

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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OFF THE RAILS

DUNKELD

Spirit of Progress passes through Dunkeld

Off the Rails Dunkeld hasn't seen a passenger train in decades so we weren't going to miss the Spirit of Progress and its passengers on its run back to Melbourne. It was on its last journey on a heritage rail tour of a weekend of passenger shuttles to and from Portland to Hamilton. The **Spirit of Progress** was the premier express passenger train on the Victorian Railways in Australia, running from Melbourne to the New South Wales border at Albury, and later through to Sydney.

The project was two years in the making and had its hiccups, but the Seymour Heritage Railway Centre did a great job liaising with authorities to once again get a passenger train through Dunkeld.



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Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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1 st Week	Sunday	August 6	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	August 13		No service
3 rd Week	Sunday	August 20	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	August 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican Church

1st and 3rd Sundays at Saint Mary's opposite the Post Office at 5.00pm with Father David Oulton.

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

Dunkeld Uniting Church

Meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre.

Sunday 13 August Rev Poole HC

Sunday 27 August Jim Hewett

We would love to welcome you to our informal worship gatherings. For further information call 0400 952 716.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

The next Panyyabyr Church Service will be held on Sunday 13 August at 2.30pm in the Victoria Valley Hall and will be conducted by Paul Quigly. We'll have a shared Afternoon Tea at the conclusion of the service, and we would love to have you join us.

Warrayure Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 2 July 10.30am

Sunday 9 July 9.00am

WHAT'S ON IIN AUGUST and SEPTEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
7 Sheepvention	8	9 Issue 12 distributed	10	11	12 Peaks & Trails	13 Peaks & Trails
14	15	16	17 Dunkeld Writers Festival	18 Issue 13 deadline Dunkeld Writers Festival	19 Dunkeld Writers Festival	20 Dunkeld Writers Festival
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**OFF THE RAILS
DUNKELD**

**VanGOgh Travelling Art Club
for Kids**

OTR Dunkeld has been hosting the VanGOgh Travelling Art Club for Kids over the last two terms providing the kids of Dunkeld with a fun and interesting community activity. Check out some of our talented kids works!!



Mending with Marty

We had an awesome afternoon at OTR Dunkeld, Mending with the fabulous Marty!

Delicious snacks, great company, birthday cake, sun shining, creativity flowing, skills shared.... what's not to love about these sessions at Off The Rails. You can even participate via Zoom!



No Pattern Knitting with Lu

Wow! What a perfect thing to do on a wintery day in the best heated venue ever!! No Pattern Knitting with Lu was awesome! Lu slayed it with her creative mind, talent and enthusiasm for all things knitting. It was such a fun and relaxing afternoon.

If you haven't been to an OTR Skills Series session, it's time to get aboard! Last Sunday of every month.



Drawing with Charcoal

Great turn out for Trevor Flinn's Drawing with Charcoal Workshop! Trev brought lots of really interesting props for still life scenes, as did others including an amazing Eagle Feather and a crazy little steampunk bird-guy.

Trevor's guidance to everyone was wonderful and the quality of work produced was not only a credit to each individual but a testament to Trev's creative soul! Thank you so much Trev.








COMING UP

Resin Art Workshop

Get creative with Resin! Sunday 06 August.

WHAT'S ON?

