

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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VICTORIA POLICE

Dunkeld Police Station

Well done!

Oscar Fanning
Mitchell Gordon
Hugh Prentice
Max Graham

Friday late afternoon these four young men were at the Dunkeld Arboretum when a battery powered bike started to catch on fire. These boys placed the bike in middle of the track as not to ignite the surrounding area, grabbed a nearby wheelbarrow filling it up with dirt in an attempt to put it out and raised the attention of people at the Sawmill then helped to clean up the area.

The boys describe the battery fire as like fireworks going off. The bike has seen better days, and nobody was hurt. This is a great example of quick thinking and doing the right thing.

Thank you to the people who told me about this. I have personally spoken to all these boys and their parents advising them of a job well done.

If you see someone doing something good, please let me know.

Roger MCCLURE
Leading Senior Constable 33436
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Bryan Riddle	\$30
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Anonymous	\$50

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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	November 5	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	November 12		No service
3rd Week	Sunday	November 19	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	November 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican Church

1st and 3rd Sundays at St 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.
For further information call 0400 952 716.

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Warrayure Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 5 November 10.30am
Sunday 12 November 9.00am

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 NOV Issue 17 distributed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Red Cross End of Year Afternoon Tea @ 2.00pm	10 Issue 18 deadline Silent Auction closes – in aid of Elizabeth's Legacy	11 RSL Remembrance Day Service 10.50am	12 Dunkeld CWL Afternoon Tea at Chateau Kolor
13	14	15 Issue 18 distributed	16	17	18	19
20 Dunkeld Arboretum AGM @ 7.30pm Sterling Place	21	22	23	24 Issue 19 deadline	25	26

CFA Lithium-Ion Batteries Safety

Country Fire Authority (CFA) are urging the community to be aware of risks associated with lithium-ion batteries and know how to use them safely, with fires caused by them on the rise.

Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable batteries found in e-scooters, e-cigarettes, e-bikes, electric vehicles, golf buggies, power banks, vacuum cleaners, power tools and gardening appliances.

CFA Deputy Chief Officer Garry Cook said lithium-ion battery fires can be avoided by taking precautions and using these devices safely.

"When lithium-ion batteries are damaged, misused or fail to meet compliance standards, they pose a serious fire risk, particularly while they are connected to chargers," he said.

"The best way to keep you and your family safe is to only purchase from reputable suppliers, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use the compatible charger that came with the product."

"Stop using or charging the product if you notice strong odours, extreme heat, change in shape, leaking or hissing and popping sounds, as these are indicators the product may catch alight."

Once a lithium-ion battery catches alight it can develop dangerous, self-sustaining flames and potentially release shrapnel and toxic gas.

Victorians who own or are considering purchasing a lithium-ion battery powered product can take the following actions to keep themselves and their families safe:

- Purchase products from reputable suppliers.
- Only use chargers and cords that are supplied with the device.
- Don't modify or tamper with the batteries and the appliances they power.
- Don't leave batteries charging in direct sunlight or for longer than they need to.
- Only charge batteries on non-combustible surfaces in a room where a smoke alarm is present.
- Don't use batteries or devices that show signs of swelling, bulging, leaking, or overheating.
- Don't charge items close to a door, which would block your exit if the item did catch fire.

If your e-product does catch fire:

- Call Triple Zero (000) immediately.
- Stop using the product if you notice overheating, bulging, leaking or unusual sounds.

- Leave the area and call Triple Zero (000), even if you no longer see flames or smoke.
- It's not safe to attempt to put the fire out yourself, as batteries involved in fire can release toxic gases and generate multiple explosions. Ensure firefighters attend to make the area safe.
- Never throw lithium-ion batteries in your regular waste or recycling collection bins. Many battery-related fires start in household bins, garbage trucks and waste facilities.

Victorians can learn more about lithium-ion batteries and how to safely use these products online at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/batterysafety

Stay Safe.
Robert Funk
Dunkeld CFA Captain

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UPDATE ON LOCAL LEGEND

I recently paid a visit to one of Dunkeld's most remarkable former residents, Olwyn Hogan, who is rapidly approaching her centenary.

