

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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Dunkeld Kindergarten CPSG receives Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant

Dunkeld Kindergarten CPSG is one of 113 schools and youth organisations to receive a 2020 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant, supported by the Victorian Government's Victorian Landcare Program.

Funded by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, these grants are run by Landcare Australia, as part of its Junior Landcare program.



The grant of \$2563 will be used for bus transport and to purchase cameras for our Photo Point Monitoring program which is part of our Bush Kinder Program. The children will take photos in the same place each session and identify the changes that have occurred in the environment. The Project provides the children with an awareness of how the environment changes with the seasons.

"We are excited to receive a Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant and are eager to start our project. Our students have already been noticing the changes in the environment and we can see their love for nature and the environment developing all the time." said Debbie Millard Early Childhood Teacher at Dunkeld

Kindergarten CPSG

The Victorian Government is funding these grants to provide Victorian schools, kindergartens and community youth groups and organisations an opportunity to participate in on-ground projects and activities that provide both environmental and educational outcomes, as well as health and social benefits.

For more information about these grants, visit: juniorlandcare.org.au/grant/2020-victorian-junior-landcare-and-biodiversity-grants.

For more information about the Victorian Government's plan Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, visit environment.vic.gov.au/biodiversity/biodiversity-plan.

Debbie Millard

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1 st Week	Sunday	November 1
2 nd Week	Sunday	November 8
3 rd Week	Sunday	November 15
4 th Week	Sunday	November 22
5 th Week	Sunday	November 29

Please note that public Masses in the Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border have been suspended as of 6 August 2020 due to Stage 3 COVID19 Restrictions. Please click on the following link for our Online Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-bIQdgo2Zk0xN9ki93aFjw>

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Anyone wishing to speak / or meet with Rev Angie Griffin is welcome to contact her regarding a suitable time and place on **0417 367 227**.

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
2	3	4 Newsletter issue 17 distributed	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Remembrance Day Service 10.50am	12	13 Newsletter issue 18 cut off	14	15
16	17	18 Newsletter issue 18 distributed	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Newsletter issue 19 cut off. LAST ISSUE FOR THE YEAR	28	29

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Except... that maybe... I would have to ask St. Peter to mute his microphone, or get God to turn his microphone up, because He seems to be awfully quiet. We might be interrupted by the odd angel flitting across the lounge room in the background, or Gabrielle bringing The Master a glass of good quality red straight from the wedding at Cana. Maybe Our Lord would have a strategically placed platter of loaves and fishes to one side or a self-autographed copy of 'My Greatest moments'.

Think of what could be achieved if you could meet God over Zoom. A cure for COVID, relationships restored, an endless supply of fresh homilies.

But... it wouldn't be the same. There wouldn't be the ponderous quiet where we just sit companionably in gentle enriching silence. There wouldn't be the struggle that not only tests the relationship, but also knits it together. The trouble with Zoom is you feel as though you have to fill up the spaces with something. The old fashioned way of doing prayer is realising that the void has already been filled and you don't have to do anything much. Just simply enjoy the closeness which is Him.

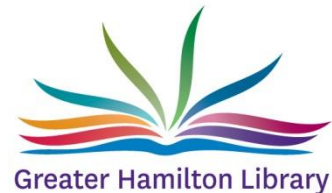
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SOME WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

This is a bit zany so just hang in there. Zoom meetings are all the go right? If you want to have a conversation with someone legitimately, but are not in their bubble, then Zoom is for you.

So what if we could have a Zoom meeting with You Know Who? Yes...Him..The Almighty... The Master. OK, I know it's all a bit cooky but it is such a good idea right? I would go across to the Lady Chapel, set up the device, log into "god.com" and Voila! There He is on the screen. How good would that be?

It's been quite a year!

We know many community fundraisers haven't been able to take place and we've all missed out in attending some great events. So, we wondered if there are any Dunkeld community groups needing to raise funds or wanting to put on an event?

We offer Sterling Place **FREE** to any Dunkeld community groups from our COVID-Safe opening (date to be confirmed) until 30 June 2021.



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SATURDAY - 7.30am – 4.00pm
SUNDAY- 8.00am – 1.00pm
 (Times may vary on Public Holidays)

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Lions Crimewatch

This self-funding project aims to encourage people to report crime when possible to make our communities safer. They are involved in road safety programs, Operation Safe Plates (supply special nuts/bolts to stop the theft of vehicle numberplates), Lions Teddy Bears (supply free of charge bears to traumatised children at accident, hospitals, police station etc). Supply brochures for 'Do Not Leave Children in Car's and Handbag Security brochure and Keep your Driveway Kidsafe.

