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2022 Peaks and Trails a Great Success in Dunkeld's Grampians

After a two-year hiatus, the Peaks and Trails Run event was held recently in the picturesque southern end of the Grampians. This was the sixth running of the event, organised, co-ordinated and run by volunteers from the Dunkeld and wider community.



The Mud-Dadjug (previously the Mount Abrupt) challenge, climbing 430 metres and back down again, was the warmup event on the Saturday, with the winning male, Bill Meeker completing the climb up and back in 42.01 minutes and the winning female, Charlotte Byrnes in 1.06.58. Anyone who has climbed this mountain will understand that this is an amazing feat!

Over 225 participants entered events over the weekend, with 38 completing the 50km course on Sunday and 82 completing the 20km course. The two shorter courses, the 13.5km and the 6.4km, had 47 and 26 competitors respectively. The courses all started and finished in the Dunkeld township and were different to previous years'. This year's trails utilised the newly opened

Grampians Peaks Walk tracks so new records for times have started in 2022.

Feedback from the competitors was very positive, as it has been in the past, with particular mention of the delicious homemade snacks provided to sustain the runners. The ringing of the cowbells and enthusiastic encouragement from local volunteers along the tracks, at strategically positioned aid stations and checkpoints, were met with many thank you's and appreciative comments. The committee even managed to supply beautiful weather for the event, with very little wind and lovely mild sunny conditions, which showcased the natural beauty of the Grampians so well.



Lea McArthur, of the Peaks and Trails organising committee, was very pleased with how the weekend went. "The day ran smoothly and the overall response from participants was very positive," she said. "So much planning and organisation goes into it in the months leading up, it's just really nice to hear great feedback."



Lea also wanted to make mention of the army of volunteers, without whom the event could not happen.

"Most other events, similar to this, are not volunteer run, so it gives us a really good point of difference. The participants love the homemade style catering, the cowbells and encouragement along the way, and just the general community feel of the event. We had volunteers hiking out to be in position at checkpoints and aid stations before the first race started at 7.00am, and often they don't get back until after 5.00pm." She explained. "I really want to stress how much our volunteers are appreciated, and how great it is that they come on board to make it all happen."

The winners of this year's 50 km event were Jasmine Volner, with a time of 5.47.16 in the female section, and Matthew Creahan, in the males, with a time of 4.43.18. A special mention should also go to local children Grace Potter, Pippa Williamson and 10-year-old Max Russell for participating in the 6.4 km run. Grace and Pippa finished first and second

respectively in their event and Max finished 9th. All results can be viewed online at www.alpinetiming.com.au/results/r283/

The date of next year's Peaks and Trails event has just been announced and is to be on 12th and 13th August 2023. If you enjoy the natural beauty of the wonderful Grampians, put this date in your diary and consider participating as a competitor or volunteer at this unique event.

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4th Week	Sunday	August 28	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
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4th Week	Sunday	September 25	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

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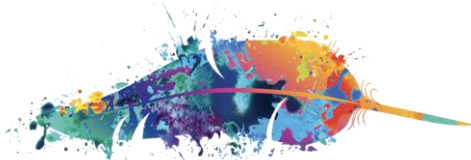
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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
22	23	24 Newsletter issue 12 distributed	25	26 Writers Festival	27 Writers Festival	28 Writers Festival
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Dunkeld Writers Festival

SOME GEMS FOR THE DUNKELD WRITERS FESTIVAL

(Coming up on Friday 26, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August. Don't miss out, some tickets still available at www.dunkelgidwritersfestival.com.au Single session tickets are available.)

To choose just four books from the many sessions on offer is a hard task, but here goes:

