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NEW BRANCH MANAGER

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jack Oswald as the new Branch Manager at Community Bank Dunkeld & District.

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Email: patrick.mugavin@ballarat.catholic.org.au
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4 th Week	Sunday	August 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1 st Week	Sunday	September 3	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	September 10		No service
3 rd Week	Sunday	September 17	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	September 24	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 27 August Jim Hewett

We would love to welcome you to our informal worship gatherings.

For further info call 0400 952 716.

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Warrayure Trinity Lutheran Church

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST and SEPTEMBER						
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
21	22	23 Issue 13 distributed	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 SEPT Issue 14 deadline. Final newsletter for the term	2	3 FATHER'S DAY
4	5	6 Issue 14 distributed	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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Authorised by Dan Tehan, 190 Gray Street Hamilton VIC 3300.





RED CROSS NEWS

The Red Cross ongoing Appeals for Overseas (OSG) are the Global Hunger Crisis and the Turkiye / Syria Earthquakes. Special Annual Appeal in 2023 is for Vanuatu. An ongoing Australian Appeal is for Disaster Response and Recovery.

Victoria still has 38 Red Cross shops which are run by 1,000 volunteers. They sort and 'ship out' 30,000 boxes each year, rescuing 450 tonnes of clothing from landfill. Wangoom branch recently held a pop-up shop in the Warrnambool Plaza for OSG.

Red Cross Calling this year raised \$185,000 across Australia and of that, Victoria's 61 Branch effort came to \$70,336.

There has been a massive response to the North Melbourne Food Pantry call-out for donations. The need is ongoing and items required include cooking oil, sugar, flour, canned fish/peas/corn/fruit/tomatoes, rice, coffee, tea, jam, noodles, savoury biscuits, spices, long-life milk...

The last Zone Meeting for 2023, will be at the Daisy Turner Room, Hamilton on 14 November at 10.00am. Dunkeld and Nareeb branches have been invited to cater for morning tea. We are to notify Frankie Beggs if planning to attend.

Iris Field, contact person

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Thursday 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

WEBSITE: Visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sunday 27 August	Joyce Gordon & Julie Kincade
Sunday 3 September	Peter Nelson & Joyce Gordon
Sunday 10 September	Heather Funk & Di Duckmanton
Tuesday 19 September	Heather Funk & Di Duckmanton

REQUEST FOR HELP: Does anyone know when the Dunkeld Kindergarten was started, and when they produced a cookbook. A couple of names mentioned as contributors in this book were - Jones, Cullinane and others.

ON A SAD NOTE: we acknowledged the passing of our dear museum supporter Myrtle Dark, aged 98 years at Peshurst on 5 August. Myrtle was a dedicated member of the museum and was always ready to help on a stall or support her husband Leo with treasurer duties at the museum. Also, Harold 'Squib Clutterbuck and Marilyn Hayward (Crawford), both passed away on 16 August, both were past members of the Victoria Valley community. We send our condolences to their family members.

COMING EVENT: The Museum's AGM has been scheduled to take place at the Museum on Sunday 8 October at 2.00pm. Guest Speaker will be Kellie Sommerville, who will speak about her recent experiences as a Fire Management Officer in Canada. Kellie is attached to the Forest Fire Management Group (DEECA) and works as a Fire Operations Officer based at Halls Gap.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLD ROADS?

When motoring along today's modern highways, little thought is given to the bush tracks of our yesterdays and the old roads on which our ancestors travelled.

Wagons would be bogged to their axles in winter, potholes were numerous and played havoc with early model motor cars, and some families in low lying areas would be completely cut off from civilization for the duration of the winter months. Only some roads had the luxury of being surfaced with a sparse layer of gravel. Travel would have been slow and laborious for people trying to get from one place to another.

Now we enjoy easy access to the Grampians, but before 1928 there was no road through the mountains from Dunkeld to Hall's Gap. A narrow, one-horse track extended east from Mirranatwa to Jimmy's Creek on the other side of the Sierra Range, and from there to Mafeking, but to reach Hall's Gap, the main route was through Glenthompson, Moyston and Pomonal.

