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VICTORIA'S ROADMAP



Roadmap easing thresholds: In addition to reaching the vaccination threshold at each point in the roadmap, easing restrictions will depend on public health advice as to the current epidemiology. In addition, easing at 70% and 80% fully vaccinated will be subject to health system capacity.

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REGIONAL VICTORIA

	National Plan: Phase A	National Plan: Phase A	National Plan: Phase B	National Plan: Phase C	National Plan: Phase D
80% 🏠 🏠	Victorians can get outside to catch-up with friends and do some of the outdoor activities we've gone without. Recreation: • You can play basketball, golf, tennis, cricket and other outdoor recreation activities together - with the same limits as picnics. Accessing facility must be contactless. • Personal training resumes for up to five fully vaccinated people outside.	School Reopens <i>Indicative date: 5 October 2021</i> Our next step is reopening schools - planned for October 5th. • Students can return to sit the GAT if required on October 5th. • From 6 October, on-site learning for VCE Units 3/4, and final year VCAL & IB students. • From 18 October, prep students return three days a week, years 1 & 2 students return two days a week.	70% 🏠 🏠 <i>Indicative date: 26 October 2021</i> At 70% fully vaccinated lockdown will end in Melbourne. Social and Recreational: • Reasons to leave home and curfew no longer in place. • 10 fully vaccinated people can gather outdoors, community sport training returns for minimum required to hold training. • Pubs, clubs and entertainment venues can open to 50 fully vaccinated people outdoors. • Weddings and funerals open for 50 fully vaccinated outdoors. Education: • All school students return on-site at least part time. Hairdressing personal care: • Open for up to 5 fully vaccinated people.	80% (16+yrs) 🏠 🏠 <i>Indicative date: 5 November 2021</i> At 80% fully vaccinated, regional Victoria and Metro Melbourne come together under the same rules. Social & Recreational: • Up to 10 people (including dependants) are permitted at your home. • Up to 150 fully vaccinated people can dine indoors, and up to 30 can gather in public outside. • Indoor community sport open for minimum number required. • Masks are only required inside. • Pubs, restaurants and cafes can open for seated service only, up-to 150 fully vaccinated people inside and 500 outdoors. Work: • Work from home if you can, but you can go to work if fully vaccinated.	80% (12+yrs) 🏠 🏠 <i>Indicative date: 19 November 2021</i> Once 80% of Victorians aged 12 and over are fully vaccinated restrictions will align with the National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response, agreed to by National Cabinet. Social: • By 25 Dec, 30 visitors to the home.
80% 🏠	<i>Indicative date: 26 September 2021</i> Regional Victoria is out of lockdown, and at 80% first dose some further easing can go ahead. Beauty Services: • Masks can be removed for your entire booking at the hairdressers and other beauty services too. Education: • Final years VCAL students can return to on-site learning.	<i>Indicative date: 5 October 2021</i> Schools continue to be open in Regional Victoria for on-site learning for VCE Units 3/4, final year VCAL & IB students, Prep and Year 1 and 2 students. • Further advice on the return to onsite learning for remaining year levels will be provided by 30 September	<i>Indicative date: 26 October 2021</i> More social and recreation activities open up for fully vaccinated Victorians. Social & Recreational: • Community sport returns indoors for minimum number required. • Pubs, clubs and entertainment venues are open indoors to 30 fully vaccinated people. Education: • All school students return onsite at least part time - see full roadmap for details. Religious Ceremonies: • Funerals and weddings are allowed for 30 fully vaccinated people indoors and 100 fully vaccinated outdoors.	Hairdressing, beauty, personal care: • Open for fully vaccinated people. Retail: • All retail open. Education: • Early childhood education and care is open. • All students return to school with additional safety measures in-place. • On-site adult education returns for fully vaccinated Victorians. Religious Ceremonies: • Weddings, funerals, and religious services return for 150 fully vaccinated people indoors, and 500 outdoors.	