1. Living Treasure **BARRY JONES** will be speaking at Mt Sturgeon Woolshed on Saturday afternoon, 27th August, and signing copies of his important book *The Penalty is Death*. Michael Kirby once described Barry thus: 'He irritates the hell out of people of all political loyalties. He reads virtually everything that matters.' Barry was a Victorian and Commonwealth parliamentarian who led the campaign to abolish the death penalty in the aftermath of the Ronald Ryan hanging.
2. Also appearing at the Woolshed on Saturday is **COLIN KING** as part of 'The Mountains Have a Secret' panel. His book, *Deep Down*, is a clever murder mystery set in the Grampians. Archaeologist Tahlia Lock accompanies DS Rory James to investigate bones uncovered in a gem fossicking site. The local area, including Dunkeld, is well described. To find out more, don't miss this session and get a signed copy.
3. On Saturday at the Woolshed, at 3.30pm in the session entitled 'An Omelette and a Glass Of Wine', **MATT FOWLES** will talk about his great new (perfect Fathers' Day Present) book with **PETER COLEMAN**, *Weekends with Matt*. It's a memoir of an unlikely friendship forged over wine. Matt is producer of the gorgeous pinot noir 'Ladies Who Shoot Their Lunch' and his wines go perfectly with game.
4. Sunday's last session, at 11.30am at the Community Centre will be the Festival's finale, a sports extravaganza chaired by Channel 7's **SAM LANE**, high-profile sports journalist and well-known to footy fans everywhere. With **GIDEON HAIGH** and **DAN EDDY** on the panel, there will be in-depth discussion and signing of Gideon's book *The Night Was a Bright Moonlight Night and I Could See a Man Quite Plain*, an intriguing cricketing non-fiction mystery, and Dan's new book *A Football Genius. The Peter Hudson Story*.

Bellcourt Books of Hamilton will have all the authors' books available at each session.

This wonderful line-up of writers also includes Tony Wright, Denise Lovett, Michael Williams, Rick Morton, Trace Balla, Mark Brandi, Chris Hammer, Margaret Hickey, Jess Ho, Gib Wettenhall.

Other books being spoken about and the inspirations for some sessions on the weekend are out of print, but James Dawson's *Aborigines of Victoria* and Arthur Upfield's *The Mountains Have a Secret* are available from Roz Greenwood Old and Rare Books.



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RED CROSS NEWS

Owing to the generosity of Prestonholme Nursery and to the work of Heather Napier holding a plant stall last weekend, Red Cross raised another \$160.00 for the Flood Appeal.

We have missed paying our annual memberships, so will make sure to bring memberships up to date at the Christmas Lunch in November.

The Dunkeld Branch acknowledges the passing of long serving member Pat Learmonth. We pass on to her family our sincere condolences and will miss her from our midst.

*Iris Field
Contact person*

Bruce McNaughton featuring 'Policing at Dunkeld'. Come along and enjoy their company!

MEMBERSHIPS:

A reminder that Annual Memberships are now due and can be paid by coming into the museum, paying with cash or card, alternatively your membership can be renewed by logging into our website dunkeldmuseum.org.au and paying by direct debit. Until now Covid has restricted our activities and our volunteers from coming in to help build our archives, but it is time to bring some normality back to our operation. We would love to see some new faces on our volunteer list.

WW2 BOOK RESEARCH:

We are slowly working our way through building short bio's of the people named on the World War 2 plaque at the Dunkeld cemetery. The museum committee would love to hear from anyone who has information or photographs of the following people:

Kenneth "Bruce" McLeod, son of Ken and Rose McLeod of Dunkeld

Phyllis Lewis (Warren), wife of Edward "Ted" Lewis.

Henry Middleton, son of Charles and Mary (Walker Woodhead)

Jean Napier (Luhrs), daughter of Oscar and Charlotte Luhrs.

SPRING IS A COMING - Hopefully very soon, we will soon be calling some able bodies to tidy up the museum garden, a working bee will be organised for the first Sunday in September (more about this next newsletter).

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MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sun 28 August Rex Beveridge, David Gordon
Sun 4 September David Baker, Lyn Collins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep the date free ... AGM and Guest Speaker Meeting on Monday 12 September 2022 at 7.30pm at the Museum. There will be a short AGM, reporting on our activities for the past financial year as this is a non-election year for office bearers, followed by our Guest Speakers Peter Hinchey and



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It has been fairly quiet over the Winter months for the Public Lands Committee apart from a successful Working Bee in mid-July pruning etc on the arch ways along the paths. There needs to be some repair work done on one of the timber frames as it has rotted away. It would be good to have a Working Bee along Salt Creek again before the fire season, maybe mid-October, weather depending.

The Caravan Park has been quiet also, allowing for some maintenance work. There has been new Bistro Blinds installed on the Camp Kitchen adding to the campers' comfort! It looks like they will be quite busy come September and October by the bookings.