Olwyn now resides in a very nice apartment, part of an aged care facility in Maryborough, but remains amazingly fit in both body and mind.

Those of us with long memories will recall that Olwyn was married to former Dunkeld police officer, the late Des Hogan, who preceded Peter Hinchey in that position during the 1960s and 1970s. She was a very efficient "deputy sheriff". I well recall the first time I met Olwyn, when I attempted to consult Des one day on a minor matter. The (old) police station was closed, so I knocked on the back door of the police house (now demolished). Olwyn answered the door and immediately told me Des was unavailable unless the matter was very urgent.

"He was up all night, and is having a nap," she informed me brusquely, and I was sent away with the proverbial flea in my ear!

In the years that followed, my late wife Helena became a close friend of Olwyn, both of whom were staunch members of the Dunkeld Red Cross unit. Since Olwyn moved to Maryborough, I have tried to keep in touch with her, and each time I visit I receive a royal welcome. Her first action is to put the kettle on, and then says, "Now, you have your coffee strong, don't you?" She doesn't miss a beat!

She was doing the crossword when I arrived the other day, and remains very up-to-date on current affairs. She has definite views on politics (which I share), and does not suffer fools, so the conversation is always lively. On each visit, I also notice the small gifts which Helena gave her still feature prominently on her sideboard.

Olwyn also retains an interest in gardening and is responsible for maintaining a small flowerbed outside her window.

She told me that her daughter Bronwen (who lives nearby) recently drove her to Kyneton to have lunch with her younger brother, who was driven there from Melbourne. He is a mere child of 98! It seems there are some impressive genetics in that family.

If all goes well, there will be a major celebration next May, when Olwyn is due to reach a major milestone.

I know the word "legend" is over-used, but I doubt anyone would argue that Olwyn Hogan easily qualifies for that honour.

Peter Flinn

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RED CROSS NEWS

The end-of-year Afternoon Tea will be at Sturgeon View Cafe on Thursday 9 November at 2.00pm (note revised date). There is an open invitation to anyone who would like to come. We take a donation for a current Appeal, rather than exchange gifts as in the past. As the Zone Meeting will be on the following week, any groceries for the North Melbourne Food Bank and any used stamps would be welcome.

Dunkeld and Nareeb Branches will cater for Morning Tea at the Zone Meeting on Tuesday 14 November in the Daisy Turner Room, Hamilton, at 10.00am. Please notify if attending either or both events.

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WEBSITE: Visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sun 5 November	Rex Beveridge and Greg Gardner
Sun 12 November	Heather Funk and Di Duckmanton
Sun 19 November	John Kay and David Gordon

Open Day at the Dunkeld Sawmill on 21 October: The Museum held a stall, raffle and sausage sizzle at the sawmill, resulting in a boost to the Museum's finances of over \$1100.00 which was very pleasing indeed. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers who helped in any way with the setting up, organising, cooking, serving etc on the day. The raffle, a Katana five-piece 18v Tool Combo Kit was won by Roger McClure of Dunkeld.

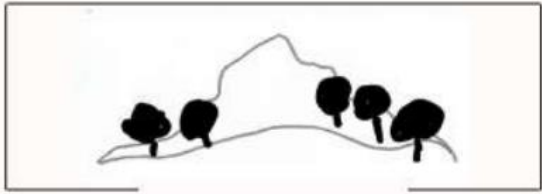
Visitors to the district: Contact was made through the museum's 1800 number of a man named Terry Callaghan from Bermagui, NSW. Terry was wondering if we knew of a property named "Woodvale", and yes, we did! Turned out he was a long-lost branch of the McArthur family that wasn't known to his relatives in this district. Donald McArthur and daughter Liz gave him a cook's tour of the McArthur land holdings and brought him up to speed on the family history. Thanks Liz and Donald.

Descendants of Frank Griffin, (John Henry Tubby Griffin's brother) also visited the Museum. They were seeking stories and anecdotes about the Griffin family. They were aware when they came across from Tasmania, they weren't Griffin's but were Griffiths.

Joyce Gordon, Secretary

Below: Roger collecting his tool kit from the sawmill...well done, Roger.