<p>Every Monday</p>	<p>VanGOgh Travelling Art</p> 	<p>VanGOgh is a weekly mobile children's art program, bringing country children the opportunity to get creative in their own town and building an Art Club community. Mobile Art Club is at Off The Rails Mondays 4.30pm – 6.00pm. To secure a spot for your mini-Master or for more information, contact Shelley via Facebook "Vangogh travelling art"</p>
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		club", email vangohartclub@gmail.com or phone 0488 712 937.			https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../unleash-your-inner-poet...
5 August Sunday	Resin Art Workshop	2.00pm – 4.30pm or 5.00pm – 8.00pm			
26 August Saturday	Gelatin Plate Monoprinting with Britt Gow 	Gelli-printing is a spontaneous and somewhat unpredictable process that can be easily achieved at home, without specialized equipment. The gelatin plate is a soft and malleable surface that can hold the detailed impressions that you make on it with brushes, botanical materials, stencils, masks and stamps. In this workshop you will learn how to make your own gelatin plate and use it to create unique, layered artworks that can be enjoyed alone or used as backgrounds for multimedia, card creation or cut into collages. \$50 per participant, paid in advance.			Linoprinting has been a popular way to create prints since the 1890's and allows you to create bold, graphic images. Learn some simple relief printing techniques by designing and creating small blocks to print in a single colour. All specialised equipment and materials provided. Bring your own apron, drawing materials and creative ideas! \$80 per participant, paid in advance.
		Contact: Britt Gow by email brittgow@gmail.com or text 0458 016 300 Please secure your place by 25/08/2023 www.brittgow.com Instagram: @brittgow FB: Artwork by Britt		2 Sept Saturday Beginners Linocut with Britt Gow  Saturday 2nd September, 10.00-3.00pm 78 Skene Street, Dundee, 3294 Linoprinting has been a popular way to create prints since the 1890's and allows you to create bold, graphic images. Learn some simple relief printing techniques by designing and creating small blocks to print in a single colour. All specialised equipment and materials provided. Bring your own apron, drawing materials and creative ideas! \$80 per participant, paid in advance. Contact: Britt Gow by email brittgow@gmail.com or text 0458 016 300 Please secure your place by 25/08/2023 www.brittgow.com Instagram: @brittgow FB: Artwork by Britt	
		Contact: Britt Gow by email brittgow@gmail.com or text 0458 016 300 Please secure your place by 18/08/2023 www.brittgow.com Instagram: @brittgow FB: Artwork by Britt		24 Sept Sunday Making Kangaroos Road Rescue Kits 	Join us to Celebrate World Kangaroo Day. We are making Kangaroo Road Rescue Kits at Off the Rails Dunkeld. The afternoon includes an informative talk on how to help wildlife injured in road accidents. Bring your sewing machine (if you have one), spare/old pillowcases and light-coloured cotton reels.
27 August Sunday	OTRDunkeld Committee meeting	All Welcome 12.00pm – 1.00pm			
27 August Sunday and 3 Sept Sunday	Unleash your Inner Poet with Gwenda Steff! Poetry Workshop 	Two Day Poetry Workshop with our own local published Poet, Glenda Steff! Sunday 27 August, 1.00pm – 4.00pm and Sunday 3 September, 1.00pm – 4.00pm Tickets through EventBrite.			Bring your sewing machine (if you have one), spare/old pillowcases, and light-coloured cotton reels. All welcome (the secrets out - Frank's bringing his delicious home baked sourdough bread to share) Sunday 24 September, 1:00pm - 4:00 pm Off The Rails Dunkeld, corner Skene and Sterling Streets, Dunkeld. GABA (Gariwerd Animal Biodiversity Alliance) sponsored project.

ABOUT US!

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

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!

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HOT PICK READS THIS MONTH:

The Chief Witness by Sayragul Sauytbay Non-Fiction

The Coast by Eleanor Limprecht Fiction

250 WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

Anticipation is part of the joy.

A kazillion years ago, when I was a youngster, I wasn't very good at waiting for Christmas. It seemed to take forever to get here and then it was swiftly gone.

The ache and yearning leading up to this great feast was unbearable. I just wished that it was already here.

It was the same with birthdays and Easter. As children we didn't have much practice at doing this waiting business. But something happens as you get older. You get lots more practice at waiting. Waiting to marry, waiting to get into the doctors, waiting for your favourite TV program.

And in the discipline of learning how to wait, we gradually realise that the sense of anticipation is part of the whole deal. Waiting does not have to be a terrible grind but can actually be rather exhilarating and gleeful.

At some point, the arrival of the Christmas decorations, the tree and the carols did not make the wait more tedious, but actually gave an edge of excitement as the tension gradually rose and I started counting down the sleeps.

I don't exactly know when waiting stopped being a drag and became a thrill, but now I look forward to Advent. (The four week season of preparation for Christmas) I understand that the waiting, the preparation and the anticipation are part of the whole celebration. The lead up is not just something to be endured. It does not have to be stultifying and tedious. Expectation can actually be a delicious time that can elate and charm us.

It's all a bit like the time you spend waiting at the airport for a flight. Does the time in the departure lounge grind you down or does it wind you up with anticipation for what it is to come? The choice is yours.

Father David Oulton

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PEDRINA PARK RECEIVES FUNDING IN 2023/24 COUNCIL BUDGET

Southern Grampians Shire Council plans to make a start on new car parking at Pedrina Park in Hamilton this financial year - weather and ground conditions permitting.

CEO Tony Doyle said \$700,000 had been allocated in the 2023/24 Council Budget to construct new car parking (\$250,000) and improve the soccer field drainage (\$450,000) as outlined in the 2019 Pedrina Park Masterplan.

"Council recently completed a detailed site-wide design for car parking at Pedrina Park and plans to carry out works this financial year, the exact timing of which is weather dependant," said Mr Doyle.

