

Dunkeld & District Newsletter




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A NEW DAY, A NEW SET OF RULES From EMMA KEALY – MEMBER FOR WANNON

A few key changes with a general easing of restrictions for the fully vaccinated, but stricter restrictions for those partially vaxxed or unvaxxed without exemption which came into effect on 6.00pm on Friday 29 October 2021.


 You can leave home for any reason and travel anywhere in Victoria.


 Face masks: mandatory indoors, recommended outdoors if you can't physically distance. Always check-in and carry your vax status.


 Social gatherings: Up to 10 people can visit your home per day (including dependants); groups of up to 30 in a public place (park). Not limited by vaccination status.


 Work, education and childcare. If your work can only open to fully vaxxed patrons, you must be fully vaxxed to work onsite too. Early childhood education and care is open. Schools are open. Adult education on-site learning resumes if fully vaxxed.


RETAIL, SERVICES AND COMMUNITY

 All retail is open (1 person per 4m²). This includes retail betting venues.


 Hairdressing, beauty and personal care services can open if everyone present is fully vaccinated (1 person per 4m² indoors or outdoors). *No unvaxxed or partially vaxxed staff or patrons*.


 Real estate inspections and auctions, must be fully vaccinated (indoors at 1 person per 4m², or outdoors at 1 person per 2m² up to 500 people). Private inspections for a single household may be held if vaccination status isn't being checked.

 Community facilities such as libraries, and creative studios, must be fully vaccinated (indoors at 1 person per 4m², or outdoors at 1 person per 2m² up to 500 people).

 Up to five visitors per resident per day (dependents included) can visit aged care facilities. Its recommend that people visiting are fully vaccinated, but it's not mandatory.


FOOD AND HOSPITALITY


 Food and drink facilities such as cafes and restaurants can open if everyone present is fully vaccinated. Indoor dining is seated service only. 1 person per 4m² indoors (24 allowed in smaller venues), or 1 person per 2m² up (up to 500 people) outdoors. Masks can be removed to consume food and drink. *If vaccination status isn't being checked, the food and drink facility can only open for takeaway.*


 Nightclubs, karaoke facilities and bars that are operating as food and drink facilities can open with the same density limits and seating rules as food and drink facilities. Dancefloors are only permitted outdoors.


ENTERTAINMENT


Entertainment venues are only open to fully vaccinated.


 Indoor seated venues (e.g. cinemas) at up to 75 per cent capacity, or 1 person per 4m² up to 1000 people.


 Indoor non-seated venues (e.g. live music) at 1 person per 4m².

 Outdoor seated and non-seated venue (e.g. outdoor concert, zoos) at 1 person per 2m² up to 5,000 people, with any indoor spaces at 1 person per 4m².


 Events (e.g. music festivals) are open if everyone present is fully vaccinated with crowds of up to 5,000 people outdoors, subject to restrictions on the type of venue.


 Accommodation is open for everyone in a household and up to 10 additional people (including dependants).

 Tours and tour transport are open if everyone present is fully vaccinated. Tours have limits indoors at 1 person per 4m², or outdoors at 1 person per 2m² up to 500 people. These density limits do not apply to tour transport.

 Religious gatherings, weddings and funerals: All fully vaccinated - indoors at 1 person per 4m², or outdoors at 1 person per 2m² for up to 500 people. If vaccination status isn't being checked or not all fully vaxxed, cap of 30 people (limit of 1 per 4m²) plus the marrying couple, celebrant, and photographer for the wedding, or those necessary to conduct a funeral.

SPORT AND RECREATION

 Community sport is open indoors and outdoors for training and competition. Vaccination requirements don't apply to community sport. Spectators can attend in line with outdoor public gathering limits and the venue's indoor density limits.

 Physical recreation and sporting facilities (including swimming pools, spas and saunas) are open if everyone present is fully vaccinated (indoors at 1 person per 4m², or outdoors at 1 person per 2m² up to 500 people).

If you're still not sure what you can and can't do, please check the website: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live>

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CHURCH TIMES

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 Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

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

1st Week	Sunday	November 7	8.30am	Mass at the Dunkeld Cemetery (including blessing of graves)
2nd Week	Sunday	November 14		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	November 21	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	November 28	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

DUNKELD UNITING/ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

ANGLICAN SERVICES on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at SAINT MARY's at 5.00pm with Father David Oulton.

ALL WELCOME. Enquiries to Father David Oulton on 5571 1317.

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Enquiries: Margo Dark 55740222; Iris Field 5574 0202; Kristy Beveridge 0428 581 903.

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 NOV	2	3 Newsletter issue 17 distributed	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 RSL Remembrance Day Service @ 10.50am sharp	12 Newsletter issue 18 deadline	13	14
15	16	17 Newsletter issue 18 distributed	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Newsletter issue 19 deadline	27	28



DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS YET AGAIN!

Our opening times are ... Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and Thursday 1.00 – 4.00pm.