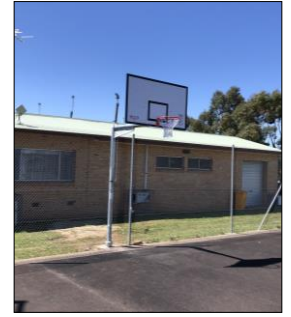


DUNKELD ARBORETUM

**Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group INC
AGM
Monday 20 November 2023
7.30pm
Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community
Centre
All Welcome**

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS

The basketball ring and backboard have been assembled at the tennis courts last week. We still must finish a couple of things to lower a section of fence and the height of the goal ring. A thank you to our volunteers Andrew Peters, Barry Lowe, Ian Macgugan, Simon Macgugan and Andrew Macgugan for digging the hole, also Angus Jackson and Gary Wall for your assistance, Wendy Prust for applying and getting a grant from the Shire and to the Public Lands for remainder of funding.



We still have no word back from DEECA, who is the controlling department for all Crown Land in Victoria?

*Frank Raymond
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3 PEAKS FESTIVAL

Last Saturday we enjoyed a fun day assisting at the Three Peaks Festival. Although the weather was a little wild at times, the atmosphere was that of fun and excitement, with volunteers very happy with the day. We have proudly supported this event for many years and enjoyed helping out yet again. Well done to the organisers of this wonderful day, which brings the Community together and provides great entertainment for all.



Branch Manager Jack with one of the 3 Peaks Festival organisers - Jackie Mibus



Ella with the help of her friend Erica

YOUNG LEADERS CELEBRATION

Last night, Jack and Board member Mick Alderman, attended the 2023 Young Leaders Graduation celebration at the Hamilton Golf Club.

Sponsors, Mentors and Supporters gathered to congratulate the graduates on what has been a wonderful program. We were very proud to be a sponsor of this fantastic initiative.



 **Dan Tehan MP**
Member for Wannon

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Think about the last and most enjoyable conversation you had and I am pretty sure that you will find that both parties simply
Stopped
Listened
And were healed.

But this medicine of stopping, listening and healing occurs both ways in the consultation. In the book the GP herself goes through her own healing. She is forced to simply stop! Just stop. She has to listen... to lots of people, often the ones she doesn't want to and in this confronting process finds her own healing.

A three word mantra for our frenetic world.

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250 Words from Father David

I'm reading the memoir of a lady doctor at the moment. It's a great read and a humbling piece of work. You would have thought that our trusty medicos have got it all together, lead a charmed life with lashings of cash, a healthy marriage and 2.5 perfect children who never say naughty words and whose noses never run.

Not so with this GP. Crushed by an abusive relationship and deeply scarred, she tries to escape to a glamorous post overseas but COVID stops her at the airport.

She then asks an agency if there are any jobs going in remote Australia (they must have thought all their Christmases had come at once) and she finds herself in a lot of red dust in the Pilbara region.

There was one phrase in the middle of it all that made me stop and reread it several times over. It's ringing in my mind and at one level I hope that it never actually stops. It's simply three words.



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Song writing with a Cigar Box Guitar

Last Saturday, 21 October amongst all of the excitement of the Three Peaks Festival, Anna Scionti (pron. Shon-Tee) arrived at OTR Dunkeld to lead a workshop, teaching us about her style of Song writing with a Cigar box Guitar.

This was a unique workshop as Anna's personal approach to Songwriting is textural, raw, brave, powerful and totally her own. Even her methodology is unique! She rocked it!



Blues went Off the Rails in Dunkeld

What a night!! We are so lucky to have such amazing talent play in Dunkeld.

Thank you so much for coming to Dunkeld, Anna. We are all still smiling and downloading your music! We will be thinking of you representing Australia, in Memphis, early next year. You are going to nail that.

Thanks to all of the wonderful people that came and enjoyed! You made this night!

Thanks also to our families and friends who cut hot dog buns, set up chairs, put up marquees, supplied BBQ's, cooked Kranskies and provided moral support! What a wonderful community we have.

Big shout out to Trevor for his amazing set design! Now we know OTR Dunkeld can become anything it needs to be. We are so lucky to have this historic community space in Dunkeld.



