, unfortunately he did not realise that the environment was quite different and the 24 would quickly become 240 then thousands and millions.

As soon as he realised what he had done, 'Bunny' Austin spent thousands of pounds to try to stop the plague. Other squatters cursed him and joined the battle, John Robertson of Wando Vale spent \$60,000 in his efforts. They spread into western Victoria in the early 1860s, the Riverina and western New South Wales by the 1870s, Queensland by the 1880s and they were at the West Australian border in 1894.

Wild rabbits in plague proportions had a disastrous effect on the country. They competed with sheep and cattle for grass and the carrying capacity of properties was often reduced by 50 percent or more. They destroyed vegetation and started erosion. The effects were particularly drastic in the drier areas.

The first attempts at reducing numbers, was made by the station owners employing men to trap the rabbits- some stations had up to 100 trappers in the 1870s. Then 'battues' were tried, where temporary yards were built and the rabbits were driven into the yards, down a race and were clubbed to death, the carcasses given to the pigs and the skins sold for coats, rugs and felt making, particularly for hats.

Bacteriological warfare was tried in the 1880s. Louis Pasteur sent two of his assistants to Sydney to try inoculating rabbits with a chicken cholera bacillus. The experiment was stopped when it was found that chickens were dying at the same rate as rabbits. Other desperate graziers tried breeding especially

ferocious rabbit-killing cats. Their attacks on native animals and lambs dampened their enthusiasm for that idea. Poisoning with phosphorised grain, arsenic or strychnine killed rabbits, but that also saw terrible devastation of wildlife.

Many selector's families would have had very little protein in their diets if it had not been for the rabbit, and the sale of their pelts brought some cash into the battlers' pockets, even though the prices paid by the skin merchants were particularly low. Some of the rabbiters could see the advantage of not taking all of the young rabbits from a warren if they wanted an ongoing job. And there were times when the small grazier had a rabbit cheque bigger than his wool cheque.

Sid Riddle worked as a trapper on Sazli station, Dunkeld for 26 years. He would start his year after Australia Day, help with some crutching or shearing then get into rabbiting when the weather was a little cooler - and the pelts were thickening up. He had about 60 traps and his own dogs and a cart was supplied. He would set the traps in the afternoon as he was taught by his father, and next morning go around the traps and skin and clean the catch. The carcasses were hung in a tree and were collected each day by an itinerant buyer who paid about 10 cents per rabbit. The pelts were worth more later in the season as the fur thickened and prices went up according to fashion and need.

Slouch hats for soldiers and felt hats for men meant a big demand in the 1940s. Sid spent the late spring away shearing. Rabbits bred up to staggering numbers during the Second World War when there was not the manpower to control them. In 1948 for instance, Sid recorded his sale of 38,000 skins from Sazli. The skins were sold to Athol 'Fish' Downes of Dunkeld, who sent them by rail to Melbourne.

Rabbit 'drives' were organised around Dunkeld and profits were given to Red Cross and other charities. Dozens of volunteers turned up, including boarders from Hamilton College, and they drove the rabbits into netting yards similar to the *battues* of the 1870s, where they were killed. Stories of rabbit drives and the lives of the rabbiters were told by Artie and Sid Riddle, Jack McPhee, Doug Fry and others who were involved, or whose family was involved in the business before the introduction of myxomatosis. Keith Crawford has a unique film of a drive at Karabeal.

Compiled by Elise Clabburn, founding member of the Dunkeld & District Historical Museum

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:

RAIWAIR HOTEL STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA www.dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au

Landcare News

Grampians Ark Fox Control Program (private land component) - A reminder to all residents, landowners and visitors that our first 2025 pulse finished on Monday 30 June 2025. This was a vital time to participate, as the bush has been burnt, leaving small birds, animals etc as sitting ducks for foxes. So, we thank all those people who were able to participate - they are playing a massive role in helping with the survival of our native animals. Participating properties will have notices attached to gateways. If you would like to join in with the next pulse, or just find out more information, please get in touch. We also have fox and smaller cages to be loaned out, as an alternative to laying baits. If you'd like to try one, please get in touch.

Our next pulse starts on Monday 22 September 2025.

(If you would like to participate in this pulse, please get in touch with me now).

We gratefully thank Parks Vic for their funding and all-round support of this program – it's truly a great example of neighbours working together.

Planting Day at Walker's Swamp - Have you always wondered what was happening out at Walker's Swamp? Well - we're having a planting day out there soon, and it will be a great way to find out!

We have 600 plants to put in – and the good news is - as we are planting behind a tall grazing proof fence – we don't have to guard them. The plants were grown at Nature Glenelg Trust's Mount Gambier nursery – and also from the Friends of the Forgotten Woodlands (Bill Weatherly's nursery).