Our AGM was held on 12 September 2021, Heather Funk welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this hastily organised meeting. A new Executive was elected as follows: President Simon Armytage; Vice President David Gordon; Secretary Joyce Gordon; Treasurer Mary-Ann Brown; Assistant Secretary Julie Kincade; Committee members: David Baker and Peter Nelson.

A big thank you to outgoing members Heather Funk, Kay Leyshon, Greg Gardner and Di Duckmanton for their dedicated work during the past two years.

OUR YEAR IN SUMMARY:

- Last year's AGM was held outdoors due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Only four meetings were held since (27/9/2020) due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- The Henham guest speaker night very successful.
- The new Armytage-Leech cabinet has been completed
- The Museum website has generated many sales and enquiries.
- Sales of the Museum publications have been very strong, particularly through the Dunkeld General Store. Thanks to Adrian and Melissa Field for their support.
- The World War II plaque has been finished and installed at the Dunkeld cemetery.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

- Unveiling of the World War 2 plaque at the Dunkeld Cemetery – Sunday 7 November 2021 at 2.00pm.
- We are still compiling information about those listed on this plaque to be published in the second half of next year.
 - The Mount Sturgeon Soldier Settlers book, compiled by James Affleck, and to be published by the Dunkeld Museum is nearing proof stage and will be available soon.

NEW ACQUISITION

Side Saddle, donated by David Eales. The saddle was used by Mary Wright, nee McDougall who was a Dunkeld resident in the 1880s. The saddle is on display at the museum, come in and have a look.


Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannon

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

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.
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Paul contributes an article several times a year, highlighting relevant pests of our agricultural crops and pastures, and ways to manage them.

He is also available to contact personally, if you have any queries about insects that are worrying you (you can send him insect photos too, to help with identification) - just mention "Panyyabyr Landcare Group and Lisa" for free, valuable advice!!

Dr Paul Horne
IPM Technologies P/L
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Lisa McIntyre – email: advancel@bigpond.com
Phone: 5574 9235 or mobile: 0428 749 235

Grampians Ark fox baiting pulse - Spring Pulse ends on 22nd November 2021

Free Chemical Users course at South-West TAFE, Hamilton

Do you work and need to know how to use chemicals safely? This course is ideal for anyone who works in the agricultural, horticultural or conservation industry and uses chemicals in their everyday work. Through a combination of hands-on and theory-based classes you will learn the skills and knowledge to safely work with chemicals including:

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To find out more, follow the link below, or contact me.
<https://www.swtafe.edu.au/courses/agriculture-conservation-horticulture/agricultural-chemical-skill-set>

Roadside weeds

Our Landcare groups have had a fantastic, long-standing relationship with the Shire of Southern Grampians, and in particular with the biodiversity team. I met with Marten Chin recently, who has recently joined their team, and we spoke about local weed infestations. Those plants flowering now are very obvious, and it's a good time to control them, or (if it's too late), to record their position, so as to act on them next year.

So, if you have any weed concerns, particularly along roadsides, please get in touch.

Grant Opportunity

Are you interested in fencing off your dam, to provide clean water for your stock, as well as providing habitat for native species?

If so, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. We are looking at putting in a grant to do just that.

Funds must be spent by 31 March 2023 and the maximum project length is 13 months. Applications will open on 1 November and close on 13 December.

Read the program guidelines and learn more about the fund here

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/environment-restoration-fund-threatened-species-strategy-action-plan-priority-species>

A great webinar on farm dams (recording) (I can send you the link if needed)

Webinar Recording: Planning and Planting to maximise the potential of farm dams



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Landcare News

Here are some items if you want to know more, please follow the link, or get in touch with me. I hope you find something of interest to you amongst them.

Don't forget you are able to contact entomologist Dr Paul Horne. Many of you will already know Paul, as he has been working with us on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for the last six years.

We had a huge response to last week's webinar on farm dams. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

The webinar recording is now available on [our website](#)

Rabbit Control

Parks Vic are currently completing rabbit control within Bryan's Swamp, and neighbouring landowners are also doing same. The Landcare groups have bait layers and fumigators to borrow, to make the job easier. Please get in touch to know more.

A Look at LOOC-C, (Landscape Opportunity and Options for Carbon Abatement Calculator) - Agriculture Victoria (recording) All climate webinar recordings can be found on their website. Visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/climate-webinars