He said Council had already invested \$3.45 million to deliver priority tasks in the Masterplan including: the installation and upgrade of the oval irrigation system; construction of sports hub that includes changerooms, public amenities, first aid room, umpire's facilities, and social space; a power upgrade; construction of new netball courts; and the installation of a replacement playground.

"These works, together with our \$8.28 million investment at Melville Oval, will ensure our community enjoys the very best sporting facilities," said Mr Doyle.

"We look forward to delivering this year's works at Pedrina Park and further works from our Masterplan in future years. "We understand that user groups at this important recreation reserve have differing needs and there are other priority projects that have been requested such as the new cricket nets and a second pavilion.

"Council will continue to work towards providing a facility that meets the needs of our community," he said.



Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannan

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

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From the Lions Den

L Liberty
I Intelligence
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So great is the strength we possess in our unity. Mary MacKillop 1874.

A Nice Lions story:

"I'm so very proud ... I can't control my emotions," said Mustafa Zaidi after his daughter Huda was announced as the 2022 Lions Youth of the Year winner in Melbourne.

A Year 12 student, Huda plans a career in medicine and has a yearning to work with Doctors Without Borders."

One of those things you really had to know:

Adam Lindsay Gordon: Poet, one time Policeman and Politician, on 10 October 1868, won three steeplechase races at the Melbourne Hunt Club meeting at Flemington racetrack.

More about those enemy ships in Australian waters in WWII that I mentioned in the last newsletter.

After the war an ex-crew member of German Submarine U862 visited his brother who lived, like so many German-Australians, in South Australia. While fishing with his brother's mates on the Coorong, south-east of Adelaide, he commented that the area had not changed since he and other crew members of U862 had gone ashore there looking for fresh water in 1944.

Old Age

I fell down the other day, and while I was down there, I wondered if there was anything I could do while I was there.

Peter Hinchey

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 assists with the control of woolly aphids and also various mites and scales.



Stone fruits (peach, apricot and nectarines) should receive a copper fungicide spray at pink bud stage (i.e. when the flower buds are showing pink but before the blossom actually opens – approximately the third or fourth week of August). Timing is critical – a few days too early or too late will very much reduce the effectiveness of the spray to control various diseases such as curly leaf, shot hole, scab and freckle. Follow up sprays of synthetic fungicides such as Mancozeb will complete the disease control program.

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 fruits. The first spray for codling moth control is applied as petals are starting to fall when Spinetoram (various trade names) should be used, and then followed up every three to four weeks until harvest. Lime sulphur applied to your apples and pears when approximately 10% of the blossom is open will help to control black spot. Make sure that you follow carefully any directions on the spray containers, also that your spray equipment is well washed out immediately after use. Also wash out and dispose of empty chemical containers in an environmentally safe way.

August is a good month to begin preparing for the spring vegetable garden. Choose an open sunny position with good drainage and shelter from strong wind. Remove excess weed or grass growth by mowing or slashing. Your soil may be built up with the use of compost or well-rotted animal manure (however avoid the use of manure or on root crops – carrots, parsnips etc also on legume crops – peas and beans). Gypsum or garden lime will help to break up heavy clay type soils. Vegetable plantings for August include peas, late broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, onion, potatoes also early plating of carrots, parsnips, beetroot, silverbeet and lettuce. Summer flowering perennials and bulbs such as gladioli and lilliums can also be planted.

Happy gardening!

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School News

There's a lot happening or happened at school...read on to find out more!

100 days of school for Prep

On Monday 31 August, our Prep students celebrated 100 days of Prep. They completed tasks around the number 100 and dressed up to represent being 100 years of age.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Gordon and her husband Josh on the arrival of Ted



Douglas Andrew Crook, who was born on Friday 28 July. The Grade 3/4 class have already seen a photo of Ted and both Mum and bub are doing well.



Teaching and Learning

With our Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training complete, we will now utilise this to focus on Numeracy at our PLC meetings each week. Staff will be analysing data – NAPLAN, Mathematics Online Interview, PAT Maths, teacher judgement/assessments/crosschecks, etc. From this data staff will identify areas of concern with regard to student growth and also look at teacher practice through learning walks/peer observations.

SAKG Program

Our SAKG leaders (Felix Hyland, Patrick Lomas and Alex Bird) participated in a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation and Healthy Kids Advisors' cooking demonstration with Belinda Nowakowski in the Producers Marquee at Sheepvention on Monday in the Producers Marquee.



Sport

What a busy time it has been with sports events this term.