Under the direction of Jack Watson, a road from Jimmy's Creek towards Mirranatwa was surveyed for 8km to the Wannan River. Orm Beveridge, of Mirranatwa blazed the trees to mark the route and a gang of men followed along behind him and cleared the track.



Mobile Library

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12.30pm – 1.30pm

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Dunkeld: 3, 17 and 31 August

Mirranatwa: 10 and 24 August

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NEWS

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Check out the fabulous creativity at Off the Rails Dunkeld on Saturday!! Thank you Mel from Pine-apple Creations!! Thank you to everyone who came!



COMING UP

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.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../unleash-your-inner-poet...>

Or call 0405 385 359 to book.

WHATS ON

VanGOgh Travelling Art Every Monday



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 club", email vangoghartclub@gmail.com or phone 0488 712 937.

Gelatin Plate Monoprinting with Britt Gow

Saturday 26 August
1.00pm – 3.00pm

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.

Contact: Britt Gow by email brittgow@gmail.com or text 0458 016 300.

Please secure your place by 18 August 2023.

www.brittgow.com Instagram: @brittgow FB: Artwork by Britt

Beginners Linocut with Britt Gow **Saturday 2 September** **10.00am – 3.00pm**



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! \$80.00 per participant, paid in advance.

Contact: Britt Gow by email brittgow@gmail.com or text 0458 016 300,
Please secure your place by 25 August 2023,
www.brittgow.com Instagram: @brittgow

Making Kangaroos Road Rescue Kits **Sunday 24 September** **1.00pm – 4.00pm**

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.

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 Rail Dunkeld CNR Skene and Sterling Streets, Dunkeld.

GABA (Gariwerd Animal Biodiversity Alliance) sponsored project.



Creative Communication with Collage **Saturday 14 October** **1.30pm – 4.30pm 1st session** **Sunday 15 October** **10.30am – 12.30pm 2nd session**

'CREATING CONFIDENCE' Part 1

'Creative communication via COLLAGE' is so much more than 'cut and paste'! All materials supplied! Together we will explore each of your 'individual creativity process' via ideas, concepts and design found in COLLAGE! Program limited to 8 places! 2 x 3.5hr sessions! Perfect if you are looking to enhance your personal, professional or creative

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Email interest and preference for weekday or weekend program to belinda.rogersartisan@gmail.com with contact details



Anna Sconti
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Daytime workshop

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3.00pm – 4.00pm



Booking details to come!!!!

Printmaking - Create an Artist Book with Susan Clarke
Saturday 18 November

10.00am – 4.00pm

"Create an Artist Book - Linoprint methods"

Participants will create a concertina artists book using a variety of linoprint techniques.

Cost will be \$90 per person with a \$10 materials fee to be paid with cash on the day.

All materials will be supplied. All you need is an image idea.

Minimum of 4 and Maximum of 6 people to run the workshop.

Contact: Susan Clarke

susanclarkeartworks@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 431 960



For further information and payment please contact Susan. Bookings and payment will secure your place.

Fibre Art – Make Your Own Christmas Wreath with Artist, Lisa Addinsall

Sunday 3 December

10.00am – 4.00pm (time TBC)

\$70, all materials provided. More details and booking information to come!



ABOUT US!

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board for potential candidates over 18 years of age; from seniors with substantial experience, to those who have recently completed their formal pool lifeguard training.

Director Wellbeing, Planning and Regulation, Rory Neeson said 'Summer casuals' would be required at the Hamilton, Balmoral, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Glenthompson and Penshurst outdoor pools between December and March.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone with a current Pool Lifeguard qualification to work in our region over the summer," said Mr Neeson.

"You get to work flexible hours and can be rostered on at different pools for a more diverse experience. Plus, if the pool is closed (outdoor pools are closed when it's less than 23 degrees) we will still guarantee a shift focusing on important facility maintenance duties."