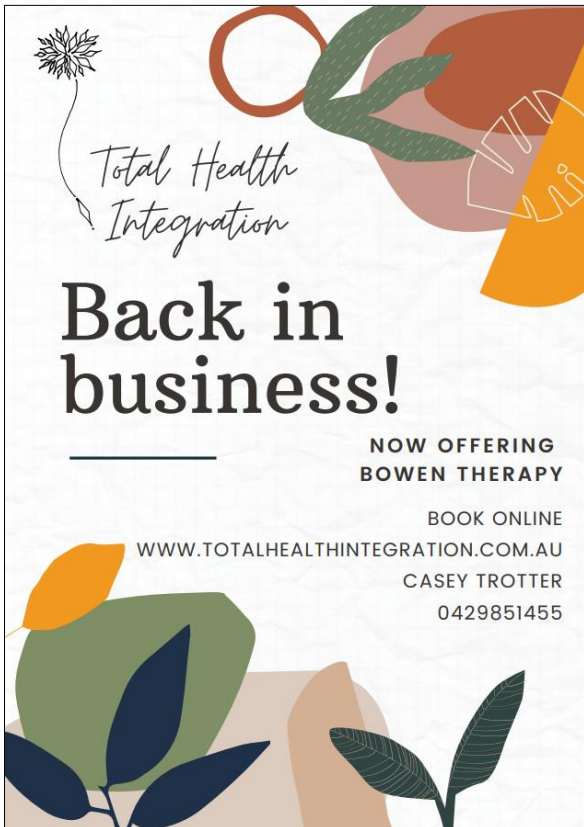
A good video explaining the Stavely Ark
<https://youtu.be/yPf4UAK4k14>

Holistic Management Webinar (through Macedon Ranges Sire) (I can send links if you are interested).

Transitioning your grazing animals from the spring flush to the summer dry is tricky.

Join this webinar to hear from Brian Wehlburg, a registered trainer with Holistic Management International and the Savory Institute. Be inspired by Brian's passion for environmental improvement and grazing management.

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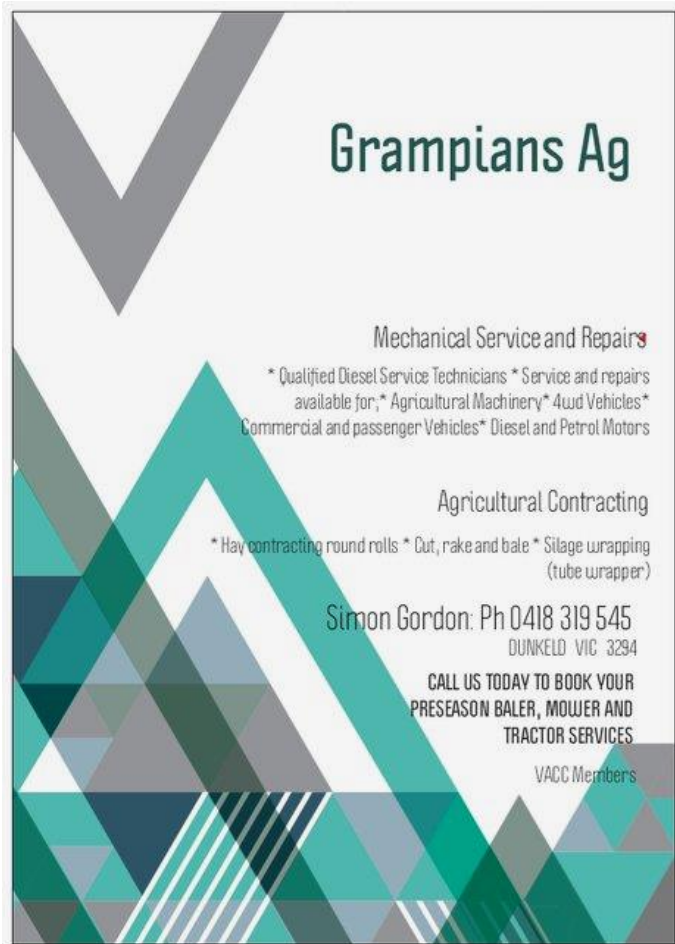
It had been great to see many newcomers move to our town and district in recent times. As someone who moved here nearly forty years ago, I know how hard it is to become part of the community. Most new residents don't want to push in, but I am sure many want to feel part of their new community.

If you are new to a small town, it can be very different. We have to have committees to manage and improve many of our facilities. We also have to have volunteers to maintain them. If you want to join a committee, please do so. But if you have some time on your hands and want to help in some way, it is appreciated.

The Arboretum, Walking Tracks, Community Centre, Caravan Park and sporting facilities are some of the facilities run by volunteers. Many hours are put in maintaining and improving them. I am sure you would be welcome to join in. It is a way of improving our small town. Sometimes working bees are organised or residents just offer to help.

Once again welcome to our town and district. We hope you enjoy living here as much as we do.

John Smith



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Work has been completed at the Caravan Park on drainage guttering to improve availability of sites beside the creek in wet weather, thanks Barry for organising and digging trench, Alan Jones for use of his backhoe, Ian Macgugan and John Smith for Tipper Trucks to remove excess soil. It has improved the look of that area of the Park greatly.

With the anticipated increase in patronage at the Park It is required that ALL people staying there be vaccinated, this is

a State Government directive and fines may apply, we don't have a say in it.

With the grass growing at an out-of-control rate at the moment, it's great to see the Arboretum looking so good. Well done, to David Hampton and assistants for their work with spraying and mowing. It is too wet to start a clean-up along Salt creek yet, probably a month away.

Frank Raymond
DPL Committee



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Now that we are working our way through Covid-19, we have a chance to revitalize the OTR creative space. There are two possibilities to take forward into 2022 and they are presented here for community comment.