Kangaroos at OTR Dunkeld

A few nature lovers hopped along to enjoy the Kangaroo Rescue Kit making and awareness session held by the Gariwerd Animal Biodiversity Alliance (GABA) Dunkeld on Saturday 21 October. It was so interesting to learn so much about Kangaroos, how to rescue joeys and other injured wildlife.

If you would like to know more about caring for our amazing wildlife please go to <https://gaba.eco/en/>

Their website has some amazing images too!!



We are Ready! Expressions of Interest for OTR Dunkeld 2024.

We would love to hear from creative types, artists, musicians, jugglers, knitters, felters, fibre artists, woodworkers, tool makers, sculptors, metal workers, writers, photographers, painters, printmakers, video artists, performances artists, crocheters, quilters, drawers, teachers and fun makers ... well, anyone who would like to be a part of Off the Rails Dunkeld in 2024! Workshops, performances, exhibitions, whatever!

Please email otrdunkeld@gmail.com with your requests, suggestions, and ideas. We would love to hear from you!



COMING UP AT OTR Dunkeld

Saturday 18 November

Printmaking - Create an Artist Book with Susan Clarke 10.00am – 4.00pm

- 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.
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Saturday 18 November

Youth Trivia Night Starts at 7.00pm

A fun night of trivia for the Youth of Dunkeld and surrounds. Snacks and prizes!!



Saturday 25 November

Printmaking – With Britt Gow



Gelatin Plate Mono-Printing 10.00am to 11.30am \$55.00

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 cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, bon-bons and collages. Come along and enjoy creative exploration with colour, texture and shape. Bring your own apron and pressed botanicals, textured materials or stencils, or use those I have available.

Lino-Printing on Fabric 1.00pm to 3.00pm \$85.00

Transfer a design to linoleum and practice the tactile and therapeutic art of linocut. Then transfer your design to paper or fabric by inking up the linoleum plate and applying pressure. You will have the opportunity to choose a pre-cut design from Britt's collection to print onto cotton tote bags or linen tea-towels. Bring your own apron and if you have pre-cut lino or ezy-cut plates, and/or your own cotton fabric, bring them along and we can use fabric paint to create your own gifts.

\$20.00 Discount for booking both workshops \$120.00.

Contact: Britt Gow on 0458 016 300 or brittgow@gmail.com

Sunday 26 November

Monthly Skills Session – Christmas Gift Crafternoon 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Sewing, felting, printmaking or whatever takes your fancy. We will be guided to create handmade gifts and decorations for the festive season! Some materials supplied, BYO sewing machine/gear.



Sunday 3 December

Make Your Own Christmas Wreath with Artist, Lisa Addinsall 10.00am – 4.00pm

\$70.00, all materials provided. More details and booking information to come!



Saturday 9 December

Bazaar Bazaar 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Dunkeld Market Day, food, music, fun, Christmas gifts galore, community get together, more details to come!



OFF THE RAILS REGULAR EVENTS

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 vangoghclub@gmail.com or phone 0488 712 937.

ABOUT US!

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

Community spaces play a crucial role in providing residents with a sense of belonging and identity. They offer a place for people to connect, socialise and engage in activities, fostering a sense of community spirit and shared purpose. This space is for everyone, so if you want to get involved let us know, or just come along!

HIRE THE SPACE!

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Local musicians chosen to support The Velvet Club at

major youth event

'Jam', a collective of local young musicians, has shortlisted some local music acts to support Melbourne band The Velvet Club at a gig at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre on 24 November.

Tom Barras, Charlotte Dahl and Traffik will support the popular indie-rock band at the all-ages FReeZA event, with more acts to be announced.

Southern Grampians Shire Council's Youth Engagement Officer Emily Anderson, who facilitates 'Jam', said the live music event would showcase emerging local musicians between 12 and 25 years.

"The event will also help to nurture their confidence by giving them the unique chance to perform in front of a supportive crowd including family and friends," said Ms Anderson.

"Excitement is at an all-time high for this motivated group of young people, so I encourage the community to book a ticket to support them and be part of a very special event."

'Jam' is a group of young people passionate about music and dedicated to highlighting local music talent and planning music events in the shire. The initiative is supported by Victorian Government FReeZA funding, which is available to help young people lead, plan and develop the delivery of music, cultural and recreational events in their local community."