Mr Neeson said a resident from Coleraine gained her qualifications in lifeguarding last summer to help at her local pool.

"We had a young, full-time working mum who worked with us on weekends and in the evenings to help keep the Coleraine open pool over summer," he said. "We were very grateful for her flexibility and assistance."

Mr Neeson said successful applicants from outside the region, who might be thinking of moving to the Southern Grampians, were also encouraged to apply and consider spending the summer with family and friends here and doing some casual work while on their holidays.

"Being so close to the mountains and coastline - there is plenty to explore during your down time," he said.

Applications for summer casual lifeguards close Friday 25 August, with interviews held the following week. Applicants can apply based on the proviso they will complete the nationally recognised training by Life Saving Victoria (LSV) before taking the role once the pools open.

LSV will conduct a two-day Pool Lifeguard Course at Hamilton Indoor Leisure Aquatic Centre (HILAC) on October 14 and 15 between 10.00am to 5.00pm. The LSV will also run a one-day Pool Lifeguard Update Course at HILAC on October 1 and October 29 between 10.00am and 5.00pm. Successful job applicants will have the cost of their lifeguard course reimbursed once they start employment with the Southern Grampians Shire Council.

The training will equip candidates with the skills and knowledge required to supervise swimming pool users. The course focus includes pool surveillance, scanning techniques, rescue skills, oxygen resuscitation and emergency care.

"One of my earliest jobs was actually as a lifeguard and duty manager at HILAC," added Mr Neeson. "Now I'm able to lead the fantastic team at Council that delivers recreational services across the shire. I really encourage people to get involved in their local community this summer."

To book training go to <https://training.lsv.com.au/> For more inquiries about the role, contact HILAC on 5551 4300.

Beth Gibson, SGSC Senior Communications Officer



Casual Lifeguard - the perfect summer job!

To safely operate its six outdoor pools this summer, Southern Grampians Shire Council needs to recruit around 60 qualified casual lifeguards. Applications for lifeguard roles are now open for the 2023/24 pool season and Council is looking across the



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Garden Notes – September



One reader has asked when to lift daffodil bulbs after flowering. The general rule is to wait at least four weeks so that the bulbs can build their supply for next season's flowering. They can then be carefully lifted, old foliage removed, dried, and stored ready for planting next autumn.

Don't be tempted to cut back any frost damaged plants too soon as leaving damaged parts on your plants will protect new growth. Damaged parts can be removed when risk of frost damage is over. Black rot and mildew are two problems which can trouble roses during the spring – summer period. Prevention not cure is the key to control of these fungus diseases. Firstly, your roses should not be over watered or overhead watered. Animal manure around your roses should be covered with soil or mulch. A winter spray with Lime Sulphur and regular spring and summer sprays with Triflorine or Mancozeb will help. Also don't overcrowd your roses with other plants and keep the centre of your plants open to ensure good air movement.

Main vegetable plantings for September are late peas, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, silverbeet, spinach, celery, lettuce, late onions, radish also early plantings of tomato, capsicum, pumpkin, zucchini, cucumber and sweet corn. Summer cabbage and broccoli can also be planted as well as late planting of potatoes.

September is a good time to feed your plants. There are many types of fertilisers available both organic and chemical in many forms, powder, granules, pellets and liquids. Whatever you desire to use, check that it is suitable for the particular plant you wish to feed, for example do not use fertilisers with a high phosphorus content on Australian native plants. Follow directions on the fertiliser packages closely and wash any material from the foliage or damage may occur.



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From the Lions Den

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So great is the strength we possess in our unity. Mary MacKillop 1874.

A Nice Lions story:

Recently I mentioned the Lions Eye Health Program that was conducted at the Dunkeld Consolidated School by Sally Reynolds-Johnson and Simon and Marcia Macgugan. Well, internationally Lions have created a partnership with The Church of Latter-Day Saints charities to build a special facility for the removal of cataracts for up to 8,100 people per year at the Saint Francis Nsambya Hospital in Kampala, Uganda.