We are still working on planning for a toilet at the Arboretum next to the Sawmill. This project is in conjunction with the Arboretum and Progress Associations.

Frank Raymond
DPL Committee

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Interested in playing? Then find us on Facebook at Grampians Cricket Club.

Or you can call one of our club members for a chat.

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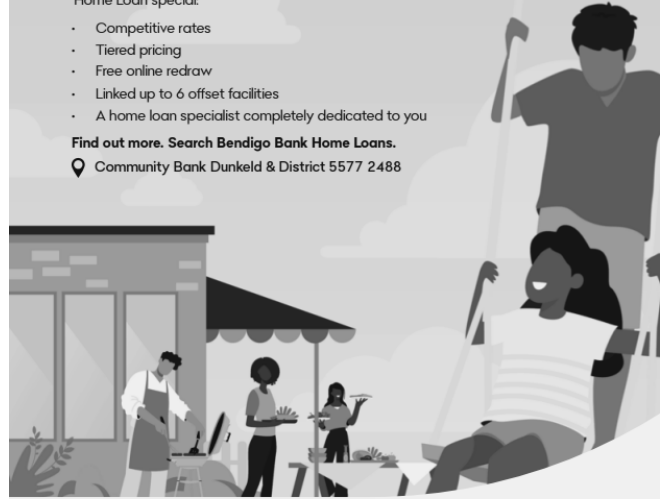
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When: Monday 8 August to Wednesday 14 September.

Where: New York ... to visit daughter Jacky.

Because: It's her 30th birthday.

Who: Father Robert will be celebrating the Eucharist on the weekends while Jeanine and Father David are away. To help Father Robert with his travelling:

The services at Dunkeld on Sunday 21 and 4 September will be at the special time of 2:00pm.

The service at Peshurst on Sunday 28 August will also be at 2:00pm.

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Question: Will Jeanine and Fr. David miss you?

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SCHOOL NEWS

Teaching and Learning

Staff have been busy working on their Book Week character costumes for the parade on Wednesday 24 August. Multi-age groups will rotate through activities based around the short-listed books from 10.00am.

Wellbeing

Our weekly wellbeing lessons across the school have focused on respect as part of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program to be implemented by all DET schools. Our Wellbeing Team of Sarah Gordon, Naomie Phillips and myself are meeting soon

to plan our scope and sequence, incorporating all our wellbeing programs used at school; Play is the Way, The Resilience Project and RRRR.

Camps

I have been so pleased to hear the positive feedback from students about our camps that have been held so far. The Year 2 Camp is in week 8 which is not too far away. Miss Sarah Gordon and Ms Helen Trahar will be attending the camp at Grampians Retreat.

Drop-off and Pick-up Zone

Just a little reminder that in our current drop-off zone on Victoria Valley Road, before school, once children have exited the car clear the space for the next cars to complete drop-off. If you need to come into the school grounds/office, please feel free to park your car in the school carpark. A further reminder to complete the U-turn at the large oval gateway. Thanks for your cooperation.

Student Voice and School Captains

Our leaders are meeting with me more regularly to discuss and plan ideas for out school. Recently we implemented rosters for the undercover area during break times, and we are reviewing ideas for the shelter shed space.

Transition

Our Kinder to Prep Transition Program commenced last week with the Dunkeld Kindergarten children visiting us on Wednesday 17 August, on the way to Bush Kinder. The Prep children and Mrs Gilbert gave them a tour of our school. We are also looking forward to seeing the four-year-old Kinder children on Wednesday 24 August, for the Book Week character parade.



Friday 9 December 2022 – School Bush Dance – more information to come!



Thank you,

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Prep/Year 1

Last week the Prep class did an investigation in our science-based Inquiry lesson to see how cut flowers get water. First, we got three plastic cups and put water into two of them. Mrs Gilbert put red food dye into one of the cups to make the water red. Then we went out into the garden and cut three white flowers and put one cut flower into each cup. We predicted that the flower in the red water would change colour and that the flower with no water would die. The next day we checked the flowers. Our predictions were correct! Look at the photo – the flower in red water started changing colour and the one with no water started to die. We concluded that water moves up the stem of the flower and into the petals.



Year 2/3 Maths and Inquiry

Chloe Skermer: In Maths we made pizza fractions I put 1/8 tomatoes, 2/8 mushrooms 1/8 pineapple and 4/8 salami. I learnt how to do fractions.