'Jam' leader, Felicity Shaw said she was "excited to bring young local talent to the forefront, rejuvenate the young music scene and highlight the greatness of talent in this town."

Fellow 'Jam' leader Jas Young added: "We have been working hard behind the scenes to get this event happening and we would love everyone to get behind our young artists, enjoy the music and have a great time." Forming in 2018 in Melbourne, The Velvet Club is a five-piece indie rock band that has taken their emphatic live show from backyard gigs to playing support for the likes of Great Gable, Eskimo Joe, Dulcie, Pacific Avenue and Death by Denim.

Tickets for the gig are available at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre by calling 5573 0429 or visiting www.hamiltonpac.com.au. For more information about becoming involved in the Jam group, please email youth@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au.






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Glenthompson Christmas Carols

The Service of lessons and carols will be held on Sunday 10 December 2023 at 6.30pm at Saint Peter's Anglican Church and everyone is invited to join us for the service and supper afterwards under the trees.

Anyone who is interested is invited to sing with the Glenthompson Country Choir for Christmas. The ONLY requirement is that you enjoy singing Christmas Carols!

There will be three practices for the choir at Saint Peter's Anglican Church, Glenthompson:

- 1st practice Tuesday 22 November at 6.00pm.
- 2nd practice Wednesday 28 November at 6.00pm.
- 3rd practice Thursday 7 December at 6.00pm.

Please ring Elisabeth Cuming on 5577 4223 or 0427 774 223 if you are interested in being part of the choir for our Christmas celebration service.

From the Lions Den

L Liberty
I Intelligence
O Our
N Nations
S Safety



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

A Nice Lions story:

Last weekend the Dunkeld Lions were able to assist another organisation run an event. We assisted by looking after the barbecue at the 3 Peaks Festival.

One of those things you really had to know:

Violette Reine Elizabeth Bushell was living at number 18 Burnley Road, Brixton, England with her parents when WWII broke out. In 1940 she met and married an officer from the French Foreign Legion who was unfortunately killed two years later, without ever seeing his daughter from the marriage. Violette is probably better known by her married name of Szabo. Yes, we should *Carve Her Name With Pride*.

Environment:

Nature is an incredible thing, Part II.
Since the last newsletter (article about the Currawong killing the snake) various people have told me of seeing hawks or kookaburras killing snakes by grabbing them and dropping them from great heights. Me, all I can say is I have had 75 years in the bush and my father 73 years before me, and I've never seen anything like it before.

Peter Hinchey



'Chateau Kolor'

5188 Penshurst-Warrnambool Road, Penshurst

DUNKELD CWL

Afternoon Tea at Chateau Kolor

Sunday 12 November

2-4pm

Tickets \$50 (limited numbers)

Pre-paid bookings - Keryn Gordon

0400 832 256

by Sunday 5th November

Garden Notes – November

Recent studies have proved what we already know that gardening is a very beneficial and healthy pastime. The studies show that on average people who are keen gardeners have a much stronger sense of wellbeing and make fewer visits to the doctor than do non-gardeners.



Frosts will rarely appear from November onwards; therefore, the full range of summer and autumn vegetables can now be planted. Crops which take a fair while to mature such as tomato and the pumpkin groups should be planted before the end of November so that harvest can be made before the weather cools down during mid to late autumn.

November is a good time to feed lawns; a lawn growing well will be a lot easier to look after during the hot dry summer months. As temperatures rise, don't cut your lawns too low, this will help to prevent the grass drying off.

After flowering, your spring blossom trees can be lightly pruned to shape the tree and to ensure plenty of wood for next spring's flowering. You should now be making plans for summer watering and working out ways to save time and water. One of the best ways is by mulching, that is placing a layer of organic material around your plants, this will reduce soil temperatures and help to reduce weed growth. A very wide range of material can be used such as compost, hay or straw, rotted leaves, lawn grass clippings etc. Remove any weeds first and take care not to pile mulch too close to the base of your plants in order to avoid damage.