One of those things you really had to know:

James 'Jim' Kelly was the first person born in Australia to become a ship's captain. He was born in Sydney on 24 December 1791. In 1812 he had command of a sealing ship "Brothers" and after five months returned to Sydney with over 7 000 seal skins.

Health:

I went to the doctor recently and he started advising me about health foods. I said, "Doc, forget about health foods I need all the preservatives I can get."

Peter Hinchey



COUNCIL ASKS COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER EV CHARGING STATION LOCATION

Southern Grampians Shire Council is commencing community engagement to determine the location of the EVIE Networks EV Charging Station in Hamilton.

Earlier this year, an EV charging station was installed in Hamilton, east of the Beersheba Memorial Park and directly west of the Hamilton Uniting Church. Following installation, Council received requests for the charging station be relocated. Following those conversations, Council have been working with EVIE Networks to explore suitable alternative locations.

Council is now asking the community to consider three options which have been identified and approved as suitable by both EVIE Networks and Council.

Southern Grampians Shire Councillor CEO Tony Doyle said EVIE Networks have assessed the Hamilton CBD for alternative sites.

"There are several things to consider when choosing a charging location and a number of potentially great locations in the CBD had to be dismissed due to road safety concerns, private land ownership, power issues or accessibility.

"We now have three potential locations to put forward and we ask that the community consider these options and vote for what they believe to be the most appropriate location for the EV charging station in Hamilton," said Mr Doyle.

The potential locations are:

1. Hamilton Place; behind Hamilton Visitor Information Centre
2. Thompson Street; directly opposite the Shell Service Station
3. EV Charger remains in current location.

"The Hamilton Place location, behind the Visitor Information Centre, provides safe access for drivers while charging. It is close to the Hamilton CBD, has no

drainage issues and is Council owned land. Thompson Street, opposite Shell, is also close to the CBD, has large bays and presents an opportunity to re-line mark to manage safety requirements, but it is a high-traffic area on a main arterial road.

"It is up to the community to guide Council on the preferred option, and we ask as many people as possible to please take two minutes to complete the survey," said Mr Doyle.

Southern Grampians Shire was allocated two EVIE Networks Electric Vehicle Charging Stations as a part of the Destination Charging Across Victoria state government program; one each in Dunkeld and Hamilton.

To vote for your preferred EV Charger location, please visit Council's website and the [Have Your Say page](#). **The survey is now open and closes on 30 August 2023.**

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The Path to Dunkeld

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

Following the fingerpost for the Fiddler's Path, we're soon down by the side of the mighty River Tay. At 120 miles long, this is Scotland's longest river. The water passes under Dunkeld Bridge, wide, deep and fast flowing.

Although the sun's shining, there's a threatening, watery sky off to the west and the beginnings of a fine rainbow. It's a relatively quiet day, but every so often there is a fresh gust of wind.

Looking back, we've a fine view of Dunkeld's seven-arched bridge complemented by the riverside trees. Designed by Thomas Telford, this bridge has joined Dunkeld and Little Dunkeld since 1809.

In a short distance we reach Dunkeld House, now a fine hotel. The wrought-iron gates that used to grace the entrance to its long drive now serve the cathedral.

The Tay is a well-known salmon river, and along the way we pass several beats, including the Giral, Lady Pool, the Mousetrap and Rock Pool. A couple of stone-built grottoes looking out over the river are worth a closer look.

Niel Gow's fiddling talent didn't go unnoticed by the Duke of Atholl. When Niel was just eighteen, he entered a national competition to be judged by blind musician, John McCraw. Niel, of course, carried off the first prize. The judge commented that although he couldn't see, he 'would ken his bow hand among a hunder players'.

Niel's reputation as a fiddler spread the length and breadth of the country and he was always in great demand. When at home, he would regularly be called on by his patron, the duke, to entertain guests at Dunkeld House. Niel was just as comfortable in the company of commoner or aristocrat.