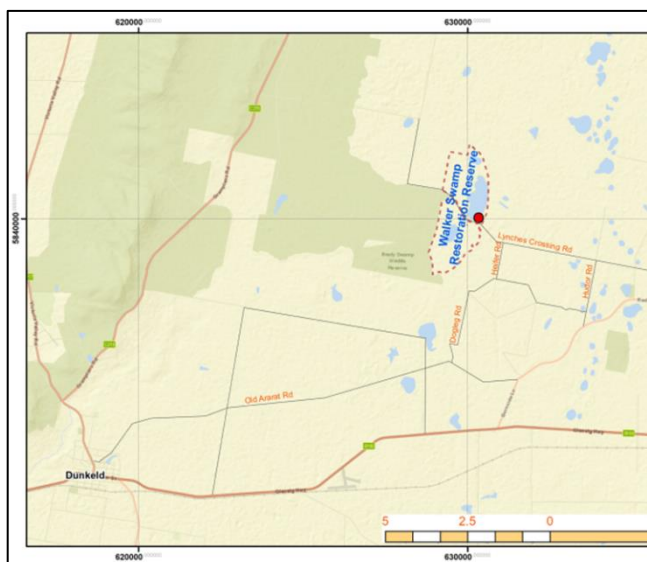
It definitely won't be hard work at all - more enjoyable – and a wonderful chance to see what's going on out there (including (hopefully!) brolgas which have been wandering around - always a great sight!).

We'll provide you with a BBQ lunch, so please RSVP with any dietary requirements. Please bring appropriate clothes (and hat, gloves etc) for wandering through long (and hopefully damp!) grass, drinks and snacks to keep you going.

When: Saturday 23 August 2025

Time: From 9.00am

Where: Please refer to the map - we will meet at gate 6 – follow Lynches Crossing Road west, past the Bird Tower (approx. 1.3km) – and you will see our cars on the right. Please call or email if you'd like more information, and to RSVP.



Rabbits and Weeds: Have you noticed infestations along your roadsides? If so, please get in touch, as we're working closely with the southern Grampians Shire to help control rabbits and weeds.

If you'd like to be added to the Landcare Newsletter list (the newsletter has a few more bits of info, grants available etc in it) or connect with your nearest Landcare group – then please let me know.

Lisa McIntyre

Landcare Facilitator for Panyyabyr, Mirranatwa, Bunnugal, Glenthompson, Mooralla, Bulart and Muston's Catchment Landcare Groups; Partnership and Community Coordinator (Southern Grampians), Nature Glenelg Trust
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Meeting dates for 2025

Monday 6 October 2025

Monday 1 December 2025 (includes the Annual General Meeting)

300 Words

Jane Austin Ruined My Life

Recently Jeanine and I went to see a very light movie called 'Jane Austin ruined my life'. In fact, the story line is so thin it was almost transparent.

A young woman must choose between two possible suitors. Like that's never happened before. Hmmph! A good friend who has always been there and the dashing rebel, impossibly good-looking guy, she meets on a writer's retreat. Within all the froth and turmoil of this love triangle there are some provoking lines and important lessons to be (re) learned.

Towards the end the young lady reflects that she is quick to blame others for her own lack of a happy ending when ultimately this is up to our own very selves, the person in the mirror.

That in today's world of the 'quick click on the computer' we look for the instant relationship/partnership. Someone who will fix everything instantly from a leaky tap to a broken heart. Over the years we learn the most excellent of bonds are painfully constructed over a lifetime and the people who we enjoy most are also those who stretch us and challenge us to be the very best we can be. And while I squirm, this is what I see every time I look at the squashed guy on the cross. But I'll let the gifted Beth Pattillo (script writer) have the last word.

“I could blame my lack of a happy ending on Edward all day long but the truth was that my own dissatisfaction with my life wasn't anybody's fault but mine. I'd been looking for a man to sweep me off my feet when I should have been looking for one who was willing to pick up the pieces. Not some fictional hero, but a real flesh-and-blood man. Someone who would love me for the long haul.”

“Broken-heartedness is the beginning of all real reception”. Jack Hirschman

Jack's line seems rather brutal and not one of the most uplifting phrases that have ever been written. When we have our hearts broken, as we all have and as we all do, we have a choice. We could barricade ourselves securely behind the concrete pylons of bitterness, revenge and retribution. This will effectively keep any potential and possibilities of close relationship and intimacy safely away in another ‘country’, a different dimension. This ensures that the same gut wrenching of hurt can never envelop us again. Or... we could, if we are very brave and over a long period of time with lots of bumps, bruises and relapses, use the experience to refine our gifts of compassion, understanding and empathy.