Apple and pear trees have generally set fairly heavy crops this year. Thinning the crop would be time well spent, this will give you better sized and better quality fruit. As well, this process may avoid branch breakage later under excess weight of fruit. To tackle this rather tedious job, the first step is to remove very small or damaged fruitlets, then to thin out others leaving no more than two or three fruit per cluster.

If your house plants are becoming too tight in their present pots, November is a good time to repot them. Make sure that you use clean, free-draining pots and a potting mix which meets Australian Standard 3743.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123



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.

Together We Remember – 2023 Poppy Appeal is

underway: Each year, in the lead-up to Remembrance Day on 11 November, the RSL runs its Poppy Appeal to raise much-needed funds for veterans and their families around

the state. In 2023, the RSL once again asks Victorians to come together and remember not just those we lost in defence of Australia across various conflicts, but to also show their support of all who served, and continue to serve, their country as members of the Australian Defence Force.

With the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide shining a much-needed spotlight on the many issues currently faced by the veteran community, the 2023 Poppy Appeal seeks to raise as much as it can to help struggling veterans and their families.

Housing All Australians Give Me Shelter report revealed that close to 6,000 of Australia's half million current and former service men and women were found to be experiencing homelessness in the past year. This is nearly three times higher than the homelessness rate found in the broader population.



Veterans are also more likely to face unemployment, be subject to financial strain, and experience a greater number of traumatic life events than the broader population.

Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Terry Noble said, "With the increased public awareness of the many struggles that our veterans and their families so frequently face – including increased housing instability and a suicide risk that is 30 percent higher than the rest of the community - we hope Victorians one and all will sense the urgency of this cause and buy a poppy."

"For over 100 years, the Victorian community has made both Remembrance Day and our corresponding Poppy Appeal part of their lives. We are so thankful for the warm support we receive. As the Royal Commission has revealed, however, much more needs to be done to ensure our veteran community is supported in times of crisis and need. This is the RSL's mission and we cannot achieve it without the public's help."

"The funds raised through the RSL's Poppy Appeal enable us to deliver much needed assistance to those men and women who have served our country and who now need our support."

Poppies and other merchandise will be available for purchase from the Dunkeld RSL, Dunkeld Consolidated School, Sturgeon View Cafe, Dunkeld Post Office, Kelly's AGnVET, Dunkeld Old Bakery, Grampians Provideore and the Dunkeld & District Community Bank, or by visiting <https://poppyappeal.com.au/>

Together We Remember.

Who was Violette Szabo? Violette Szabo (1921-1945) worked for 'F' Section in the Special Operations Executive (SOE) during the Second World War. During a mission in France she was captured and imprisoned by the Nazis. She was executed in Ravensbrück concentration camp in early 1945 and posthumously awarded the George Cross, the highest honour given to civilians.



Violette initially joined the Women's Land Army when war broke out and then the Auxiliary Territorial Services (ATS) in 1941.

Her mother was French and she spoke French fluently having spent a lot of time there as a child. This was an important quality for 'F' Section recruits

In July 1940, she had met Etienne Szabo, an officer in the French Foreign Legion. They were married after just five

weeks and Violette gave birth to their daughter Tania on 8 June 1942. Four months later Etienne was killed in action in North Africa (Second Battle at El Alamein).

Shortly after Etienne's death, Violette was recruited to 'F' Section in SOE, whose agents went to occupied France to work against German forces.

Violette's SOE missions: On her first mission to France in April 1944, she acted as courier to Philippe Liewer, whose resistance network in the Rouen area of France had been uncovered by the Gestapo. Violette's job was to try to and re-establish contact with members of the network and gather vital intelligence.

Her second mission began on 7 June 1944, the day after D-Day. She, Liewer and another agent parachuted into south-west France, near Limoges, to set up a new network with local resistance groups.

Three days later Violette was on a courier trip with a resistance leader known as 'Anastasia' when they encountered German forces. Their car was stopped at a roadblock and a gun battle took place. Violette was captured but helped ensure that Anastasia was able to escape.

After capture, Violette was brutally interrogated in Fresnes prison in Paris before being deported by train to Germany. During the journey the train was attacked by British aircraft and Violette and another female prisoner took the opportunity - at great personal risk - to take water to the male prisoners.