If someone annoyed him, though, be they lord, lady or farmhand, he wouldn't hesitate to let it be known.

I watch a couple of ducks shooting past as they enjoy a free ride on the Tay's fast current. It wouldn't be so easy going the other way!

Beyond the Dunkeld House, the wood- and rhododendron-lined track continues high above the Tay with a inviting drop to visit the Rock Pool. As we follow the sweep of the river, the Jubilee Bridge comes into sight. This much more modern bridge carries the A9 across the Tay on the busy stretch between Perth and Pitlochry.

That rainbow is still hovering beyond the bridge, and off to the west it might well be raining on Ben Vrackie. Crossing the bridge, we drop to join the track that takes us back by the opposite side of the river. We start through a wee tunnel under the railway line. It is only three or four feet wide and the footway has to share the space with a wee burn.

A more undulating track now wends its way through the woods, still keeping close to the waterside. At one point, there's a cracking view across the river to Dunkeld House, with the wooded slopes of Craig a Barns riding steeply behind.

Just before crossing the River Braan, I stop to enjoy a rest beneath Niel Gow's Oak. What stories this old tree could tell! Niel composed many of his dance tunes beneath this tree's welcoming branches.

An old favourite is his "Farewell To Whisky". It wasn't, as one might have thought, written after being advised by his doctor to keep off the drink. It was inspired by the disastrous harvest of 1799, when a ban on distillation had to be introduced. A year or so later, when the ban was lifted, it gave us another tune – "Welcome Whisky Back Again"!

The path continues on to Dunkeld Bridge, with another grand view over the cathedral. If you'd like to see another famous oak tree, just keep going on under the bridge for a quarter mile or so. The Birnam Oak, its heavy boughs now resting on crutches, has its own wealth of tales. It has been standing there for many centuries.

One day it sure remembers is the one when Malcolm's troops stripped some of its branches to camouflage themselves on their assault on Dunsinane.

As you might remember from your school days, "Macbeth shall never vanquished be, until Great Birnam Wood to high Dunsinane Hill, shall come against him."

You might meet a few ghosts from the past when you follow this trail!¹

¹ *The People's Friend*

Another path to Dunkeld

The last edition of the Newsletter featured an extract from "The People's Friend" entitled "The Path to Dunkeld" (the Scottish one). This was an interesting coincidence, as I also visited that lovely historic town back in May.



Not for the first time, I was a guest at The Manse, the residence of Rev Fraser Penny, Minister of the wonderful and

ancient Dunkeld Cathedral, and his wife Susan. Fraser stayed in our home in 2006, when he represented the Royal School of Dunkeld at our Dunkeld Consolidated School's 150th anniversary celebrations. We have been good friends ever since.

I was also privileged to be invited to an impressive function in the other Dunkeld in 2017, when the Royal School celebrated its 450th anniversary, with His Royal Highness Prince Edward in attendance. The Royal School of Dunkeld was established in 1567 in the name of King James VI of Scotland (who was a baby at the time, his mother being the unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots). He later became James I of England.

In 1910, there was an exchange of flags between the two Dunkeld schools. The Scottish flag (then the Union Jack) was sent to our school in a special box, made of wood from the larch tree brought down by lightning in 1905, mentioned in the article published in our last Newsletter. (To this day there are still some huge larch trees just near the Cathedral). The box also contained several photos of local scenes, and is now stored for safekeeping in our Dunkeld Museum. In return, our school sent an Australian flag, together with various postcards, letters and other local items, to the Scottish school in a beautiful red-gum box made locally (I do not know who made it – perhaps someone does?)

Some years ago, on an earlier visit, I called at the Royal School and asked the whereabouts of the red-gum box. None of the teachers seemed to know, but I was referred to

the long-serving school cleaner. Not surprisingly, she knew exactly where it was, and led me to an old untidy cupboard, where the box, looking rather sad, was stored with all sorts of other "stuff". I expressed my concern, hoping that it would be more carefully looked after in future.