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CHURCH TIMES

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

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

1st Week	Sunday	October 3	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	October 10		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	October 17	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	October 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week	Sunday	October 31	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

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

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

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ALL WELCOME. Enquiries to Father David phone 5571 1317.

Ecumenical Gathering in the Round

Rev Angie will lead the monthly sharing and discussion get together at Sterling Place Community Centre on Sunday 10 October at 5.00pm. A simple communion service is included in the hour of sharing many aspects of life and the world. We would love you to join us.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
4	5	6 Newsletter issue 15 distributed	7	8 Off The Rails AGM @ 7.00pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Newsletter issue 16 deadline	16	17
18	19	20 Newsletter issue 16 distributed.	21	22	23	24
25 Red Cross Meeting @ 2.00pm	26	27	28	29 Newsletter issue 17 deadline	30	31

Doodles from Father David

Have you noticed that there are a lot of numbers lately? Number of people who have been infected, number of people in ICU, number of people who have died, number of people who are on a ventilator, number of jabs, number of people who were in the community while infectious, number of mystery cases. We are pretty well saturated, drenched and drowning in numbers.

Now all these numbers are good, dandy and helpful. They give us an idea of how things are going, or not going and I am sure that our fearless leaders use them every day to make those tricky, complex decisions which no one really likes.

In the Church we keep numbers thinking that the more bottoms we have on the pews the better we are. But Big is not always better.

We ambush ourselves when we obsess with numbers. We forget that there are real people on the other side of those digits. Those numbers are real people, shedding physical wet tears and whose blood pressure is truly rising as they go without work / dollars. They are real people, just like you and me who are simply fraught because they cannot sit at the bedside of their loved one. They are palpable, touchable people who selflessly work vigorously and many hours to look after us, protect us and are patient with us as we are patients to them.

Each one of those numbers is a brother, a sister, a mother, a father, a child, an uncle, a lover, a friend, a colleague. They are important and cherished by a multiplicity of people. They are of immeasurable value to the one who went to the cross and suffered in His own way for each and everyone of them. Everyone of those numbers is a child of God and unforgettable to Him.



Update from Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre

In accordance with the Victoria Roadmap we are currently able to host up to 20 people at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre. This number will go up to 30 people from 26 October. From this date the Roadmap requires that everyone entering the facility will need to be fully vaccinated. We are currently working through how we implement this requirement and will let you know when we have more information to share.

Thanks to Coleraine Men's Shed for making a fabulous outdoor seat which has been located at the front entrance. For those waiting for the doctor to arrive or anyone passing wanting to have a sit down, it's there to be used!

Dr Ford from Hamilton Medical Group holds a surgery on Tuesday afternoons. For all bookings phone 5572 2422 or use the HotDoc app.

We have recently been fortunate to receive funding under the State Government's Solar on Public Buildings Program. The funding provided an energy audit and identified that a couple of new solar panels aimed at catching morning and afternoon sun would be beneficial. In addition, we are really pleased to have approval for a Tesla Powerwall battery. A Powerwall is a high tech battery which stores energy and provides back-up protection. It detects outages and automatically becomes the energy source when the grid goes down. Its pairs with solar panels and operates without noise or fuel. Works are planned to start soon.

As always, if anyone has any suggestions, feedback or just want to pop in for a chat, it would be great to hear from you.

Annette Jones
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Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

In-between lunch and dinner service light snacks are available from 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Due to Covid restrictions we are only allowed 10 inside. We are doing two sittings Tuesday to Sunday: Lunch 11.30am to 1.00pm then 1.00pm to 2.30pm, Dinner 5.30pm to 7.00pm then 7.00pm to 8.30pm, outside dining 30 people.

We close at 2.30pm then reopen at 4.00pm.

Bookings are essential due to limited numbers walk ins welcome if numbers allow.