Violette Szabo was awarded the George Cross for bravery on 28 January 1947. Her George Cross (GC) and Parachute Company medal is on display in the Lord Ashcroft Gallery at IWM London (photograph is of her daughter Tania being presented with the medals on her mother's behalf).¹



¹ <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/who-was-violette-szabo>

A small section of a heathland community in October

I am sitting in the shade of a *Callitris rhomboidea* tree, commonly known as Oyster Bay Pine or Port Jackson Pine. I'm only a couple of metres from the track but nobody would know I'm here for I'm hidden by a fairly young, sprawling *Eucalyptus baxteri*, Brown Stringybark, slightly to my left, and by another slightly to my right. In between their low, curving limbs and clumps of pendulous leaves, some in shadow, some reflecting silvered light backed by a clear blue sky, grow six Grass Trees, *Xanthorrhoea australis*. They are like a small family huddled together, still fairly young, their central leaves bunched together almost vertically, whilst their surrounding slender leaves fan out, radiating a shimmering light. A gentle breeze sways them as they emerge from very short skirts of dead foliage hugging the ground.



At my feet I am surrounded by flowering plants. Many slender stems belonging to *Stackhousia monogyna*, Creamy Candles, bear spikes of tiny, fragrant, cram flowers, each one consisting of a tube splaying out into five delicate petals. They emerge between the shrubs of Flame Heath, *Astroloma conostephioides*, still bearing a few struggling, faded, red tubular flowers but busy producing pale tufts of new leaves at the end of their stems. They protrude from a delicate member of the Pea family, maybe Smooth Parrot Pea, *Dillwynia glaberrima*, decked with small yellow,

red-centred flowers. They creep up through arching branches of dwarf Heath Tea-trees, *Leptospermum myrsinoides*, which are creating carpets of white blooms, sometimes tinged with pink, throughout the heathland at present. On my right, *Stackhousia monogyna* flowers are neighbours to a small, yellow flowering Hibbertia species. About a metre away several of its floral stems have pierced the compact, pincushion-shaped, grassy sedge, *Lepidosperma filiforme*, Common Rapier Sedge, one of my favourite sedges. Beside it grows a seedling Grass Tree next to a Heath Tea-tree, from whose centre rises a single stem bearing the shining, pale green and claret seed head of a tall Veined Spear Grass, *Austrostipa rudis*. It gently nods to the those below.

I wander back to the track. A juvenile Silver Banksia, *Banksia marginata*, has sent forth its lovely, new, rust-coloured leaves. At the tips of the branches, they create a vivid contrast with the deep green mature leaves. It likes the company of the Brown Stringybark and a neighbouring, pink-flowered Variable Prickly Grevillea, *Grevillea aquifolium*.

On the edge of the track is a casuarina of about two metres in height, producing its new, vivid green, needle-like leaves, botanically referred to as branchlets. It still bears the minute, fading fawn, male cones at the end of the branchlets. Over it, entangling several branches, is Downy Dodder-laurel, *Cassytha pubescens*. Next door is its female mate bearing the irregular pointed cones and a few tiny, stalked, red flowers, announcing that it is Slaty She-oak, *Casuarina muelleriana*. What rich diversity in this small area!

By Marion Colton



School News

There is lots happening this term as can be seen in our event dates/calendar. Staff have also been very busy with reporting requirements, including assessing students and finalising our learning statements for our updated reporting system, Student Maps. Our school camps program is now complete and by all reports everyone, including students, staff and our wonderful parent volunteers had a fantastic time.

Teaching and Learning: There are always many opportunities for teaching staff to complete professional learning and Mrs Jackie McShane and Ms Dee-Anne Raymond have attended Numeracy Local Leaders workshops presented by the Victorian Teaching and Learning Academy. These sessions have been shared with all staff as we focus on Numeracy instruction, practices and resources across the school. Recent meetings at school have seen teachers sharing open-ended Numeracy tasks, involving problem solving strategies and developing students' critical thinking skills.

Mrs Anne Gilbert recently attended two days of DIBELS training (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). DIBELS is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures that can be used to regularly detect risk and monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills of students in Foundation to Year 8. When implemented as recommended, DIBELS results can be used to evaluate individual student development as well as provide grade-level feedback toward validated instructional objectives. Staff have begun implementing the DIBELS assessment.