In a world that seems to have fiercely set up its cement and barbed wire borders, we need folk that can empathise and understand. Those who, when they hear us howl, can say to themselves... ‘Ah yes, I remember this bit. I know what this felt like. I would really have appreciated someone just to sit with me and maybe just quietly pass me yet another box of tissues.’

We need people who will wisely, graciously and with great tenderness receive us when we are at our lowest.

Jack's words are a call to all of us to transfigure that revolting experience which is our most ickiest, into the most welcoming and sought after ministry.

The really good news is that you don't need to have a clerical collar to do this. Some of the most scrumptious acts of caring I have ever had the privilege of receiving have been from people that are exactly like you dear reader and you have left me inspired and always wanting more.

Father David Oulton
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Email: drouton72@gmail.com

OFF THE RAILS DUNKELD

OFF THE RAILS DUNKELD COMING UP

**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



Garden Notes – August

By now, your fruit tree pruning should be well along the way to completion and a winter oil spray applied to apple and pear trees, this will help to control woolly aphids (also known as American Blight) as well 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 showing pink but before the flower actually opens, usually about the third or fourth week of August).

Timing is very important as a few days too early or too late will significantly reduce the effectiveness of the spray to control fungus diseases such as curly leaf, shot hole, scab and freckle. Follow up applications of other fungicides such as Mancozeb or Zineb every three – four weeks will complete the disease control program.

Apples and Pears should also receive the copper fungicide at pink bud stage, but this will occur three - four weeks later than for stone fruits. Lime Sulphur applied when about 10% of your apple and pear blossom is open will also help.

The first spray for codling moth control is applied at full bloom when Spinetoram (available under several brand names) should be used and repeated every four weeks until harvest. Make sure to carefully follow directions on the spray containers, to wear any required protective gear and to wash out your sprayer immediately after use and to dispose of empty chemical containers in an environmentally safe way.

Lime Sulphur applied to your roses when new shoots are about 10mm long will help to prevent black spot and other diseases later in the year.

Main vegetable plantings for August include peas, broad beans, cabbage, late cauliflower, onion, potatoes, silver beet also early carrots, beetroot, parsnip and lettuce.

August is a good time to begin preparation for the spring vegetable garden. Choose an open sunny well drained position with shelter from strong winds. Remove weed and grass growth by mowing or slashing. If you have a heavy clay type soil, garden lime or gypsum will help to loosen it up as will well matured compost.

Early plantings in the spring and summer flower garden can now be made. Roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals should be planted not later than the end of August for best results.

Happy gardening!

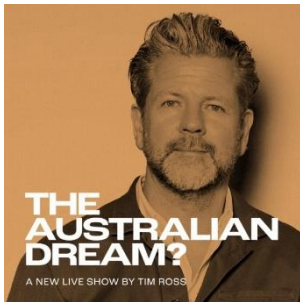
Stephen Hugan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

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](#)



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 a unique chance for our community to see a show designed for large crowds in a local environment.

PROBLEM TREES TO BE REMOVED

Four plane trees, two in the Hamilton CBD and two in Coleraine, will be removed in the coming weeks following detailed arborists investigations.

The four problematic street trees, at 99 Thompson Street and 70 Brown Street in Hamilton and two in Whyte Street Coleraine, were recently subject to non-destructive root investigations using hydro excavation techniques. This process exposed the root systems beneath footpath and kerb and channel, revealing significant structural root mass and complex root entanglements.

The arborist found the tree at 99 Thompson Street presents a particularly large and intertwined root system. Any attempt to reinstate surrounding infrastructure would require extensive root severance, compromising the tree's health and stability, and posing serious risk to nearby buildings and pedestrians. Similar conditions were found at 70 Brown Street and the two trees in Whyte Street, Coleraine, where root growth has significantly impacted surrounding infrastructure. In Coleraine, concerns raised by the Coleraine Community Development Association and local businesses have highlighted safety and accessibility issues with these particular trees, prompting further investigation and consultation.

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Dennis Heslin said that the time has come to make a decision on these problematic trees.

"The kerb and channel at these locations has had to be replaced on multiple occasions already and every time we do this work, it costs ratepayers a significant amount.

"While the arborist report recommends root management and infrastructure redesign once again, to meet the Infrastructure Design Manual standards which we have to comply with, substantial root pruning must occur, which will critically undermine the structural integrity of the tree.

"If we were to redesign the kerb and channel around the tree root zone, we would significantly impact the traffic flow in major thoroughfares in our CBD.

"For these reasons, Council has made the call to remove these trees. This decision ensures the safety of our community and allows for the reinstatement of compliant stormwater, footpath, and road infrastructure," Cr Heslin said.