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Dunkeld Sawmill

The Dunkeld Sawmill Group has worked hard to get the sawmill in working condition. We have replaced anything that was not safe and will improve safety. Many guards have been added to the machinery.

We have cut and donated the timber for the jetty. We have also cut timber to re-deck and repair bridges along the walking track. We will support any local group if we can.

Our group supports the appeal for the MRI machine for Hamilton. We will sell some offcuts and make a donation to the appeal, because the MRI could be the best addition to Hamilton for some time. We ask everyone to get behind the appeal.

We are always on the lookout for fallen trees suitable for timber. They will not be wasted if we use them.

John Smith



RED CROSS NEWS

Raising funds for the wider work of Red Cross, is difficult in this current situation. However, thanks to the generosity of **Prestonholme Nursery** for donations of seedlings, and to the locals for buying the plants, plus the gift of some **financial donations** ... we are able (and permitted by HQ) to 'go local' this time and give to the **WDHS / MRI Appeal**. Many thanks to all involved.

A sizeable pack of **used stamps** is ready to be dispatched to HQ. They will be a delight to collectors around the world and help raise funds for the work of Red Cross ... which is never ending. Thank you to the **many donors** and to **Terrie** at the school. Rather than bin your stamps, they can be left at the **school office** or with a **member**.

Peter Flinn found an **appreciation certificate** which **Helena** had begun, for **Dorothy's** 90th birthday. That has been completed, with a photo of the day attached, and was presented to Dorothy at our recent meeting.

The winner of the day's **raffle** was **Jane Jones**. All being well, the next and **last meeting** for 2021, will be **Monday 25 October** at the **Henry Leech RSL Room**, at **2.00pm**.

Iris Field, Secretary



Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannon

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

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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Work has been completed on the installation of the footbridge across the creek at the Caravan Park. A thank you to Simon Armytage for his help with removal of the old bridge and placing new one on footings, also to Paul McDonald and crew for all their work, to make it possible.

The Public Lands Committee have received a donation from Dunkeld Progress Association of \$3,000.00 towards an opening day for the jetty and towards construction costs. We will have a day when weather is good and restrictions allow, to acknowledge sponsors/donors towards this project.

A reminder to have a working bee to clean up along Salt Creek possibly November some time.

Frank Raymond
DPL committee

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**Please come along and show support at
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Hi everyone, I hope all is well with you. Though the global pandemic has slowed down many activities and events, the landcare and farming world is still plugging along in the background, the seasons don't stop!

A few things that have been or are happening include:

Grampians Ark Fox Control Program dates - our Spring baiting pulse runs from **29 September 2021 - 22 November 2021**. All participating properties will have signs on their gateways, letting you know. (*Do you need new gate signs? Please let me know*). If you are participating, please collect your baits from Kelly's Dunkeld - there will be no cost to you as their cost has been generously covered by the Parks Vic program. We've had many reports of fox sightings this year - it appears numbers are increasing again. Much study has been undertaken on fox control methods, and it shows that a combination of control methods (i.e. not just relying on one method) is the most successful. Consequently, with some great spotlighting work happening at the same time, we are keeping track of the numbers removed. Thanks to everyone involved, in any way - you are making our landscape a much safer place for our livestock and native animals. If you would like to know more about the program, or participate, please get in touch with me. And remember also that we have fox cages available to borrow - these are great for setting around houses and sheds, and for those not baiting or spotlighting.

What insect is that? In crop, pasture, backyard or bush?

We are working with Dr Paul Horne and Jessica Page from IPM Technologies - a small private company that helps farmers (and advisors) to control pests using minimal reliance on pesticides and integrating biological and cultural (management) techniques with any pesticide use.