School Council: Year 6 Portrait Fence - the old basketball court fencing has been removed and a new south-facing

timber fence installed for the 2023 Year 6 class to begin painting their portraits. Thank you to Andrew Peters, Peter Roads and Paul Phillips for the fencing works and to the Year 6 parents that have assisted with painting the fence so far – still more to do. Please let the school know if you can assist. Many thanks to our Facilities Sub-Committee, for their continued support with improving our school.

Sport: We had three teams attend the Year 5/6 Cricket Blast in Hamilton last Thursday. Again this was a great day for our children and could not be managed without the volunteer support of our parents; thank you Bridget Hyland, Rachel Blackwell and Mick Alderman for assisting with umpiring and scoring.



Two of our students, Hamish and Jude Rush are competing at the 2023 AusCycling BMX Racing National Championships in Shepparton this week and we wish them all the best as we await their results.

Year 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday 7 December 2023, with the students and their parents, together with staff and official guests, will share a light meal together at the school on the timber deck, 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start. Then at 7.15pm, extended family and friends are invited to join us for the official ceremony and presentations in the school hall.

Wannon Waster National Water Week Poster

Competition: Year 6 student, Clementine Blackwell, was presented with her third prize award in the Year 5/6 section of the 2023 Wannon Water National Water Week Poster Competition ("United by Water") by Anna Sanderson at last Friday's School Assembly.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program

Kitchen and Garden Report

Here is what has happened in the Kitchen and Garden in the first part of this term:



- Lots of delicious food has been cooked such as Butter Chicken with Yellow Rice and Roti Bread.
- A lot of plants have been planted in the vegetable garden.
- Tomato plant order forms have been sent out, if you are interested in buying some for your own garden. Plants were also sold at the Three Peaks Festival.
- **Tomato plants will be available for sale on Friday 3 November from 2.00pm to 3.30pm (near the school hall).**
- We lost some of our chooks to foxes last term and one of our Year 4 students, Archie, raised some chickens, hatching the eggs in an incubator at the end of Term 3, now they are in the chook pen. Thank you, Archie!
- We have been doing Science with our classroom teachers, Lisa McIntyre and Friends during the first half of our SAKG Garden classes, before moving out to the Garden.
- On Friday 27 October Year 4 and Year 5 students acknowledged World Teachers/Support Staff Day in their Kitchen class with Bev Hampton and SAKG Friends and made some special menu items for staff.



- Because we are coming into warmer weather, we are all keeping an eye out for snakes in the garden, and we know what to do if we see one.

By Patrick Lomas

The Dunkeld Consolidated wants your Used Batteries

Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser. Kelly's AGnVET 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.

(All small batteries including A, C, D, AA, AAA, 9-volt, button batteries may be dropped off at the relevant supermarkets in Hamilton for recycling).

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.

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. *Thank you for your continued support!*

Dunkeld Community Shed Templeton Street, Dunkeld

Space within this Shed is to become available for people within the district to ...

- Learn or teach practical skills with each other.
- Provide space for those who have no space.
- Discover ways to serve the community, creatively.
- Start or finish personal projects or to meet others' needs.
- To enjoy spending time together achieving common interests.

How and When? Depends on Who and How Many!

Let's register a list of interested people and chat about its potential.

Text or phone Jim Hewett, Dunkeld on 0427 001 470.

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Please note that the closing date for the Community Newsletter is 6.00pm on the Friday before the distribution date, as listed in the below table.

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A friendly reminder that if you wish to change the content/size of your advertisement please email the new version to Carol Burger by the relevant closing date.

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SILENT AUCTION

Eight Hours of (Hard) Labour
to the highest bidder!

Bids close on Friday 10 November 2023

Leading Senior Constable Roger McClure is offering eight hours of work within the local area (gardening, lambmarking, farmwork, mowing etc), in his personal time, to the highest bidder as a fundraiser for Elizabeth's Legacy.

Starting bid - \$30.00 per hour.

Silent Auction bids will close at 4.00pm
on Friday 10 November 2023 at:

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Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!