Tree removal works will occur over the coming weeks and will be done with minimal disruption to trading and traffic.

Council remains committed to balancing urban greening with infrastructure safety and functionality. As per the Council resolution at the April 2025 meeting, the architects for the Hamilton CBD revitalisation project are currently preparing design options that include the

retention of all but the most problematic plane trees in Gray Street. These designs will be presented to a future Council meeting. Alongside these designs, Council has also requested a strategy for the removal of the most problematic trees only and suggested replacement species for consideration. A Project Advisory Group, made up of community and business representatives, is being established to guide Council and provide feedback throughout this phase of the CBD revitalisation project.

Council welcomes people to head to Thompson and Brown Streets to view the trees before their removal, to gain a more fulsome understanding of the root systems of the plane trees.

"These trees still currently have their root systems exposed. I invite any interested community members to visit these trees over the next week and view just how complex the root systems are and how they are impacting on the infrastructure around them.

"I hope those that do will be able to better understand why we've had to come to this decision", concluded Cr Heslin.

The arborist report is available to view on Council's website at Public Documents Southern Grampians Shire Council.

COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Southern Grampians Shire Council resolved to adopt the Road Management Plan (RMP) 2025-2029 at the August ordinary Council meeting.

Every four years, Council is required under the Road Management Act 2004 to review its RMP – the blueprint for how it inspects, maintains and prioritises local roads and footpaths. The Plan outlines Council's approach to road inspections, maintenance response times, intervention thresholds, and asset management practices to ensure a safe, affordable, and sustainable local road network.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the plan has been developed following a review of the RMP 2021-2025 and community engagement.

"Three targeted engagement sessions were held in bushfire affected communities along with three community drop-in sessions held in Hamilton, Coleraine and Dunkeld and an online consultation portal was available for feedback," Cr Heslin said.

The key themes captured through the community engagement include:

- Road Maintenance - grading schedules, vegetation, drainage and other defects.
- Administration - understanding road ownership (Council or State) and how to report issues.
- Funding - budget priorities and potential funding sources.
- Application of the RMP - construction standards, fire access, heavy vehicle use and intervention times.

Some of the key changes in the new RMP plan include the Road and Footpath Hierarchy – ensuring categorisation better reflects community needs and usage.

Road and footpath inspection frequencies and intervention levels have been adjusted for more

consistency with risk and use, and better clarification and understanding of council's responsibilities within the road reserve.

"Thank you to everyone who came along to our sessions, asked questions, shared ideas and challenged us to think differently. Your feedback has helped us fine-tune the plan, so it works for our communities now and into the future," Cr Heslin concluded.

The Road Management Plan 2025-2029 is now available to view on the Council's website.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY REFLECTS CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

The results of the 2025 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey are in, offering a snapshot of Council's performance over the past year and providing valuable insights into community perceptions of Southern Grampians Shire Council's services.

Conducted independently by JWS Research on behalf of the Victorian Government, the annual survey captures the views of residents across key areas. As part of their methodology, JWS interview 400 people to gather the necessary data. This year, around 2100 people in the Shire were contacted in order to complete the required 400 interviews.

This year's results reflect a stable performance overall, with some notable advancements and identified areas for future improvement.

Council marked the biggest improvement in overall direction, up six points from 2024. Other areas showing modest improvements included consultation and engagement up three points from last year, sealed local roads up three points, value for money up two points and community decisions up one point from 2024. Remaining unchanged from the 2024 scores were waste management 59 and overall performance 44, with the only declining score being customer service dropping two points to 58.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said while it was pleasing to see most results steadily improving from previous years lows, Council acknowledges there is a long way to go to increase the scores to the State-wide averages.

"This has been a very big year for Council which has given us all some very distinct highs and lows with bushfires, droughts and the completion and progression of large milestone projects," said Cr Heslin.

"Given the challenges faced within our community, the fact that the overall performance ratings have held steady with Council direction moving upwards is encouraging. Council have worked hard to be transparent and more accessible to the community we represent which is a desire we've heard loud and clear from residents."

"What's most clear to us from the survey, is that significant work is required for us to meet the expectations and hopes of our community," said Cr Heslin. "We're not shying away from the fact that we have a long way to go before we see the results we want to see, with the Southern Grampians near the State-wide average and above the Large Rural average. However, we can take from the responses that we are on the right path and moving in the right direction.