DIY shows

One of the things that are worrying to the Lions at present is the amount of DIY shows on TV. They make it look all too easy to do major builds or repairs, and because of people with little or no skill trying this we have had many injuries caused to people. A young couple purchased a newly renovated double storey house, the husband leaned against the upper storey balcony rail and it gave away under him. He ended up in hospital because of the sudden stop in his fall.

In another case a man was using a saw to cut a piece of timber when the saw blade hit a knot in the wood and the saw jumped out and cut into the back of his hand that was holding the wood. He was rushed to hospital where they performed micro surgery. Prior to being put under for the operation the man asked the doctor, 'Doctor, after the operation will I be able to play the piano?' The doctor replied in the affirmative, 'Yes, you will be able to play the piano.' The relieved man said, 'Gosh, thanks doc because I couldn't play it before.'

Peter Hinchey



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Café 109 are now open for sit in dining, we request that people call us on **5577-2288** or contact us via our Facebook page to book their table as we have limited seating available, walk-ins will be allowed if we have space available and the bar will be open for those dining in, takeaways and delivery remain the same.

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Monday - Closed
Tuesday – Chicken Parma Night 4pm – 8pm
Wednesday – 4pm – 8pm
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Friday - 4pm – 8pm
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Dinner 4pm – 8pm

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- Flake • Whiting • Calamari
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- Pizza Varieties_ • Pasta
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- Hamburgers/ Vegie Burger

Takeaway Family Meal Packs

- Pizza Bundle – 2 x Pizza's, garlic bread & 1.25L Soft Drink \$40
- Fish & Chip Bundle – 4 x pcs Fish, chips & salad \$30
- Chicken Parma's – 4 x Parma's, chips & salad \$70
- Chicken Schnitzel – 4 x Schnitzels, chips & salad \$60

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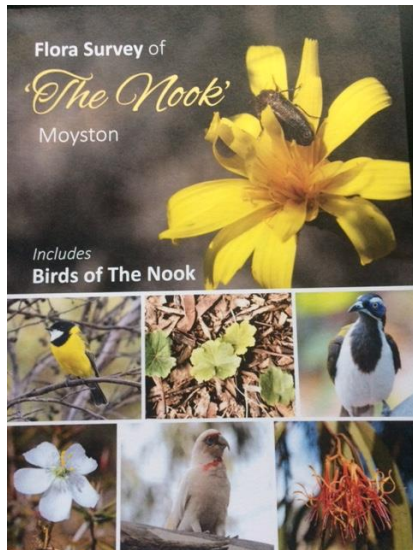
*******Delivery available in Dunkeld town boundary with minimum spend of \$20******

NOTES FROM OUR DUNKELD BOOKSHOP

With the wonderful display of Grampians wildflowers this year we have had many enquiries for a guide to the flowers and birds of the district. The bad news was that pretty much all our usual field guides are out of print. With a bit of help from Sarah Guthrie we found the Moyston Landcare Group's recently published **Flora Survey of the Nook Moyston** compiled by Neil and Wendy Marriott, and have been able to get some copies for stock. What a relief, as it was a bit embarrassing when keen bushwalkers had to be told that we can't help them.

The book is a comprehensive guide, with an emphasis on The Nook Reserve west of Moyston. As it displays rich floral diversity and is noted for its orchids and its areas of grassy and heath woodland as well as having an abundance of flora and fauna, it is in harmony with many of the species found down here in the Southern Grampians. In effect, it becomes a good guide to our area as well, possibly without some of the more unusual species recorded at The Nook.

The guide features a comprehensive species list, several pages of discussion of significant species with good colour photographs, and many pages of flora species with clear photos which have both botanical and common names. There is also a very good list of birds sighted, also with photos. In our opinion, if you took this book on a walk anywhere in the Southern Grampians National Park you



would have a clear and valuable reference book to answer some of those irritating questions as to what flower, bird or plant is that?