A) Revitalize the OTR creative/art space to provide the community and wider region with a permanent area for the visual and performing arts alongside a flexible community and events space. The OTR Gallery (in response to numerous requests) would like also to present a regular authentic Farmers and Makers market to showcase our regions high quality, home based products and to present the work of our talented artists and craftspeople.

B) A suggestion by DRASS and the Dunkeld Lions Club to establish a community Op Shop with several other facets including pre-owned goods, refugee products, art/craft/produce sales and exhibition and art space.

Your comments are important to us, so if you can contribute, please email Leonie Tyson at

the.diggings@bigpond.com

by Friday 12 November 2021

Thank you all - in anticipation

Leonie Tyson
President OTR Committee of Management

STURGEON VIEW

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Monday closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday
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Dinner 5.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday – Saturday
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 2 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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RED CROSS

From now on, **Red Cross members** will be required to have had their **double vaccination** to attend and participate in Red Cross activities, in line with those in most other organisations. The Dunkeld Group is still working towards a permanent **tribute to Joy Clarke and Helena Flinn**. Our Christmas lunch will be at the Dunkeld Bakery from 12 noon on Monday 22nd November and we are to bring a gift valued at no more than \$10 and a keen appetite. Please indicate if wishing to attend by calling 5574 0202. Despite the short, interrupted year, the Dunkeld Group has dispatched \$300.00 to the Red Cross Afghanistan Appeal and \$300.00 towards the MRI for the Hamilton Hospital. **Dorothy Blanch** was the winner of the October raffle.

Thank you to treasurer **Bek Kay**, our stand-in chairperson **Heather Napier**, the small group of loyal members and the generous donors of stamps and cash towards the work of Red Cross in 2021.

At the state level, **Director Sue Cunningham** has just resigned and under her leadership, her team has supported over 150,000 clients:

*Over \$43.7 million of emergency financial support to more than 59,000 people on temporary visas, which includes answering 69,000 phone calls.

*Over 1,000 persons received casework support, 3,000 triage support and 8,500 support through food pantries.

*There were 20,954 incoming COVID Support Line calls.

*Over 50,000 outreach well being calls made to lonely, isolated and elderly Victorians.

*Over 19,768 were supported by Red Cross emergency food relief packages.

*Iris Field,
Secretary*



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Grampians Cricket Club

Welcome to the 2021-2022 cricket season!

Our teams have all begun training in preparation for the season to begin.

This year our teams are:

A Grade men's captain/coach Will Collins

A Grade women coached by Marni Luhrs and Craig Williamson (Willo)

C Grade men captained by Greg Millard

Under 17 girls coached by Willo

Under 16 boys coached by Craig Templeton

Under 15 girls coached by Mark Lazzari

Under 14 boys coached by Will Collins

Under 12 boys coached by Buck Peters and Ally Gordon

The season will start on Saturday 30 October with the Men's A and C grade teams competing in Hamilton. All other teams will begin competing after the Melbourne Cup holiday.

Thank you to all our coaches we wish you and your teams' success in the upcoming matches. For information about when games are on you can download the My Cricket app and search for the Grampians Cricket Club. Or go to www.hamiltondca.vic.cricket.com.au to view the fixtures timetable.

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

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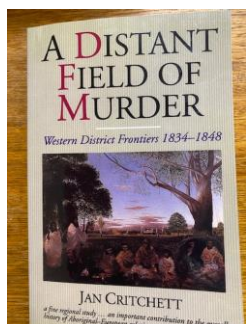
By James Affleck. \$45 signed copies. Large paperback
Soldier Settlers' accounts are a good resource for those interested in local history, especially when they come from personal anecdotes. Bim Affleck's new book gleans stories from the communities of Hawkesdale, Macarthur and Peshurst.

Journalist Tony Wright, in his introduction, uses Gerrigerrup as an example of one of these settlements for soldiers returned from World War II and their families.
'The stones scattered by volcanic activity meant much of the land was difficult to farm, and tiger snakes, browns and copperheads inhabited the swampy flats.'

In spite of many hardships (inexperience, lack of funds, tin huts or tents to live in, cold winds, baking hot days) they built communities that thrived and lasted.

Kangertong, Glengleeson, Single Units, Eerilya Estate, Alanvale Estate, Deerhurst Estate, Motne Falls Estate, Gerrigerrup Estate, Youngs Estate, Stonefield Estate, Morpor Estate and Weerangourt Estate are all settlements that are remembered by many of these pioneers, and their stories are a valuable record.

An good example is our own Patricia Learmonth, who points out in her well-written entry that she is the last of the Soldier Settlers from Gerrigerrup from the 1950s. They had no roads, no fences, no phones but lots of rabbits. Their fundraising as a community was legendary, and Pat was often the star turn singing operatic arias at the concerts.