A number of measures have been implemented over the last 12 months to improve customer service, transparency, service levels and communication. A new customer service charter outlines response timeframes and expectations for the community, and condition assessments across roads, footpaths, buildings, and playgrounds are guiding long term capital works and maintenance. Following a period of community engagement, the updated Road Management Plan sets clearer service and intervention levels. From September, Council will offer waste collection to previously unserved properties and has strengthened project communications. A new business facilitation officer is also on hand to help local businesses navigate permit processes and get up and running sooner.

"We want the community to know that we are committed to doing more to see better satisfaction ratings for our residents to ensure that the Southern Grampians remains a highly desirable place to live, work and visit," concluded Cr Heslin.

Council noted the survey results at last night's ordinary Council meeting and will continue to use the feedback to inform future planning and service delivery. Results are available via the Council website.

COUNCIL RELEASES COUNCIL PLAN FOR COMMUNITY EXHIBITION

Southern Grampians Shire Council is calling for feedback on the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 following last night's ordinary Council meeting. The 2025-2029 Council Plan, which will serve as Council's key guiding document to shape priorities, services and investment across the Shire, was developed through extensive community engagement with Southern Grampians Shire residents.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the Council plan establishes Council's objectives for the next four years and will have a major role in guiding Council's Budgets and other activities.

"Council has undertaken widespread engagement to refresh the Community Vision and prepare a new Council Plan," Cr Heslin said.

"There was a fantastic response from the community. Over 600 residents came to ten township engagement sessions or visited our Hamilton CBD shopfront throughout February and March and another 90 filled in an online survey," said Cr Heslin.

"Young people, businesses, and townships have helped to set a clear direction for the future of the region by highlighting the areas that residents see are the most important to maintaining and improving the Southern Grampians."

For the first time, the Council Plan brings together four important frameworks, the Community Vision, the Council Plan, the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, and the Disability Action Plan, into one unified strategy to better achieve positive community outcomes. The key pillars for focus include Social and Community; Business, Economy and Tourism; Community Infrastructure and Assets; Environment; and Leadership and Government. Across each of these pillars, Council has embedded strategic objectives, guided by feedback from the community, as well as indicators which will help us measure progress across the four years of the plan.

"The community have told us they're eager to see focus on issues such as roads, staying active and connected, tourism, youth, business and population growth, as well as communication and engagement. The Community Vision has been reviewed to reflect these sentiments, while the Council Plan also includes strategies in these areas."

Cr Heslin encouraged the community to read the plan and have their say.

"We've done the consultation, reviewed the input received and now we want to make sure we have heard you properly. Have we missed anything? Is there anything you feel strongly about that hasn't been included? Let us know," concluded Cr Heslin.

The document can be viewed and feedback provided on the Council website in the 'engage with us' section, at the Council customer services desk in Brown Street Hamilton, at The Hamilton Library and at the Market Place customer services desk. **The document will be open for feedback until 27 August 2025.**

HAMILTON CBD ADVISORY GROUP ADDS LOCAL VOICES TO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Southern Grampians Shire Council has resolved on the appointment of eight community members to the newly established CBD Streetscape Project Advisory Group at last night's ordinary Council meeting.

The CBD Revitalisation Project Advisory Group has been established following significant community interest in the project. The group, made up of local businesspeople and community members, will ensure local voices and perspectives are represented in the decision-making process on this issue, and others, throughout the design phase of this very important project.

The group will be chaired by Councillor Afton Barber, who said Council was pleased with the strong response to the Expression of Interest process.

"The calibre of applicants received for the CBD Advisory group was outstanding, and we thank all those who took the time to express their interest in contributing to the project," said Cr Barber.

"We had 14 people put their hands up to be involved in the group, which was really pleasing and meant we had to conduct an interview process to determine which community members to appoint to the advisory group.

"Those who have been appointed have come from varied backgrounds and experience in community, business and governance and provide a really diverse and strong representation of the Southern Grampians community."

The appointed members are:

- Justin Slade
- Keven Quinn
- Elizabeth Hurley
- Carly Behncke
- Sarah Hope
- Colin Dunkley
- Coralie Coulson
- Paul McCallum

"While there were a number of technically skilled and knowledgeable applicants, the role of the advisory group is not to provide technical expertise to the project but to offer advice and guidance on community and business

engagement, project implementation, timing and communications. We feel we have a great mix of experience and perspectives within the group to enable a balanced representation and above all, a willingness to work together to create a positive outcome for the Southern Grampians community."

"The advisory group will go beyond a single issue of the trees and will provide a community voice and perspective for the CBD Revitalisation project, acting as a vital bridge between Council and residents. This project has a very wide scope, and we want this group to give us a community perspective on everything from parking bays to footpaths to outdoor furniture," concluded Cr Barber.

The newly appointed CBD Revitalisation group will meet over the coming weeks. To view the Hamilton CBD Streetscape project, please visit our website. To keep up to date on this project and all Council news, consider signing up to our monthly newsletter.