Paul provides the Landcare groups with notes on insects and pest management, and is able to help you with identification, and with specific inquiries. A great example of this recently, was a query on red legged earth mites - what beneficial insect predated them, and what sprays to use, and when, and how. Paul also helped Bill and Katrina Weatherly - they were bush walking and came across this



very small critter - they hadn't seen the likes of it before - especially with the big flashy red bottom! So we sent the photo to Paul, who then sent it to Museum Vic, who then sent it to the Australian cockroach expert, and he thought the photo was a "set up" as he'd never seen anything like it before! So, it is still being investigated and studied, and is probably a new sub species. Pretty exciting find! If you'd like to ask Paul a question:

Dr Paul A. Horne, Director/Entomologist, IPM Technologies Pty Ltd - Phone: 0419 891 575 (it will be at no cost to you, if you just say that Lisa and Pannyabyr Landcare Group, sent you)

CMA Victorian Landcare Grants: We are still waiting to hear whether any of the 12 projects we applied for, were successful. I'll let you know when I know.

Rabbits: The Pannyabyr Landcare Group has three fumigators, and also a bait layer, available for people to borrow. Now is a great time for fumigation, as the soil is damp. Later into Summer, ripping works well on sandy ground. And, of course, it works best if neighbours work together at the same time. If you are interested in doing some control work, please get in touch.

Rabbits and Bryan's Swamp: Parks Vic will begin rabbit control (warren fumigation and ripping) Bryan's Swamp, from the first week in October 2021. If you live close to the Swamp, this could also be a great time to do some control work too, as we all know that if neighbours do such activities at the same time, the effectiveness is massive. There are rabbit fumigators available to borrow.

Finding Nature: We HOPE we can hold an event late in October 2021, to visit Mt Cavendish - with thanks to our hosts the Jodie and James Young. No date is set yet as we all know how hard it is to plan anything at the minute...! *Do you have an idea for an event, or a place to visit? Please get in touch.*

Weeds: *South African Weed Orchid* is highly invasive, and produces millions of dust-like seeds that spread really easily. They are becoming really obvious right now, as their flower spike (looks like an asparagus spear) elongates. Now is a great time to do some control work, as they are easy to distinguish from native orchids.

Broome – this plant/shrub is flowering now. If you need to know more, please get in touch, we have some really helpful publications and years of experience to share! Do you have other problem plants you are worried about (e.g. Patterson's Curse at the Dunkeld Railway Station), please let me know.

Bryan's Swamp sandbagging across the Outlet: The GHCMA and Nature Glenelg Trust came out to Bryan's Swamp, and laid 120 sandbags across the outlet. These bags will slow the draining of the Swamp - meaning it will probably hold water for a few extra weeks into the Summer.

Mooralla Landcare Group: Congratulations to the Mooralla community for reforming their Landcare Group after many years in recess. It is no small task to form a new group of anything these days, as our "free" time becomes more limited, and other community commitments call. Michael Todd is the Chairperson, and Kerrie Campbell their Secretary - we look forward to sharing events and ideas and working with them.

Australian Government Landcare Farming Award (Victoria): Because of the amazing amount of landcare work that has and is still happening on "Corea", the Blackwell Family have been nominated for this award, and the judging will happen later in the year.

Forgotten Woodland Species to be re-established at Long Point – would you like to join us? Nature Glenelg Trust's Long Point Reserve, on the outskirts of Dunkeld, is about to become home to hundreds of woodland species seedlings which will be protected by heavy duty kangaroo-proof guards.

The Friends of Forgotten Woodlands group is working to rebuild woodland communities in the Victorian Volcanic Plains, with a focus on three key species: drooping she-oak, silver banksia, and sweet Bursaria. The group was established in 2016, and began searching around the district for remnant areas of the focus species; seed orchards have been established, and climate resilience genetic research is ongoing. The group, which is made up of scientists, natural resource managers, farmers, and others, will plant 200 mixed seedlings at the site **in mid-October** - and we'd love for you to join us! If you're interested in lending a hand on the day, please let me know. I'll send out further details closer to the event. Hope to see you there!