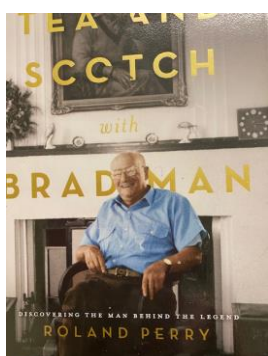
2. A DISTANT FIELD of MURDER. Western District 1834-1848

By Jan Critchett. \$35 new paperback
Back in print, this book, with its evocative cover illustration *Minjah in the Old Time, 1856* by Robert Dowling, describes how one culture, that of the original possessors of the land, responded to the catastrophe visited upon it by white settlers.

Critchett researched the human side of the indigenous settlers. She points out that even in Kiddle's classic *Men of Yesterday* no aboriginal person is given a name, so she set out to record individual histories using records such as Robinson the Aboriginal Protector's diaries and notes. First published in 1990, it was ground-breaking at the time.

3. THE ART OF CYCLING by Cadel Evans \$20 hardback

Our first Tour de France winner, his 20 year career is full of highlights of a once-in-a-lifetime cycling talent. Cadel's stories of cycling races all over the world will be a must read for all the cycling tragiacs.



4. TEA and SCOTCH by Roland Perry \$20 hardback

Not to forget the cricket tragiacs, this is a revealing portrait of Australia's greatest (male) cricketer. Betty Wilson is our greatest female cricketer but she played in the 1950s when nobody cared.

FATHER DAVID CONTINUES TO BABBLE Of Auld Lang Syne

What is it about Auld Lang Syne that stirs us with a bitter sweet nostalgia and poignancy?

John Green in his book 'The Anthropocene Reviewed' explored the potency of Auld Lang Syne.,

He wrote
"I think Auld Lang Syne is popular because it's the rare song that is genuinely wistful - it acknowledges human longing without romanticising it, and it captures how each new year is a product of all the old ones".

As I read those words a memory came to mind of a special new years eve. It must have been in the late 1990's for I can still remember the folk Jeanine and I were visiting. There was wine and good people, laughter and nostalgia. We were young enough for the bewitching hour not to have whittled us down.

Now with loved ones literally on the other side of the planet and a year that has gone so quickly and yet so slowly, Auld Lang Syne seems to be larger, more powerful and yet more tender than ever.

You might like to bring to mind your own Auld Lang Syne wherever, and whoever that might be. Allow the song to stir that something special in you all over again.

Where were you, who were you with, what was said, what didn't need to be said, but was actually spoken more powerfully than words? Where will Auld Lang Syne send you in 2022?

Perhaps John Green might help us again.
"I think about the many broad seas that have roared between me and the past, seas of neglect, seas of time, seas of death. I'll never again speak to many of the people who have loved me into this moment. So we raise a glass to them - and hope that perhaps somewhere, they are raising a glass to us".

FOREVER SPRING EXHIBITION BLOOMS WITH ART, CRAFT AND GARDENING EVENTS



Hamilton Gallery welcomes experts and artists as part of the public programs on offer to complement current free exhibition; *Forever Spring*, curated by a Hamilton local.

November's public events include a still life painting workshop on Saturday 6 with talented artist, Sarah Gabriel, a children's origami flower making workshop on Tuesday 9, and a floor talk by renowned artist, Criss Canning esteemed garden designer, David Glenn on Saturday 13.



Guest curator and Hamilton local, Katherine McDonald, amidst current free Hamilton Gallery exhibition; *Forever Spring: The Art of Flowers*

Criss Canning is one of Australia's most highly acclaimed still life artists. Criss and her husband David Glenn own Lambley Nursery in Ascot near Ballarat, a highly regarded plant nursery renowned for growing and sourcing dry climate plants.

These events take place within the richly hued exhibition spaces and inspiring artworks currently on display in Hamilton's Gallery's free *Forever Spring: The Art of Flowers* exhibition.

- Tuesday 9 November: 4.00pm – 5.00pm After School Art: Origami Paper Flowers, FREE, bookings essential.
- Saturday 13 November: 11.00am – Forever Spring Floor Talk by artist, Criss Canning and garden designer, David Glenn, FREE, bookings essential.

Stacey Barnes, Marketing and Communications Officer



PATRONS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF DOUBLE VACCINATION TO ATTEND COUNCIL FACILITIES

Patrons attending Council community facilities will be required to provide proof of double COVID-19 vaccination upon check in from Monday 25 October 2021, in line with new directions issued by the Victorian Government.

Facilities impacted will include the Greater Hamilton Library, Hamilton Gallery, Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, Hamilton Cinema, and Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre (HILAC). People who have only had one dose of the vaccine will have to wait until they are fully vaccinated before they can access these facilities.

Essential services including the Customer Service Centres located at Brown Street and Market Place, all Shire Transfer Stations, Maternal Child Health and Home Support Services remain unchanged and patrons do not need to show vaccination status to access these services.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said while it was unfortunate that we may have to turn away patrons from Council facilities, this is about protecting our community.

"It's firstly important to understand that this directive has not come from Council but has been issued by the State Government and is about helping reduce spread of the virus within our community," said Cr Colliton.