The 'Recommendations' section gives a good list of strategies to care for and conserve the area, some of which could also be considered for our

locality. These include removal of an invasive wattle, *Acacia paradoxa*, having a programme of regular mosaic burns, regular control of feral animals and community activities around propagation and education and support for biolink planting with larger blocks of native vegetation, as The Nook is crown land at the edge of the National Park.

Any native plant lover would appreciate this book, and we think it would be ideal to have in the glovebox on your trips around the Grampians. I have to confess that I've not been to 'The Nook', but I will certainly be visiting soon, with this book under my arm.

Roz Greenwood

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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who attended the Working Bee held last Friday morning along Salt Creek, to help clear the area and create less of a fire hazard. A very successful turn up with a lot being achieved.

John Smith and I met with Shire representatives on Friday 30 October with discussions taking place on the following -

- Infant Welfare Centre situated in the Memorial Park. The Shire has asked our group to gauge interest from the community as to any ideas on the building as to what it could be used for.
- A Path design through the park for future Peak Trail Walks. Designs on path and lighting will come back to the Dunkeld Public Lands for discussion.

Thank you John for repairing the 'frog' in the park playground.

Frank Raymond
DPL Committee



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Iris Field, Secretary

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Space permitting we are now allowed up to 20 people for worship. Here's everything you ever needed to know

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BYO your own mask, unless medically exempt.

If you aren't feeling the best please, do come back to Church when you are a little more perky.

Father David Oulton



RED CROSS NEWS

The second and **final meeting for 2020** was held at **Cafe 109** this month, while enjoying the warmth and the coffee and cake. We wish to thank **Peter and Sharon** for opening especially, for that time. **Liz Hinchey** thanked them with a bunch of roses.

Acting president **Heather Napier** (sporting a scalded arm) welcomed eight members, including the amazing **Helena Flinn**, in fine form, despite her ongoing program of treatment. Card lady **Dorothy Blanch** was supporting a broken arm, so won't be employing her beautiful handwriting on greeting cards for the time being. Greetings came from past and/or absent members **Glen Schwarz, Sheila Sawyer, Lisa Kendall, Joan Pearson, Pat Learmonth, Beryl Lowe** and **Olwyn Hogan**. Long serving member **Barbara Dohle** has now relocated to the Penshurst Nursing Home.

Helena, with the help of son **Trevor**, created several beautiful 'tussy mussy' bouquets for office bearers **Bek Kay, Heather Napier, Dorothy Blanch** and **Iris Field**. Heather donated the raffle, which was won by **Jane Jones**. **Liz Hinchey** continues to assemble her Covid memory scrapbook and **Brenda Cullinane** will be looking forward to more TV tennis matches, to continue knitting trauma teddies.

It has been decided that Red Cross will **not be catering for Remembrance Day on 11 November** this year and hope that by 2021, life will have returned to some kind of normal.

Carolyn Ratnik keeps us informed as to the business from HQ and this will be included in future newsletters if it comes in before next year.



GREATER HAMILTON LIBRARY IS BACK!

Greater Hamilton Library is open again and staff are thrilled to welcome everyone back to the library.

While the library was closed to the public, staff were kept extremely busy, offering a range of contactless options to ensure customers were still able to access services.

Throughout this time, our staff provided:

- in excess of 530 bags of books, which were collected by members from our Pick Up Station at the front of the library;
- 164 bags of books, which were delivered to homes in Hamilton;
- 143 bags of books, which were delivered to homes in other towns within the Shire; and

- a total of 11,353 loan items within the Southern Grampians shire from 1 July – 30 September 2020.

In addition to offering the contactless pick-up and delivery services, there were also many online offerings for customers to enjoy throughout the closure, including virtual storytimes, craft sessions and a wide range of e-resources available through our website.

Senior Library Services Officer Chris Jenkins said the library has received many great messages of support from happy customers over the last few months

“Our customers have been very grateful for the delivery of books and the continuation of our borrowing services throughout the lockdown.

“We’ve had so many cards and emails with messages like ‘You’ve saved my sanity’, ‘Thanks girls, you’re keeping me going OK through this challenging time’ and ‘You are legends in the care of the mental health of the community’. This feedback means so much to us and makes all the hard work worthwhile”, Jenkins said.

The Greater Hamilton Library is open to the public **Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm**, with current a limit of 20 customers at a time. Limited PC’s are available for essential services only.

The mobile library resumes from Thursday 29 October. The timetable can be accessed online www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library or collected from the Greater Hamilton Library.