I have just started doing a bit of work with Nature Glenelg Trust, helping them to organise local activities, so if you'd like to be a part of this planting day, please get in touch with me. If you are interested in any of these or would like to go on the Landcare email list, or have ideas for any other events, topics, projects, research ... as always - please get in touch with me!

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SCHOOL NEWS

From the Acting Principal ...

It was certainly a welcomed return for our Prep to Year 3 students for week 10. While these have been challenging times, I am so proud of the efforts and achievements of our Remote Learning students, their resilience to adapt has been wonderful, along with the support of their families at home.

With the departure of two of our teaching staff, Mrs Ann Howard and Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, at the end of Term 3, I would like to wish them all the best for the next chapter in their lives. I cannot thank them enough for the time and dedication they have given to the school and the students.

With the news of Mrs Gerring's departure from the school we have announced the staffing structure for Term 4. This ensures a smooth transition for our students, with familiar staff continuing at our school. I was most pleased that we were able to accommodate this without too much change, thanking our remaining staff for adapting to a new role for Term 4.

- Mrs Anne Gilbert will move into the Year 4/5 Class for Tuesday to Friday for Term 4. Miss Stephanie Thompson will continue to work in the Year 4/5 class on a Monday.
- Mrs Jackie McShane will be increasing her time to four days (Monday to Thursday) for Term 4, while Ms Hannah Black will work with the Prep/Year 1 class on a Friday.
- Ms Hannah Black will continue the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) program on Mondays in Term 4.
- Student support will remain in place with extra ES and teacher support across the school.
- I will be assisting in the Writing Hour on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Year 4/5/6 classrooms.

I was lucky enough to sit in with the Prep/Year 1 class for their live chat with Blake Cochrane, Paralympian 2021 Bronze Medallist in Breaststroke. He was in his hotel room in Sydney completing his mandatory quarantine before being able to return home to his family in Queensland. His recap of his journey to becoming a Paralympian was engaging and the students then asked him some questions. What a wonderful opportunity for students!

In our pick-up and drop-off area, further works from the shire, extending the culvert are, have now been completed. Many thanks to Lachy Patterson for following up on this matter.

Let's hope Term 4 can be uninterrupted, with our normal school programs being able to take place, particularly our camps.

Ange Field, Acting Principal

Year 2 Webex Meeting with Blake Cochrane



On Tuesday 14 September Year 2 and 3 students had a Webex meeting with Blake Cochrane while still in lockdown, in Sydney.

Blake taught us a lot about the Paralympics, like when he was in London the events were very close together however at other Paralympics they have been all spread out. *By Jim Herrmann.*

Blake was bullied when he was in

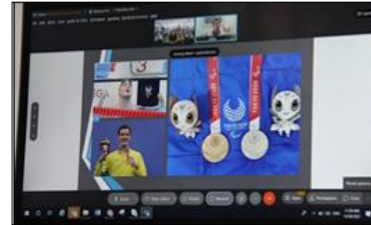


Primary School because of his disability. He told us that he can do everything we can do and even more. *By Tyson Riddle.*

We made Blake a podium out of cardboard and placed him in his bronze position alongside the other winners. *By George Lomas, James Manolas and Zach Lance.*

Prep and Year 1 Webex Meeting with Blake Cochrane

On Monday 13 September our Prep and Year 1 students enjoyed a Webex meeting with Paralympian, Blake



Cochrane. We were very excited to talk to him and asked him many questions about his life. We have written letters to Blake and these are going to be made into a book and sent to him.

Year 4, 5 and 6 – Researching the Paralympics



Hi, my name is Jack Jones, Year 5. This is about Jared Clifford and Amber Merritt. Jared does athletics and Amber does wheelchair basketball and they both have disabilities. We have been

researching the Paralympians and we just talked to them on the big TV. We submitted questions and they were answering them. Their disabilities were: Jared was losing his eyesight and Amber has clubfoot. I came back from that meeting with a lot of understanding that you can't judge a book by its cover and you have to look on the bright side. Also, to be nice to everyone you meet and never judge someone you don't know on how they look because they might be really nice on the inside.