SPRING BRINGS BACK WEEKLY FOGO COLLECTION

Southern Grampians Shire Council's Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside service returns to a weekly collection for residents once again this Spring. From 1 September residents can enjoy the return of weekly FOGO collection - just in time for all that extra mowing, pruning, and tidying that comes with the season. Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said Council knows how much residents value this service in Spring.

"This is one of those services our community really looks forward to each year," said Cr Heslin. "Spring is the busiest time for our gardens, and we know this service helps residents keep their properties looking fantastic, while also making a positive difference for the environment."

The FOGO service is an easy and sustainable way to turn food scraps and garden waste into nutrient-rich compost, instead of sending it to landfill.

"Council has been committed to promoting our sustainable solutions to reduce waste in landfill and the FOGO kerbside collection has had a very positive contribution to that.

"Every Spring, usage of FOGO bins peaks across the Shire - and for good reason. With weekly collections, it's easier than ever to keep lawns trimmed, gardens neat, and kitchen scraps out of the rubbish bin," said Cr Heslin. Each year in Victoria households throw out 250,000 tonnes worth of food - enough wasted food to fill Melbourne's Eureka Tower. The average Victorian household throws out approximately \$2,200 worth of food each year.

"FOGO bins aren't just for lawn clippings and small branches, they also provide us with a sustainable opportunity to dispose of those hard to compost food items including bones, eggshells and tea leaves, seafood shells, coffee grounds as well as pet fur.

"By using your FOGO bin, you're helping reduce landfill, cut greenhouse gases, and turn waste into something useful," Cr Heslin concluded.

Residents can find helpful tips on how to save money, time and reduce food wastage by making the most of leftovers by visiting, www.sustainability.vic.gov.au

For a full list of FOGO friendly items and for property kerbside collection dates, visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/our-services/Waste-Recycling

General waste and recycling collections will continue as normal and are not affected by the weekly Spring FOGO service. The weekly service will run through until 28 November 2025.

COUNCIL MAKES WASTE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Southern Grampians Shire Council acknowledges there are a number of properties within the Shire that do not have access to kerbside waste collection services.

From 1 September, two new initiatives will roll out across the Shire, providing more flexibility, better value, and greater access to essential waste and recycling services. The first program - the new Out of Zone Combined Two Bin Service will give residents the ability to manage their household waste and recycling affordably and conveniently. Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said this program gives households outside the kerbside collection zone the same value and access as those on a regular kerbside service, with the added bonus of double the general waste capacity.

"This service offers a fair, flexible and affordable option for managing household waste and recycling for all residents," Cr Heslin said.

Here's how it works:

Residents outside the town kerbside collection zone will be able to pre-purchase credits to the value of \$430.00 which includes:

- 26 x 240 litre equivalent recycling drop-offs
- 104 x 120 litre equivalent waste drop-offs

The new drop-off service will be available at any transfer station within the shire and credits are valid for 12 months, expiring 31 August 2026.

Sign up online Waste & Recycling Southern Grampians Shire Council or visit Brown Street Customer Service. You'll receive an electronic or physical card to present your card on arrival at any transfer station. Credits will be removed at each visit.

"Whether you're clearing out recyclables or tackling regular household rubbish, this flexible service is designed to work around your schedule and location," Cr Heslin said.

Extra Help for Green Waste Disposal

We're also giving all Southern Grampians ratepayers a hand in keeping their gardens trimmed and tidy. As part of our ongoing waste reduction efforts, Council will introduce a Green Waste Voucher Program to help households responsibly dispose of garden clippings and organic material.

"This program will be in addition to the kerbside FOGO collection service and will allow all households two free green waste drop-offs at any transfer station within the shire," Cr Heslin said.

"Each voucher covers up to one cubic metre or a small trailer load, there will be a limit of one voucher per visit with vouchers expiring 31 August 2026."

To redeem the vouchers, simply present your rates notice or assessment number at the transfer station of your choice.

Council is pleased to offer these initiatives as part of our broader sustainability goals and our commitment to making waste services easier and more affordable for all residents across the region.

"These programs are designed to remove barriers, reduce costs and support residents in doing the right thing for their homes and the environment by ensuring no one in our community misses out on access to essential waste services," Cr Heslin concluded.

For more information visit Waste & Recycling Southern Grampians Shire Council.

COUNCIL PUTS FORWARD MOTIONS TO ADVOCATE FOR REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Council will take six important issues to the next Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting following a resolution at last night's August Council Meeting. These motions will seek stronger advocacy and support for matters affecting our community.