Digby Heazlewood: It was hard to make a fraction pizza because you got to choose what you had to put on it. But it couldn't all be



the same, you had to use different fractions on each ingredient. I did 5/8 for tomato, 8/8 pineapple because I love it. 3/8 salami because it is only okay and 2/8 mushrooms because I don't eat mushrooms much.

Sybil Patterson: We made fraction pizzas; it was hard. I put 4/8 tomato, 3/8 capsicum because I don't like it much, 2/8 pineapple because I like it and lastly, I put on 4/8 mushrooms.

George Heazlewood: My pizza looked yummy. We made fraction pizzas. It was easy and fun. I only put on 1/8 mushrooms because mushrooms are yuk, Salami is the best, but I only put 2/8 pieces and pineapple which I don't like either.

Grace Macgugan: I made a pizza. I cut it into eighths. 1/8 had mushrooms because I don't like them. 6/8 had capsicum and I like it. 3/8 had salami and lastly pineapple had 2/8 and I like pineapple.

Fun Friday Report Where's Wally?

On Friday 12 August we had Fun Friday. It was extraordinary how all the students worked together.

Thank you, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Field and Genevieve, for helping set up Fun Friday and putting up the Where's Wally posters. Hope everybody had an enjoyable time finding all the Where's Wally characters as it was a great success.



School Assembly on Friday 5 August 2022

Class Captain reports were presented by Phoebe Lazzari Year 5/6, Isla Oldfield Mann Year 4/5, Grace Macgugan Year 2/3 and Sailor Grimmer Prep/Year 1.

Sports Captain, Phoebe Lazzari, reported on the Hockey 7's competition.

Student Voice reported on Fun Fridays and all the activities that the students had participated in.

Honour Certificates were presented at the Assembly.

By Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters, School Captains.

Honour Certificates

Prep/Year 1: Liam Riddle and Spencer Cant-McKindlay.

Year 2/3: Xavier Macgugan, Audrey Black, George Lomas, Annie Jackson and Matilda Pattullo.

Year 4/5: Isla Oldfield Mann and Nate Elliott.

Year 5/6: Lachie Oldfield Mann and Charlotte Alderman.

Look what's back!

What a wonderful sight, our small oval has its football goal posts back. Thank you to Richard McShane, Mark Lazzari and Andrew Macgugan for kindly installing them. Your work is appreciated by staff and students.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden –

Captains Charlie Linke and Ella Peters

From the Kitchen...

On Friday 12 August the Year 5/6 students were cooking up a storm in the kitchen. They cooked Chilli 'non' Carne, they had to harvest coriander and celery from our garden. Another group cooked some Egg Baskets and they harvested parsley and chives to go with the eggs. The third group made Wheat Tortillas while the last group made Guacamole and they harvested spring onions for it.



From the Garden...

The Year 4/5 students did their gardening videos, some of the ideas were making tea, gardening beds and trimming trees. The Prep/Year 1 students went looking for ants, lady bugs, snails, slugs and beetles to magnify. Poppy said she, "found it interesting because they were cute". Marli said that "it was cool to see them up close". The Year 2 and 3 students washed out pots for Father's Day and will plant watermelon seeds in them!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser. Kelly's Dunkeld have kindly offered to be a central collection point for used batteries for the Dunkeld Consolidated School (Jason Linskens was instrumental in organising this). Any unwanted car, truck, tractor, boat batteries etc may be dropped off at Kelly's Hardware Store, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld.

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

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All will be right with time and a little patience (Mary MacKillop 1873).

The Duck Shooter

This is supposed to be a true story but I have not been able to verify it. But apparently a Melbourne lawyer went shooting in the Victoria Valley – Mirranatwa area. He shot a duck but it fell in the next paddock so he jumped the fence to retrieve the bird. As he was about to retrieve the bird the elderly farmer arrived and asked him what he was doing. The lawyer replied that he had shot the duck and was retrieving it. The farmer said that he should have asked permission to come onto his property, even though he had permission to shoot on the neighbour's, and he was to leave the bird and get off the property. The shooter said that he was one of the top lawyers in the country and that if the farmer did not let him get the duck he would sue him for everything.

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently you don't know how we settle disputes in this area. We settle small disagreements with the three kick rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the three kick rule?"