Pizza Shop



The Year 2/3 students were busy making and eating pizzas to finish off their Maths Money Unit. The Year 3 students had to work out how much change they were going to receive and the Year 2 students were busy adding up how much the pizza was going to cost. The Year 2's were also

the waiters and waitresses for the Year 3 students.

The Year 2's thoroughly enjoyed their delicious cooking session on Friday 10 September with Clare Kennedy where they also made yummy pizzas and scones!



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAGK)

Kitchen Report:

Year One Kitchen Experiences on Friday 10 September

Bobby - It was really fun. The thing that I liked the best was the pizza because it had potato and cheese.

George – Jed and I got to cut up the strawberries. I



liked putting the strawberries into the bowl.
 Jed - George and I washed the dishes. I liked eating the scones because I liked the strawberries.
 Lochie - It was fun and the pizza was very yummy. We put cheese, potato and rosemary on the pizza.
 Nellie - I liked the pizza. I shaped the scones. We smashed the rosemary salt for the pizza.
 Sybil - I liked the scones with strawberries and whipped cream. I shaped some of the scones.
 Jackson - I liked the pizza. I sprinkled the cheese on the pizza.
 Michaela - It was fun and the food tasted delicious. I had to knead the dough and sprinkle cheese on the pizza.
 Dempsey - It was exciting. I had to make some rosemary salt for the pizza. We made some scones. They were delicious.



PEDRINA PARK PAVILION CONSTRUCTION SITE REOPENS

The Pedrina Park Pavilion construction site will reopen this week. Following a deep clean of the site and after complying with all directions of the Department of Health, works will recommence on Wednesday.

Remaining tasks to be completed at the site include full electrical fit out, connection of services, installation of the commercial kitchen, painting and installation of flooring. As always, preference will be given to local subcontractors for these works where they are available. All persons who attend the site are required to comply with the contractors COVID safe plan including having authorised permits to work in regional Victoria for those who may be required to come from Melbourne.

Quotes attributable to Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton:

"Understandably there was concern in the community about the COVID exposure at Pedrina Park Pavilion construction site and we acknowledge the distress that this caused".

"We are very fortunate that our contractor Rendine had such good COVID measures in place and ensured compliance on site. Those who did come from Melbourne were authorised to do so and followed all the requirements while they were here. We are confident that these strict measures will continue on site now that permission has been given to reopen. As with any project, preference is given to local subcontractors where they are available to complete the job. Unfortunately, it's not always possible due to availability and time constraints".

"The Southern Grampians community have done an amazing job so far in getting vaccinated and complying with all the mandates from the State Government over the last 18 months. These efforts are keeping all of us safe and I thank each and every person who has played their part".

"We are really looking forward to completing the Pedrina Park Pavilion and having it open and available for use for our community in the coming months".



Year 2 students also were lucky to share the same cooking delights that day.



Garden Report:

On Friday 10 September Prep, Year 1 and 2 students were split into two groups. While one group were preparing food in the Kitchen the other group was hard at it in the garden. Prep students got to meet our new chickens and collected green grass and plants for them. We also gave them fresh water and topped up their food in the feeder. We gathered whatever plants from the garden to make billy tea. Lisa had billies boiling on the campfire, with lemon or rosemary mint tea and the Preps could add their plants if they wanted. Year 1 and 2 were introduced to the chickens and then proceeded to make potato towers and cover them with hay. Year 1 and 2 students also got to enjoy the billy tea.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

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

Components of used batteries e.g. metals, acids and plastics are reclaimed, recycled and put back into the manufacturing process to build more batteries and household products, 98% of the battery is recycled.

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

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250 Words from Father David

Once upon a time I took our daughter to a Wiggles concert. You know... those skivvy clad people that dance and sing with a very young audience. I remember it as a very rowdy outing but great fun for all of that.