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is Victoria's legislated peak body representing all 79 local councils in the State. The State Council meets at least twice a year, providing member Councils, such as Southern Grampians Shire, an opportunity to put forward motions on local priorities and gain the support of MAV to advocate for these items.

Council resolved to present the following six motions for consideration:

1. Investment in Regional Aquatic Facilities - Calling on State and Federal Governments to increase funding for the renewal of ageing aquatic facilities in rural and regional Victoria.
2. Continued Drought Support - Thanking the State Government for its recent drought support package, while seeking formal acknowledgement that ongoing assistance will be required beyond the package announced on 4 July 2025.
3. Equity in Emergency Services Volunteer Fund - Requesting a Parliamentary Inquiry into how the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund impacts farmers, ensuring fair treatment across the sector.
4. Kerbside Waste Reform and Recycling Support - Advocating for:
 - A review of proposed kerbside waste reforms and their cost impacts on councils.
 - Funding to support collection infrastructure and processing needs.
 - Greater investment in the Container Deposit Scheme, particularly for regional infrastructure.
 - Increased reinvestment of landfill levy funds into long-term waste and recycling solutions in regional areas.
5. Passenger Flight Subsidies – requesting that the MAV, through its advocacy, call on the Victorian State Government to subsidise passenger flights into rural areas in alignment with other States in Australia.
6. Amendments to the Electricity Industries Act (2020) - Advocating against the proposed changes to the Electricity Industry Act 2000 which implements fines for property owners who obstruct, hinder, or delay the entry of authorized officers to their property, and sanctions authorised officers to use reasonable force to gain entry.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said that these motions represented issues that are important to our region.

"The MAV do a huge amount of work on behalf of member Councils like ourselves. We are a small Council and some of these motions concern larger battles. If we can get the backing of a large body like MAV, we have the opportunity to tackle some big picture issues which will have a big impact at home," Cr Heslin stated.

"The proposed changes to the Electricity Industry Act were sprung on the Victorian public last week without any consultation. This was added to our list of MAV motions via an urgent motion tabled by Cr Campbell. Council feels quite strongly the proposed amendments are unconscionable."

Cr Heslin added "Council will continue to fight against the implementation of the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund.

We feel a Parliamentary Inquiry is the best way for the public to have a strong voice into parliament, as well as examine the equity of this new tax".

To read these motions in full, please visit the SGSC website.

COUNCIL ENDORSES DESIGN BRIEF FOR HAMILTON LIBRARY, COMMUNITY HUB AND CIVIC SQUARE

Hamilton's CBD is set for a major transformation, with Council last night endorsing the Design Brief for the new Hamilton Library, Community Hub and Civic Square. This milestone paves the way to start the process of engaging architects, backed by a \$5 million grant from the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP), to progress the project's design phase.

The project will combine a new Hamilton library, the Digital Hub, office space for Council as well as other government services, multipurpose community spaces and a central, outdoor Civic Square, to be built on the site of the old Walkers building and Toyworld.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin welcomed the progression of this important project.

"This is a huge step forward towards the future of the Southern Grampians Shire.

"The vision we have is for the new Community Hub to be the beating heart of Hamilton and the wider Southern Grampians Shire. We're envisioning a place in the middle of the shire where everyone feels welcome. The new library at its centre will be a vibrant, inclusive space where people can relax, learn, explore and connect with one another," Cr Heslin said.

"Alongside this, the Digital Hub will bring huge opportunities for innovation and learning. By giving local businesses, students and community groups access to the latest digital tools and flexible workspaces, we're helping our region keep pace with a rapidly changing world.

"The Hub will centralise local offices with a suite of government agencies, together with allied health services provided.

The co-location of these services and the establishment of a shared customer service desk will streamline service delivery across multiple agencies and allow for a vastly improved and highly accessible customer service experience for Southern Grampians residents and visitors.

"With shared government services, accessible meeting spaces, and a welcoming civic square, the Community

Hub will change the way we connect with one another in town," Cr Heslin concluded.

The next stage of the project, the development of the design, will be carried out in three parts. Firstly, the concept review and refinement stage will seek to engage the community and other stakeholders to confirm priorities and refine a two-storey design, while preparing a single storey alternative design. Next will be the detailed design process which will see the preparation of architectural, engineering and landscaping drawings and finally Project delivery.

The total budget, based on Council's concept for this project is \$34 million. \$17 million has been allocated within the Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Council is seeking the other \$17 million in funding from Government Grants. The rPPP funding of \$5 million already received will go towards design development, partnership agreement and project management for our three major projects, being this project, CBD Streetscape and the new Hamilton Gallery.

For more information about this and other Council projects, please visit the SGSC website.

From the Lions Den

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

A nice Lions Story:

We were able to assist with the barbecue at the recent Peaks & Trail Festival.