The farmer replied, "Well because the dispute occurs on my land, I get to go first, I kick you three times and then you kick

me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up.”

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom. The farmer slowly climbed down from his tractor and walked up to the attorney.

The first kick he planted the toe of his heavy steel toed work boot into the lawyer’s kneecap and dropped him to the ground. The second kick to the ribs rolled him over and the third kick to the rear end pushed his face into a fresh cow pat.

The lawyer summonsed every bit of his will and strength and managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket he said, “Okay, now it is my turn.”

The old farmer smiled and said, “Nah I give up, you can have the duck.”

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 is \$40.00 per person.

- If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL.
- Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES).

By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia’s oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson – phone: 5573 3353.

Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide - interim report released: *Email received from Aaron Coutts Director, Office for Veterans:* The Office for Veterans welcomes the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide interim report and its findings.

In a series of hearing blocks, private sessions and roundtables held around Australia, the Royal Commission has heard from veterans and their families, the Australian Defence Force, Department of Defence, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, experts in the fields of mental health, suicide prevention / postvention and the compensation and rehabilitation system, as well as organisations and practitioners who care for and support ADF members and veterans.

We commend the courage of lived experience witnesses who are sharing their stories to help the Royal Commission find ways to improve outcomes for all current and former serving members and their families.

The interim report is a critical step in ensuring the experiences of our veteran community are heard and acted on.

The interim report is available on the Royal Commission website:
<https://defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au/publications/interim-report>

The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make real and lasting change in the way we support our veterans and their families.

As part of the joint Commonwealth–State Royal Commission, the Victorian Government is working proactively to provide information and input into the Commission’s inquiry. In August 2022 we submitted a whole-of-Victorian-government submission to the Royal Commission and will continue to support the Royal Commission as it continues its vital work.

Beyond informing the inquiry, we are focused on ensuring the Victorian veteran community gets the support it needs during the Royal Commission.

We continue to work collaboratively with the ex-service sector to implement a range of programs and initiatives that support the wellbeing of veterans and their families, assist in their transition to civilian life and commemorate their sacrifice. To find out more about the work of the Office for Veterans visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/veterans-support-and-commemoration>

Reports and hearings

The Royal Commission Final Report submission date has been extended to June 2024. The Commission will continue to accept submissions until 13 October 2023 and applications for private sessions until Friday 28 April 2023. The next hearing block dates are:

- Hearing Block 7 in Darwin from 18 October.
- Hearing Block 8 in Wagga Wagga from 28 November.

A Victorian hearing date is yet to be confirmed. Hearing dates are updated on the RCDVS website [Hearings | Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide](#).

Victoria’s veterans have made enormous sacrifices so all Australians can enjoy safety, freedom and peace, and we are committed to honour and support them in return. Support for Victorian veterans during the Royal Commission The new Victorian Veteran Family Services – a program run by Melbourne Legacy that offers individual support to the families and loved ones of veterans – commenced in May 2022.

Two Veteran Liaison Officers (who are veterans themselves) deliver the service, connecting with veterans and their families and carers by engaging established networks of ex-service and community support organisations. The service line, 1800 VET FAM, is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Helplines and crisis support

The Royal Commission will be a difficult process for many people in the Victorian veteran community. The following services provide free and confidential counselling for current and former defence members and their families.

- If life is in danger call Triple Zero (000) for immediate support.
- Legacy: 1800 VET FAM
- Open Arms: 1800 011 046 or openarms.gov.au
- Safe Zone Support: 1800 142 072 (anonymous)
- Defence Member and Family Helpline 1800 624 608
- Defence All-hours Support Line: 1800 628 036 (for ADF members and their families)
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1 300 659 467 or suicidecallbackservice.org.au
- Suicide Line: or 1300 651 251 or suicideline.org.au
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Lifeline Crisis Chat: lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat

- Beyond Blue Support Service: 1800 224 636 or beyondblue.org.au
- Legal and financial support
- Throughout the Royal Commission, the Defence and Veterans Legal Service (DAVLS) will provide free and independent information and legal support to current and former serving members, as well as their families, carers and supporters – to safely share their experiences with the inquiry.
- DAVLS can be contacted on 1800 331 800 (Monday to Friday) or by email at defencevetslegal@legalaid.qld.gov.au
- The Commonwealth is also providing legal financial assistance for organisations giving evidence or providing other forms of formal engagement.
- More information about the legal financial assistance scheme is available on the Attorney-General's Department website or by contacting the department on 02 6141 4770 or 1800 117 995 (between 8.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday), or by email at finass@ag.gov.au

The Office for Veterans will continue to provide updates to the Victorian veteran community on the progress of the Royal Commission and promote support services and opportunities for involvement.