A few months ago, The Wiggles announced a fresh line up of people to include not just gentlemen, but also some ladies as well. Included in the new line-up are some people who happen to have come from a different ethnic background. Here's a couple of quotes that made the news.

"Fruit Salad TV seeks to inspire a diverse audience with its gender balanced and diverse cast," the group said.

"Fruit Salad TV will endeavour to reflect today's pluralistic society and put a smile on the faces of children all over the world who see themselves reflected on the screen," he said.

Now my question is not 'Why the change, why the different skivvies or why the new line up?' My question is... Why is this news? Is it really such a big deal? Are people from different backgrounds still not integrated fully, properly, healthily, completely into our everyday life and TV screens? And if not ... why not? Clearly, we have a ways to go. I look forward to the day when such an announcement does not have to be made and the transition just simply happens. There will be no need for press releases, glitzy photography or media launches.

Next question. Do you think the toddlers who will watch The 'new' Wiggles will really mind or even notice? That's the beauty and innocence of youth. They are so much more accepting and welcoming than us old crocks. When did we learn to see people as different from ourselves and how do we permanently remove our fractured lenses?

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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm

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If you have been reading this column over the last six issues you will have read what Lions are about. Your Lions Club needs new members so if you would like to know more about it, please contact me on 5577 2460.

Resurrection Day in Koroit

Over the past couple of issues I have told you something about the time Liz and I spent in Koroit. Well very early one morning I decided to get some exercise and walked to the cemetery to pay my respects to Father Frank Madden. I was sitting on the edge of his grave and thinking how lucky this area was to have had him as a priest. Only a few metres from me was an open grave and suddenly a hand and arm come up the side of the grave and grabbed hold of some grass. Then another hand and arm come up followed by the head and rest of the body. Although he had his back to me I could see that it was Paddy, a man very fond of the demon drink. He then pulled himself out of the grave, looked around a bit, but didn't see me and said, "Be blowed, it is resurrection day and I'm the first risen."

That story was worth a few beers at the pub that day, believe me.

Peter Hinchey

Garden Notes – October

October is an excellent time to plant summer and autumn vegetables. Homegrown vegetables are fresher, cheaper and give a great sense of satisfaction to the grower. An open sunny position is required, also good drainage, an adequate supply of good quality water (i.e. not dirty or salty) and soil of reasonable texture and fertility although both of these criteria can be improved fairly easily. Main plantings are dwarf and climbing beans, beetroot, capsicum, carrots, chilli, cucumber, lettuce, melons, parsnip, pumpkin, squash, radish, silver beet, sweet corn, sweet potato, tomato and zucchini, also most herbs.



Don't forget the spray program for your fruit trees, each spray is important, and timing of the sprays is critical.

Flowering annuals are useful both in the garden and in containers or hanging pots to add bright splashes of colour to your garden. If planting into pots or other containers, make sure that you use a potting mix which meets Australian Standard AS3743.

For open ground planting, soil preparation is important, well cultivated with the addition of compost a well-rotted animal manure or a good quality complete fertiliser. Annuals grow rapidly, therefore a plentiful supply of plant nutrients should be available. If your soil is not deep, raising the area by 10 to

15 centimetres will give your plant roots more room to develop as well as improving drainage. Water your seedlings before removing from the punnets, plant them the same depth as in the punnets and water well as soon as they are planted then regularly until plants are established.

Slugs and snails can be a problem with some young plants, make sure that you keep weed and grass cover under control and use a snail bait if necessary. Main Spring plantings of flowering annuals are Begonia, carnation, marigold, impatiens, salvia, portulaca, lobelia, petunia, dahlia and several others.