"Patrons will be asked when entering these Council facilities to provide physical proof of being fully vaccinated. This evidence can be either a hard copy vaccination certificate, your immunisation history, certificate linked via the Service Victoria App, or letter from your Doctor (in lieu of having a certificate copy). Hard copies as well as those presented on mobile device screens will be accepted."

"We understand that some community members may find this process a little challenging but essentially this approach has been declared a necessity for our facilities to remain safe and operational for the Southern Grampians community and visitors to enjoy now and into the foreseeable future," said Cr Colliton.

"We will provide more information on our website on how you can access a copy of your vaccination certificate but if you are having difficulties, please reach out to our staff for help. Council staff are also required to be double vaccinated so we

ask that patrons please be respectful to our staff during this time and to be patient while the process is undertaken," concluded Cr Colliton.

Proof of double vaccination is required for those over the age of 16. Those with a valid medical exemption will be asked to provide evidence which must include a date of issue. Please note that failure to check or provide vaccination status upon entry to these facilities could result in fines for the individual as well as organisation.

Patron limits will also apply at these facilities of 30 double vaccinated patrons (per density quotient) per space. This figure will increase when the State reaches the next double vaccination target of 80 per cent. Change room facilities at HILAC will remain closed for the near future.

From the Lions Den

L Liberty
I Intelligence
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S Safety



Our deeds determine us ... as much as we determine our deeds.

Code of Ethics

2. To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my behalf.

Locals invited to Marriage Support Australia seminar as Guest Speakers

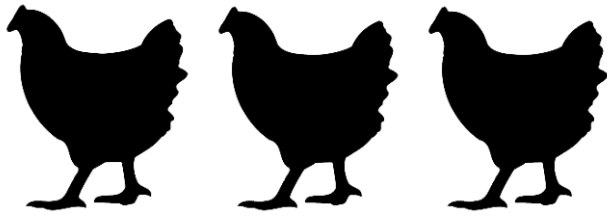
You might remember I put in the newsletter last year that Derek and Sue Morse and Liz and I had celebrated our 50 years of marriage. Well Derek and I were invited to a husband's marriage seminar to advise and encourage others in their vocation. We both addressed the gathering and spoke about the known things that are required in any relationship but we also both stressed the support needed from extended families, friends and community.

Our talks were not earth shattering but were from the heart and appeared to be well received but the next guest certainly made the men attending think about what commitment is all about. The speaker, Giuseppe, told the assembly that he and his wife were approaching their 50th wedding anniversary also.

The MC asked him to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he managed to stay married to the same woman for 50 years. Giuseppe told the assembled husbands, "Well'a, I've tried to treat her nice'a, spend a da money on her, but best'a of all is, I took'a her to Italy for the 25th anniversary. The MC responded, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?"

Giuseppe proudly replied, "I gonna go pick her up."

Peter Hinchey



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Victoria Police Rural Farm Crime and Reporting

Victoria Police are warning farmers to be vigilant for stock theft as the warmer weather approaches and lambs are weaned and drafted off into paddocks by themselves.

Hamilton Police Unit Farm Crime Liaison Officer Acting Sergeant Roger McClure warns that this is the season when police see a rise in reports of stock theft, mainly weaned lambs. Sometimes reports aren't made until shearing or crutching time but this is the time the stock are going missing, in the spring and early summer.

The winter period this year has been fairly quiet with stock theft reports thought to be due to COVID-19 lockdowns restricting the reasons for people to be out and about, also the wet weather has made it harder to get into and around properties particularly on the sides of the roads.

Over the last ten years a trend has been stock being stolen from properties that adjoin main roads with a dirt road running parallel along the back of the property. Also lease blocks or paddocks that are not visible from residences.

Acting Sergeant Roger McClure has some tips to keep your stock safe and detect trespassers to properties:

- Make sure gates off main roads are locked and secured from being lifted off the gate posts.
- Consider investing in a "trail cam" which can be set up covertly on properties to capture any unwanted visitors.
- CCTV signage is a great deterrent.
- Consider locking up paddocks for hay that adjoin main roads and run the stock in the central paddocks. Anyone driving or walking through the hay paddock will leave obvious signs.
- Tag your lambs at marking with NLIS tags, don't wait until you sell them to tag them.
- Consider investing in farm management software which helps record stock numbers and movements.
- When picking up dead stock, place the ear tags into a container to keep an accurate record of stock deaths.
- Report trespassers or suspicious activity immediately via Crime Stoppers (phone or online).
- Obtain registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles, write it down or text it to yourself or a family member and report it to police.
- Notify Police immediately if you think you have had stock stolen, there is no problem if they are found later but we would rather know early.

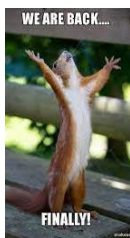
I am happy to speak to farmers about farm security and any other issues and if I can't help I'm sure to know someone who can. Unfortunately, we aren't able to get out to trade shows and field days due to restrictions and cancellations but we are only a phone call or Email away.