- For the second year in a row, Lucy Rennie competed at the SSV Cross Country Championships placing 49th.
- Hockey 7s took place on Friday 21 July in Hamilton. Our wonderful volunteer coaches Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur, continue to do an amazing job, with our mixed team playing off in the grand final against The Hamilton and Alexandra College boys. Although they didn't win the final, I am so proud of the way this team represented our school.
- Hoop Time has also occurred with Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students participating on Thursday 20 July and Monday 24 July respectively. Again, this is another event that cannot take place if we do not have willing and able staff and volunteers to attend. As a school we ensure any child that would like to participate has the opportunity to play, and this meant we had many teams to find coaches for, some of which were staff (Jackie McShane, Alison Prentice and Jackie Mibus). Thank you to Jackie McShane for coordinating the teams and organising the volunteer parents. A BIG thank you to our parents who took on a coaching role – Vicki Heazlewood, Sarah Alderman, Bec Macgugan and Casey Trotter, and an extended thank you to the parents that assisted with scoring.
- On Wednesday 26 July some of our Year 5/6 girls represented our school at the Netball Victoria

Championships in Hamilton. We are so lucky that Mrs Phillips (also the Rams A Grade and U13 Coach) was keen to coach, sharing her expertise with our school team. A badged umpire was required, and we are grateful that a former student from the 1970s offered to umpire on behalf of our school. Robyn Fry was pleased to assist and reflected with me that she was really impressed with their skills and sportsmanship and how they supported each other as a team. Robyn also recalled representing Dunkeld Consolidated School in the Under 9s, winning the Grand Final. Thank you, Robyn!

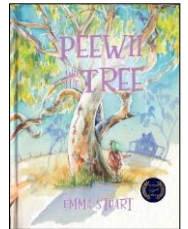
Staffing

We welcome Mrs Jess Martin to the school who will work alongside Mrs Jackie Mibus in the Year 4/5 classroom, to complete placement for her education degree for four consecutive weeks, from Monday 14 August.

Book Week

This year's Book Week is from Monday 21 August to Friday 25 August. We will hold our Character Dress-up Day on Wednesday 23 August with a parade to be held at 9.00am. The Dunkeld Kindergarten children are also attending this parade.

We are very excited to have an author/illustrator amongst our school community. Emma Stuart has released her first book "Peewii and the Tree" written and illustrated by her and she will be conducting workshops with each class on the Monday and Tuesday of this year's Book Week. As previously emailed, families can access their own copy of the book - [Peewii and the Tree - Limited Signed Edition - My Store \(peewii-signed-limited-edition.myshopify.com\)](https://www.myshopify.com/peewii-signed-limited-edition)



Ange Field, Principal

Term 3 Class Captains

Congratulations to the following Term 3 Class Captains: Prep – Toby Hyland, Year 1/2 – Annabelle Beveridge, Year 3/4 – Michaela Roache, Year 4/5 – Matilda Pattullo, Year 6 – Kai Roads.



Prep – 100th Day of School



On Monday 31 July the Prep class celebrated their 100th Day of School with a dress-up and lots of fun activities throughout the day. 'Old' Mrs Gilbert had a class full of little old men and women for the day because we were 100 days older and smarter at school. We counted to 100

by ones and tens. We made a special trail mix made up of 10 different groups of 10 food items (including lollies!). We started reading our new class book 'If the World were 100 Animals' by Miranda Smith and tried to name 100 animals on our literacy helper's chart. We wrote a book about our day by pasting a photo of ourselves on a page and writing a sentence or two. We worked through a special 100th Day

booklet and made fairy bread with 100s and 1000s. In Art we made glittery 100th Day crowns. What a great day we had before hobbling out to the pick-up area with our walking sticks!



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2023 is \$40.00 per person. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES). By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 0487 416 971.

Defence and Veteran Mental Health and Wellbeing

Strategy – Veterans and Families Survey: Members of the veteran community are being encouraged to have their say to help shape the Defence and Veteran Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy currently in joint development by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and the Department of Defence.

The Strategy aims to capture mental health needs at all life stages of current and ex-serving military members, from recruitment to separation, transition, and through to civilian life post-service and will inform DVA's joint approach to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of defence personnel and the veteran community over the next five years.

DVA has produced a survey to be completed by those aged 18 years or older, and are from the following groups:

- Former serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members with any length and type of service
- Family members of ADF veterans, including spouses/partners, ex-partners, widows/ers, adult children, parents, and siblings of former serving veterans; and
- Ex-service organisations or service providers who support veterans and/or their families.