Now is an ideal time to divide and replant your dahlia tubers. Don't forget to watch out for aphids as new rose shoots develop.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123



Rejuvenation by Marion Colton

What a beautiful sight! I am uncomfortably perched on some rocks in the lower landslide gully and am gazing at Wurgarri, its curving walls lit up by the eastern sun revealing all the strata, overhangs, gorges and crevices; colours of soft grey-green lichens, ochres, bleached greys, blackened hollows, blue-green foliage slipping down gullies. Below, Wurgarri's feet are garlanded in a huge



wreath of yellow, the large, fluffy balls of *Acacia paradoxa*, outshining its lethal spines. At its base, a smaller wreath of sparkling white and pink stars of *Calytrix alpestris*. Wow! What a sight!

I cross the track and venture a little way up the landslide and notice that *Acacia paradoxa* lines the sides of the slide as far as my eyes can see, thick, prickly, yellow. Some people consider it a weed. Maybe? Maybe it's a coloniser and nitrogeniser preparing the earth for subsequent species?

On my left, rising up from the sea of yellow is the bare, bleached skeleton of a eucalypt, its branches curving out into a now bleached and greying sky. On its topmost branches, still as statues, sit two birds, on different limbs. They appear to be of medium size and greyish in hue. As I watch, one takes off, soaring and circling high in the sky, its outstretched wings forming a crescent, possibly a small kite or falcon.

Looking down, there are many scattered daisy plants, their stems often outstretched like an urn. Many were still just producing buds but a few bore terminal white, soft-petalled flowers. They are possibly the Branching Daisy, *Brachyscome aculeata*. They create a very attractive picture in front, and behind, a small mitre-shaped rock.

I return to the track and haven't progressed far when I notice the brilliant red pea-flowers of *Kennedia prostrata* meandering over the mossy terrain. The wind is bitter now, carrying moisture and I stop to don my rain gear. As I bend down to retrieve it from my back pack, I discover a lovely colony of Pink Finger Orchids daintily shivering around a fallen shrub. On the far side of the track a young grass tree fans out, quivering its slender blue-green leaves. A dark

round pat reveals that an emu has recently crossed the track. New ant castles have popped up everywhere, showing their central entrances. What a busy life the ants have during wet weather! Throughout the forest, the lovely mauvish-blue flowers of *Glossodia* major reveal their bulbous white tongues and I pass many colonies of the almost translucent *Pterostylis nutans*, nodding humbly their large heads. Some colonies are browning with age, whilst others are freshly green. Amongst the seas of dead and dying bracken, the new stalks push up, their immature fronds curled like little foetuses. The first white flowers appear of the Heath Tea Tree, *Leptospermum myrsinoides*. Kangaroo pads are visible on either side of the track in various places either leading down to the river or up the spur. Fallen trunks and limbs abound, some ancient and rotting into rich humus, some bleached and gnarled, some adorned with a variety of mosses and lichens and some the hosts of strata of rust-coloured fungi, scalloping out in layers from the limb. Life and death occurring simultaneously.

Love-creeper, *Comesperma volubile*, is rather daring as it clammers over the prickly, seemingly invincible *Acacia paradoxa*. Its blue flowers bring a touch of the sky to both the living branches and also to the dead ones of the shrub sprawled at its feet.



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 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.

Remembrance Day: On 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. With their armies retreating and close to collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing to an end the First World War. From the summer of 1918, the five divisions of the Australian Corps had been at the forefront of the allied advance to victory. Beginning with their stunning success at the battle of Hamel in July, they helped to turn the tide of the war at Amiens in August, followed by the capture of Mont St Quentin and Péronne, and the breaching of German defences at the Hindenburg Line in September. By early October the exhausted Australians were withdrawn from battle. They had achieved a fighting reputation out of proportion to their numbers, but victory had come at a heavy cost. They suffered almost 48,000 casualties during 1918, including more than 12,000 dead.

In the four years of the war more than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60,000 of them had died. The social effects of these losses cast a long shadow over the post-war decades.¹



Lest We Forget.

¹<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance-day>