Farmers can contact me at Hamilton CIU via Email on vp33436@police.vic.gov.au for a free Farm Security Checklist, Crime Stoppers reporting signage and other resources.

Hamilton Police Unit Farm Crime Liaison Officer, Acting Sergeant Roger McClure



How wonderful to write this knowing that we are all back on-site for school and that we can continue our strong focus on learning and wellbeing. Students have been amazing with the mask wearing requirement and we continue to keep everyone safe, following the Operational Guidelines set out by DET. Our Terrific Tuesday Fun Day was a hit with the students, and we enjoyed some wonderful weather.



Facilities Sub-Committee: Recently our Facilities Sub-Committee met to review the grounds. It was noted that the grounds are looking wonderful, with many more positive comments regarding our kitchen garden, the memory garden and works around the new hall.

A project in the near future will be the asphalt area to the west of the school buildings, which needs resurfacing. Many options are being discussed, along with area in front of the new hall which is to be levelled and landscaped. We have applied for a shade sail grant to create an outdoor learning space on the new lawn behind the bike shed.

Staffing for 2022: We are currently looking at staffing for 2022 and have advertised a position for a full-time Graduate Teacher to commence in 2022. School Council have approved a Planning Day for 2022 on Monday 6 December 2021, the day prior to the state-wide Transition Day, Tuesday 7 December. We hope to have our new staff member on-site to review curriculum documents and plan for 2022. Staff will also analyse the final draft of the 2022 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and complete their CPR update on this day.

Camps: The recent changes with restrictions have ensured our 2021 School Camp programs can proceed. Teachers are very busy ensuring we can reschedule dates and activities to provide our students with a school camp experience. With the Year 3 and Year 4 Camp on 16 and 17 November in Port Fairy, information will be sent home as soon as possible.

Assemblies: A recent change to the timetable will see school assemblies change from Wednesdays to Fridays (fortnightly). Next week Friday 5 November, Class Captains will present their mid-term reports to the assembly.

Graduation: Year 5 parents recently met and have commenced planning for the 2021 Year 6 Graduation evening which will be held on Tuesday 14 December. Recent guidelines have ensured we can hold this on-site with parents attending.

SAKG Program: Many thanks to the wonderful support from the school and community for their continued support of our SAKG fundraising events, the tomato plant orders and SAKG Calendar 2022.



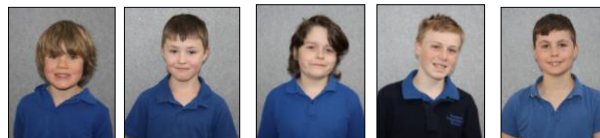
World Teachers and Education Support Staff Day – Friday 29 October 2021

This day allows us to shine the spotlight on and thank teachers (and Education Support staff) for their work in improving student outcomes and shaping their lives for success. Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities.

Ange Field, Acting Principal

ASSEMBLY

Term 4 Class Captains



Jed Year 1 Tyson Year 2/3 Mac Year 4 Sean Year 5 Jake Year 6

Wannon Water Valuing Our Water – Photo Competition

This year, Wannon Water partnered with Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority, on their photo competition for school students in our regions to show us how they value water. Students grabbed a phone, camera or iPad and got creative by showing us why water is important. Congratulations to Annie Jackson for being one of the winners of Wannon Water's Valuing Our Water Photo Competition in Foundation – Year 2 Category which included a \$200.00 gift voucher.



Prep and Year 1 students performed, 'The Three Little Pigs' play at Assembly:



Prep and Year 1 Music

This week in Music we got to play the Marimbas and it was great fun. We have been learning about Nursery Rhymes in reading and writing. This week in Music we got to sing about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and also the Three Little Pigs. The children and I just love Mrs Mac and all the fun things she does with us. We get to use shakers, drums, sticks and the list goes on. This week we also had fun doing Drama. We had to take it in turns to be the different characters of the plays. Mrs Macgwan, we thank you for all the planning and enthusiasm you put into our lessons each fortnight.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Kitchen Report:

Friday 22 October Year 6 enjoyed preparing and eating delicious quiche and salad. Our produce for lunch was picked from our garden and the eggs were gathered from our chickens.



Garden Report:

Last Friday 22 October the Preps and Year 1 to 5 students were busy in the garden. They were working on a couple of tasks like spreading sheep manure to enhance the growth of crops and making Billy Tea to sit and sip while enjoying the garden. They were busy and very productive.
By Isabella Jury and Oscar Fanning

Thank You

We are very grateful and thank you for the support given to our fundraising for our SAKG program for 2021, with our calendars and tomato plants. A big thank you to Annette Huf for assisting with the beautiful calendar and Terrie Nicholson, once again, organising orders through the office. We have some tomatoes still available, which need to go into the ground. If you are yet to order, please do so as soon as possible by phoning the school on 5577 2384.
Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy

SAKG Kitchen and Garden Program – Term 4

- We are really excited to welcome back our Friends to help the children in our Kitchen and Garden classes, starting this week, Friday 5 November.
- Because we only have a few more weeks left in the year, we thought it would be a good idea to just invite you back into the classes whenever suits you - that is - we are not going to draw up a roster for the remaining five weeks. If you would like to come in and help, please feel very welcome. A reminder that Working with Children Checks (WWCC) need to be current COVID-19 guidelines (including proof of double vaccination) must be followed.
- All Friends are required to sign in at the school office.
- Garden classes are now held from 9.00am to 11.00am and 11.30am to 1.30pm i.e. four separate classes of one hour duration. **Garden Classes:** 05/11/2021, 12/11/2021, 19/11/2021, 26/11/2021 and 03/12/2021 – all Year 4/5/6 students will have a Garden class except on the day they have a Kitchen class.
- Kitchen classes are held from 11.15am to 2.00pm (Kitchen Friends would not be required on Friday 12 November). **Kitchen Classes:** 05/11/2021 – Year 5, 12/11/2021 – no Kitchen Friends required, 19/11/2021 – Year 6, 26/11/2021 – Year 5, 03/12/2021 – Year 4.
- This could be a great chance for those that have not been before, to come in, see how it works, and what it's all about.
- We will send out SAKG Kitchen and Garden Rosters next year.

We just really would love to see you back, being with the children, and enjoying the school's SAKG Kitchen Garden program!

Please just give school a call on 5577 2384 or send an email to: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au to let us know if you are available to help in the Kitchen or Garden.

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!

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 2021 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 – Thursday 11 November 2021: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will hold a Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.50am sharp on Thursday 11 November at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. COVID-19 and social distancing procedures will be followed. Please feel free to lay a poppy or a wreath at the service.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, morning tea will not be provided in the Henry Leech RSL Room at the end of the service.



Lest We Forget.

Poppy Appeal 100th Anniversary: While there were veteran fundraising efforts prior to 1921, much research suggests the official Poppy Appeal began in 1921, when the forerunner to the RSL, The Australian Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League first sold poppies for Armistice Day.

Just days before the Armistice, the secretary of the American YMCA, Moina Michael, read John McCrae's legendary poem In Flanders Field.

She was so moved by it she decided to wear a red poppy as a personal commemorative ritual.

Inspired, the French YMCA secretary Anna Guérin, began to sell poppies to raise funds for war widows, orphans, veterans and their families.

The poppy became an international symbol of sacrifice and loss.

When it all began in 1921, the League imported a million silk poppies that were made in French orphanages.

Each poppy was sold for a shilling, with the money divvied up between French children in need, the League's welfare work and the League's national coffer.

The Poppy Appeal continues to contribute significantly to the annual fundraising work of the RSL.

Now, there is an array of merchandise that can be purchased for as little as two dollars, all the way through to 50 dollars, including key rings, pens and elaborate metal poppy badges. This year also features the specially commissioned centenary badge, which showcases the poppy in its four stages of life.¹

¹ <https://rslvic.com.au/news/rsl-victorias-poppy-appeal-100-years>



Garden Notes – November

November is a good time to begin preparation for summer watering. Will your hose have reach for that new garden bed or will a longer hose or new taps be required? Check and clean watering systems and sprinklers, repair or replace damaged or broken hoses or fittings, remove weeds and begin to apply mulch around your plants. Mulch can be a wide range of material, both organic and inorganic including straw or hay, compost, forest litter, old sawdust (not too thickly) or wood shavings, old bark chips or wood chips, spent mushroom compost, lawn clippings (again, not too thick), coarse sand or fine gravel, scoria etc. Before putting down mulch, remove weeds, lightly cultivate the soil and apply a small quantity of complete fertiliser (not around Australian native plants) or blood and bone. This will compensate for any loss of nitrogen as the mulch breaks down.

You will find that mulching your garden will significantly reduce water use as well as keeping roots cool and helping to suppress weed growth. The aim of watering is to encourage plant roots to grow down into the soil chasing water, therefore deep watering of established plants say once per week is ideal. Smaller or newly planted plants may require more frequent watering as will plants in pots.

The best time to water is either early morning or evening as this is when plants can best absorb the water. Don't forget that a hose lying in full sunlight can heat up the water in it, so be sure to "run off" any hot water before using it on your garden. If using salty bore or creek water, make sure that you know the salt content. Up to 500 parts per million (ppm) is safe for most plants, some very hardy ones can tolerate up to 1500 ppm. A simple test is that if the water is okay to drink, then it is okay for use in your garden. Also, you should avoid the use of fine sprinklers in windy weather as much of the water will be wasted.

Vegetable plantings can now proceed with very little danger of frost damage. Crops which take a fair while to mature such as tomato and the pumpkin group should be planted before the end of November so that harvest can be made before the weather cools down in the mid to late autumn.

Summer and autumn flowering annuals can still be planted. After flowering, your spring blossom roses can be lightly pruned to shape the tree and to ensure plenty of growth for next spring's flower display.

Happy gardening!
Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

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