August

By Marion Colton

Greetings everyone! How green our world is and how fast the months disappear!

I decided to go for a much-needed walk and connect to the bushland world, ensuring that I had my rain gear with me. It was as well I did. The sun appeared as I was walking and, feeling pleasantly warm, I took my raincoat off. Within two minutes it was raining again, so I retrieved it from my pack and put it on again. Five minutes later the sun was again warming, so off came my coat. Withing a few minutes rain fell again and so it continued, off and on, for some time!!

The bush is looking wonderful, vivid greens everywhere and the browns, blacks, greys and creams of tree limbs were enhanced with the moisture. Exquisite mosses matted the earth and crept up the bases of trees; they slid over fallen limbs, clothed mounds of earth and squeezed into crevices. Not only are they beautiful but they also act as a barrier against evaporation, retaining moisture for surrounding plants. Not only that, they have a history far, far longer than we human beings. Their origins date back billions of years, almost to the beginning of life on earth. What a history!

The Greenhood orchids seem to appreciate their warmth and moisture, if not their history, for at the moment large colonies are visible in them. I'm not very good at identifying Greenhoods, but there appeared to be at least three separate species with differently shaped and sized leaves in rosettes at the bases. Today the Nodding Greenhoods, *Pterostylis nutans*, were overloaded with moisture and were bowing their heads deeply. Their antennae hang down and they often shelter amongst the heaths. Nearby, or amongst them, was another species with a green and white striped hood which pointed its antennae upwards, displaying a 'chin' of soft fawn. This may be the Trim Greenhood, *Pterostylis concinna*. The most profuse array of Greenhoods, in the mosses, on the banks, under trees and shrubs, had minute basal rosettes and the shortest of stalks. They blended so well with their habitat that it was easy to miss them. Yet, bending down to inspect them, then looking beyond, the sunlight lit up hundreds of tiny hoods in every direction ... little hoods of light. What a revelation! These delightful little plants are probably Dwarf Greenhoods, *Pterostylis nana*.

However, Nature beckons us to bend lower and lower to appreciate her wonders. Not far away, nestling almost invisible in mosses and leaf litter, hidden by shrubs, were the minute Slaty Helmet orchids, *Corybas incurvus syn diemenicus*. They really do resemble little helmets tucked into their ground hugging, round to heart-shaped leaves.

Sometimes our interest in orchids detracts from our awareness of other native flora. Few can compare with the exquisite, pure white, five petalled flowers of *Dresera whittakeri*, the Scented Sundew. Its centre is encircled with stamens whose anthers are the palest lemon. It is certainly worth dropping down onto hands and knees to smell its fragrance. Insects drawn to it are trapped in its attractive golden to rose-green basal leaves which form pretty rosettes over the earth, often creating mats. These leaves have sticky tentacles which close around their unfortunate victim, which is slowly transformed and consumed by the plant. Many rosettes don't seem to flower, making the ones that do even more special.

In this area one cannot fail to see the many fairly compact clumps of *Astroloma conostephioides*, Flame Heath. Amongst its prickly foliage its scarlet flowers hang like lanterns. The Common Heath, *Epacris impressa*, our floral emblem, is far more flamboyant. Sometimes it reaches waist height (at least, my waist!) and dangles its closely packed floral tubes in a wealth of colours; white, white tipped with rose, pale pink, deep pink, red or deep red ... not all on the same shrub. Growing next to each other they look stunning.

I descended to the river flats and perched on a large stump to enjoy a snack in the sunshine. No sooner had I taken my first bite than whoosh! a magpie dive-bombed me. After three rapid dive-bombs from different directions, I decided to equally rapidly depart, for I definitely wasn't welcome there. It was persistent for some distance and I needed to be aware of its clever strategy swooping unexpectedly from different places. So much for my quiet snack in the sun!

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