Coming events involving the Lions:

We will be holding our annual barbecue (sausage sizzle lunch) for the Dunkeld Consolidated School on Friday 19 September, something our members all look forward to.

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:

In 1896 the first FREE Kindergarten was opened in Charles Street in Woolloomooloo. One of the main people responsible for this was Maybanke Susannah Anderson 1845 – 1927 (mother of seven and a fearless feminist).



The world according to Hinchey:

Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

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.

VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC DAY or VP DAY:



Significance of the date

Victory in the Pacific Day - or 'VP Day' - is commemorated across Australia and the world. As the anniversary of the day [World War II](#) ended, it's a date that we'll never forget. On

15 August 1945, Japan accepted the Allied Nations' terms of surrender and Australia's Prime Minister, [Ben Chifley](#), announced that the war was over.

Australia at War

World War II is a significant event in Australia's history. Nearly 1 million Australians served in the armed forces during the war. It was also the first time since European settlement that Australia came under attack. On VP Day, we remember Australia's war efforts from 1942 to 1945 in the Pacific region, including in Singapore, Borneo, Malaya, Papua, New Guinea and New Britain. It was a time when people worked hard and cooperated to defend the nation.

We commemorate those who served in the war. Some 40,000 Australians didn't return home to their families. Over 17,000 of them lost their lives while fighting in the war against Japan, some 8,000 of whom died in Japanese captivity.

Allied victories in Europe and the Pacific

The Allied successes of the previous year marked 1945 as a year of inevitability. It was only a matter of time before the Allies would defeat both Germany and Japan.

Action in the Pacific

In the Philippines, Royal Australian Navy (RAN) ships fought in the Battle of Lingayen Gulf in January. HMAS *Australia* was again the target of suspected kamikaze attacks. A plane crash claimed prominent Australian wartime leaders when a RAAF Lockheed Hudson A16-118 carrying Major-General Vasey and Major-General Rupert Downes plunged into the sea north of Cairns, Queensland, on 5 March 1945, killing all on board.

War in Europe

Bombing missions continued over Germany. The near complete destruction of Dresden in February was another example of the war's horror being visited upon

civilian populations. Australian aircrew continued to suffer casualties in missions over Europe. The Allied advances into European territory formerly occupied by Germany began to reveal the full extent of the debased nature of Hitler's Nazi regime. Death camps were discovered and liberated throughout Europe. Hitler committed suicide in his Berlin bunker at the end of April.

Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini had been captured and executed a few days before Hitler's death. Discussions to establish a new organisation to replace the League of Nations had begun. In June, the United Nations was established.

Deaths of leaders

The stress of war arguably played a role in the deaths of the United States President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Prime Minister of Australia, John Curtin. Both men had carried the weight of their nation's wartime decision-making and would be denied the satisfaction of seeing the final victory. Roosevelt died suddenly on 12 April, aged 63. Curtin died on 5 July after a long illness, aged 60.

Operation OBOE

Australian operations in Borneo began with the 9th Division's landing at Tarakan on 1 May. Landings at Labuan Island and Brunei Bay followed in June. In July, the 7th Division landed at Balikpapan.

Codenamed Operation OBOE, the landings were controversial.

Many people argued that the OBOE landings were unnecessary given Japan's weakened state, and the fact that it seemed possible to bypass and cut off garrisons in this part of Asia and the Pacific as US forces drew even closer to the Japanese home islands. Nevertheless, they were successfully carried out by Australian troops.

Japan's surrender

Fighting continued in New Guinea and Solomon Islands. The Australian 6th Division captured Wewak in May, while the II Australian Corps' (militia) campaign on Bougainville was ongoing, as was the 5th Division's (militia) in New Britain. By July, Japan's home islands were under constant attack from the guns of the British and American naval fleets and from carrier-borne air raids. In August, the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Russia's declaration of war against Japan, and the smashing victory its armies won in Manchuria, were enough to finally convince Emperor Hirohito to surrender. On 15 August, Japan surrendered unconditionally to the Allies. Fighting was over.¹

¹<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/days/victory-in-the-pacific>



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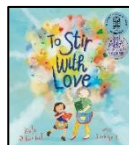
Sport:

A team of Year 5/6 students will be competing in Netball Victoria's Primary School Championships at Pedrina Park, Hamilton on Wednesday 20 August.



Book Week Character Dress-Up Parade – Wednesday 27 August:

A Book Week Character Dress-Up Parade will be held in Mud-Dadjug Hall on Wednesday 27 August. Students are encouraged to dress-up as their favourite book character. Parents and community members are warmly invited to attend the Parade.



You are invited!

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

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