On a more recent visit, I discovered that a new "Dunkeld Community Archive" had been established in the town, and I immediately visited the school again, suggesting that "our" red-gum box and its contents should be relocated to the Archive for safe keeping. That was agreed, and I was entrusted with the box there and then, which I carried somewhat nervously to the Archive, where it remains to this day, carefully stored and with all its contents catalogued. What a relief!

As many will recall, there was another exchange of flags at our school's 150th event in 2006 – this time in person. By then, however, times had changed and Rev Penny presented us with a new Scottish flag, the "Saltire" (the white St Andrew's cross on a blue background).

There was yet another historic occasion which united the two schools. This was in 1967, when the 400th anniversary of the Royal School of Dunkeld was celebrated. During recent discussions with Rev Penny, he told me there was a special booklet produced on that occasion, but he thought it was out of print. He suggested I contact the Archive and ask about it.

I was intending to visit the Archive in any case, to pass on a number of our Dunkeld Museum publications, which Joyce Gordon kindly gave me before I left for the UK. The ladies at the Archive were very pleased and impressed with the items, and when I mentioned the 1967 school booklet, they immediately conducted a search.

It turned out that they only had two copies left, and they kindly presented one to me, which I undertook to pass on to our Museum for safekeeping.

It is an impressive publication, including extracts of Dunkeld history going back to the 16th century. Much of the material was produced by the school students themselves, and there was an exhibition featuring many items of everyday life over the centuries.



The article in our last newsletter mentioned the famous "fiddler" Niel Gow (1727-1807). He is mentioned in the 1967 booklet, which states that he played for both Scotland's national poet Robert Burns, and Bonnie Prince Charlie. Apparently, the inscription on his gravestone reads:

"Gow and Time are even now,
Gow beat time, now Time's beat Gow."



At a special ceremony on 1st June 1967, the headmaster, Mr John Maclean, read a telegram of congratulations from the Queen. This was followed by a tape-recorded message from Mr Tom Woodford, then Head Teacher of Dunkeld Consolidated School. It read as follows:

"Today, June 1st, 1967, we are holding a special assembly where the topic under discussion will be your celebration of the 400th anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to your school.

How proud you must feel that 400 years of the education of the young has been carried out in Dunkeld! What traditions you must have built!

In Victoria, we have not yet reached 100 years of State education. We are already preparing for the centenary of Victorian State education to be celebrated in 1972.

Prior to 1872 all schools in Victoria were privately controlled.

From the foot of Mount Sturgeon, at the southern end of the Grampian Range, our thoughts go to you today. May you have excellent celebrations!

I trust you will look back with pride at your splendid past, but I would hope that you would give some consideration of the future. Educationally, I believe that the future holds much for us and to this end we must direct our teaching.

Might I extend our congratulations to you on reaching this anniversary and offer best wishes to all in Dunkeld, Scotland, for a bright and pleasant future."

I enjoyed my brief visit to the Scottish Dunkeld. It happened to coincide with the Coronation of King Charles III. Like many Scots, my friend Fraser is not a real enthusiast for the Monarchy, but his wife Susan is, so she and I (an unashamed monarchist) sat and watched the whole event on TV! However, the ladies of the Cathedral held an impressive afternoon tea on that Saturday to celebrate the occasion, so Fraser, as Minister, was obliged to attend! I was also invited and it was a most enjoyable occasion. The Dunkeld Scots are a very friendly bunch.

Some locals will remember Dave and Sheila MacDougall, residents of the Scottish Dunkeld, who have visited our Dunkeld on several occasions – especially the Golf Course! I made a brief visit to their home, and they passed on their best wishes to everyone in our Dunkeld.