To complete this important survey, please visit:
https://dva.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_70tQqezOcSCLCqW
 All information will be handled with the strictest privacy.

Respondents will have until midnight 28 August 2023 to complete this survey.

Hundred Days 8 August to 11 November 1918: On 8 August 1918, the Allies launched the largest attack of World War I, east of the French town of Amiens. They won an unprecedented victory on the Western Front, and battle began the final phase of the war on the Western Front, which we now call 'the hundred days'.

The Battle of Amiens was the first time all five Australian infantry divisions attacked together.

The attack was so overwhelming that Erich Ludendorff, the German Chief of Staff, called it the 'black day of the German army'. Some 9000 Allied troops became casualties on the first day, including close to 2000 Australians.

Of some 450 guns captured by the Australians in the Battle of Amiens, one is the 11-inch artillery piece mounted on a railway carriage that is now on display in the grounds of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

In the final months of the war, the Allies maintained the offensive. They eventually drove the Germans back to the Hindenburg Line from which their own offensive had been launched in March 1918.

During this phase of the war, the Australians fought in a series of battles, most famously at Mont St Quentin and Peronne, before fighting their last infantry battle on the Western Front at Montbrehain on 5 October 1918.

Main battles involving Australians:

Battle of Amiens - 8 to 12 August 1918

Battle of Chuignes - 23 August (part of Battle of Albert)

Second Battle of the Somme - 21 August to 2 September 1918

Battle of Mont Saint-Quentin - 31 August to 3 September 1918

Battle of St Quentin Canal (Bellicourt) - 29 September to 10 October 1918¹



Wounded men of 14th Australian Infantry Brigade, with prisoners captured in the Battle of Amiens, passing the church of Harbonnieres, 9 August 1918. AWM E02853

¹<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/wars-and-missions/ww1/where-australians-served/western-front/hundred-days>



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The Path to Dunkeld

Willie Shand walks the Perthshire way named after a beloved fiddler.

It must have been a real treat for passengers on the old Inverness to Perth stagecoach route to break their journey at Inver on the outskirts of Dunkeld.

While we might manage that journey by car in just a few hours, back in the 1700's the coach would set out on Monday and not arrive at its destination until Thursday.

On some occasions, at the break at Inver, weary passengers might find themselves being entertained by one of Scotland's greatest fiddlers, Niel Gow. Niel was born in Strathbraan in 1727, and his home was at Inver, just across the River Tay from Dunkeld.

A wee plaque fixed to the cottage wall remembers its famous occupant. Having lived all his life beside the Braan and the Tay, Niel knew this part of the country intimately and had one or two favourite quiet places to sit down and resin his bow.

My walk today will take me to one of his favourite spots – an old oak tree on the banks of the Tay. The tree is still there today with a wee bench beneath it inviting passers-by to “Sit beneath the fiddle tree with the ghost of Niel Gow next to me”.

This is a lovely walk in any season. It begins on the opposite side of the Tay along a path leading round the back of Dunkeld Cathedral. With way markings for the Fiddler's Path, it's an easy track to follow.

Niel Gow's Oak isn't the only special tree you'll pass on this walk. We've hardly passed the cathedral before we meet the first of them – “The Parent Larch” of “Mother Larch”.

Few mothers can boast of having so many offspring. The seed for this old timer must have given birth to millions of larch trees that are now spread all over the country. In the days when Niel Gow was just a young lad, the 2nd Duke of Atholl, who lived in Dunkeld House, was given a gift of some larch seedlings brought to Perthshire from the Tyrol.

There were no larch trees in Scotland at the time. The duke potted them up and put them in his hot-house. However, they showed little sign of taking. Thinking they were dying, the duke tossed the plants on to the midden. There, seemingly preferring the climate outside the hot-house, they began to grow.

Although five used to stand here, now only one hardy survivor remains. His first companion was felled almost 200 years ago to make mill axles. Shortly afterwards, two of the others were felled to build ships. Of the two remaining this one's life-long pal bit the dust in 1905 when struck by lightning. A polished section of that unfortunate tree lines the walls of nearly Blair Castle.¹

To be continued ...

¹*The People's Friend*



Dunkeld Writers Festival

Dunkeld Writers Festival Volunteer Call Out

The volunteer committee for years festival, planned for 17 to 20 August, has a number of small jobs that we need to help with. If you are interested in volunteering for jobs such as ushering, checking tickets, setting up venues, tidying up, serving food and drinks – we would be grateful. Please email admin@dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au or complete an online volunteer form on the website www.dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au. Thanks to those who have already put names forward - we'll be in touch.

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Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August

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