For those interested, the website of the Dunkeld Community Archive and Chapter House Museum is as follows:

<https://www.historicdunkeld.org.uk/>

The following publications will shortly be able to be perused at the Dunkeld Museum:

- 400 Years of Social History: the Royal School of Dunkeld 400th Anniversary Souvenir 1567-1967.
- Dunkeld Remembered (contributions by three former local residents: Mary Crerar, Elizabeth MacIntosh and Mary Wilson Angus)
- The Bridge, May 2023 (monthly newsletter for the Dunkeld and Birnam area)

Peter Flinn



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.

Vietnam Veterans' Day: On 18 August, we commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. We remember the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of our involvement in the Vietnam War.

Australians and the Vietnam War

The Vietnam War was Australia's longest military engagement of the 20th Century. The arrival of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in South Vietnam during July and August 1962 marked the start of Australia's involvement in the war. By the time the war had come to an end, almost 60,000 Australians served during a decade of conflict between 1962 and 1972. Tragically, 523 of them died and 3000 were wounded.

Battle of Long Tan: The Battle of Long Tan was a significant moment in Australia's war in Vietnam. On 18 August 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war.

The men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, faced a force of some 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. The battle was fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour.

By the end of the day, 17 Australians had been killed in action and 25 were wounded, one of whom died a few days later. This was the largest number of casualties in a single operation since the Australian Task Force had established its base at nearby Nui Dat the previous April.

On this day, we commemorate all the battles fought by Australians in Vietnam, from large-scale operations to platoon and section-level encounters. We remember the sailors of the Royal Australian Navy who supported land operations, and members of the Royal Australian Air Force who served in combat and transport roles.

On 8 October 1966, 12 men of C Company, 5RAR were wounded - one seriously - when two booby-trapped grenades exploded. One of six men hit by shrapnel in the first detonation, Private David Riik, is assisted to a 'dust-off' chopper by Lance-Corporals Ron Shoebridge (left) and David 'Stretch' Bryan. Riik was fortunate in that he did not lose a limb and was not blinded; others during the conflict were not so lucky. But even men who got off 'lightly' could have ongoing medical problems, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and tinnitus (ringing in the ears) from the explosion. AWM COA/66/0877/VN



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A day to say 'thank you': On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war. We honour those veterans who:

- lost their lives during battle
- returned home wounded, ill or injured
- lost their lives in the years since they returned
- still carry the physical and emotional scars of their service

We also pause to reflect on the impact of service on veterans' families¹

¹ <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/days/vietnam-veterans-day>



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School News

Our students have recently been involved in the following events/activities:

- A Special Assembly was held on Friday 11 August with Honour Certificates being presented to: Prep: Van Russell and Layla Macgugan; Year 1/2: Roy Andrew and Abigail Welsh; Year 3/4: Angus Jones and Nellie Wickens; Year 4/5: Zoe Trotter and Jim Herrmann; Year 6: Jack Oldfield Mann and Millie McShane.
- As part of the Dunkeld Writers Festival, children's authors, Sarah Speedie and Nova Weetman, conducted workshops with all our students on Friday 18 August.
- Watercolour illustration workshops conducted by local author/illustrator, Emma Stuart on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 August.
- Puberty Education sessions, for Year 6 and Year 5 student, conducted by WDHS personnel, were held on Monday 21 August.
- Prep and Year 1/2 students participated in free AFL Primary Play Clinics on Monday 21 August.
- Book Week Character Dress-up Parade and Activity Day was held on Wednesday 23 August. Dunkeld Kindergarten students also participated in the Book Week parade, as part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program.
- Three students, Ruby Mibus, Year 2, George Phillips, Year 3 and Jude Rush, Year 3, received prizes in the Sheepvention Inventions Competition, for their marvellous creations – a Pet Lamb Feeder, a Shoe Cleaner and a Boot in a Box Cleaner. Ruby also received an award for the Best Overall Student Invention.
- Our Kitchen and Garden 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 7 August. They helped prepare delicious seasonal Apple and Cinnamon Muffins and Zucchini Rosi with Horseradish and Sour Cream Sauce.
- Standing Tall in Hamilton mentors have been visiting our school on a weekly basis.

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