The home delivery service will continue fortnightly for members who are unable to attend the library. Members can login to the library website to place items on hold or staff will happily select items of interest. Library members who wish to use this service are encouraged to contact the library for details.

Online Storytimes will also be continuing for the foreseeable future via the Greater Hamilton Library Facebook page.

MORE WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

It happened while we were in Bright. We looked at the map and thought. “Yep that looks like a good walk to do. Oh yes, I know where that street is”. And donning our waterproofs we strode out full of confidence and vigour.

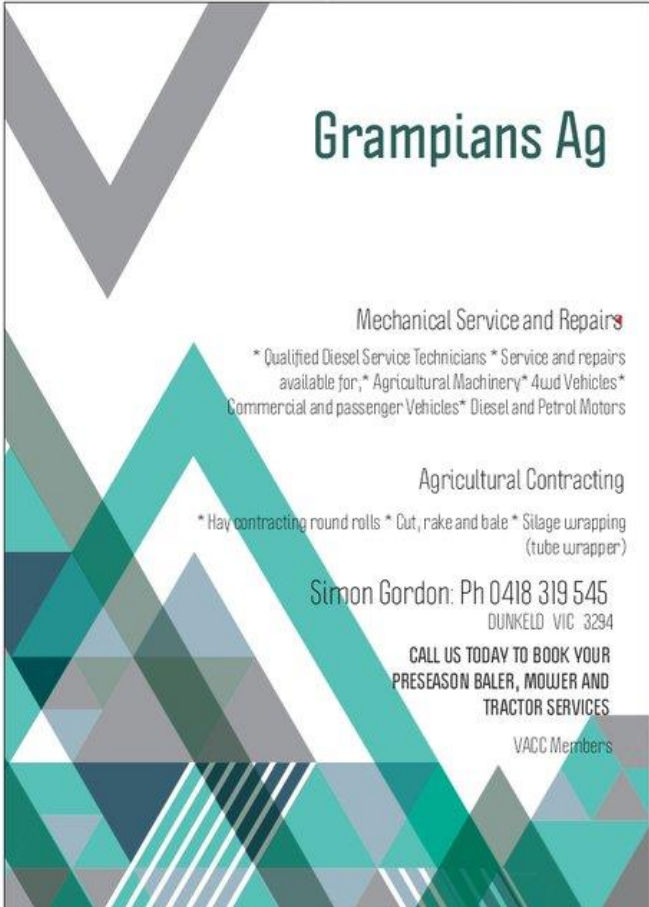
The atmosphere was invigorating, the scenery was stunning. We found a couple of the landmarks and we were pretty sure that we were going the right way. But, there were no signs telling us that we were actually doing the walk we had chosen. You know those pretty wooden signs. We were a bit perplexed, puzzled but not undaunted. It was still a great day for it and we were together.

When we got back we checked the map and worked out where we got it wrong. It had only taken one tiny deviation and well, there you are; or rather there we were not. A few things to extract from our little jaunt. The whole thing would have worked a lot better if we had taken the map with us. Kept it to the forefront of our mind and looked at it frequently.

This exercise of looking back over the map or the guidelines is always a fruitful experience. I usually try to do this at the end of the day. OK, so this is where I intended to go, this is where I finished up and this is why. The flash churchy word for this process is ‘self examination’ or ‘examination of

conscience’. Not to beat ourselves up, but rather to enhance each and every day. To strive to continually improve. Then to rejoice and celebrate when we do get it right. It is so easy to be distracted and lose our way. Always come back to the map. That’s what it’s there for.

Father David Oulton



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Nicki takes home the chocolates

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of chocolates. 🍫🍫🍫🍫

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SCHOOL NEWS

Students have settled in very well this term and the happy faces running about the school, tell us they are certainly glad to be back! As are all the teachers! With a major focus on wellbeing, staff have been creating many fun, inclusive, teamwork activities to help students feel confident in their return to school.

Camps and Excursions

Due to missing out on so much this year, staff have discussed ways to bring our students back together and start transition processes for 2021. Although we can't hold the full camps and excursions we would normally, the school would like to create some special experiences for separate year levels at a local level. Therefore we have planned the following which was approved at School Council last night. Year 6 to have an overnight camp to Grampians Retreat, while Years 3, 4 and 5 will all have a separate day trip each to Grampians Retreat also. Years Prep to 2 students will have some local Dunkeld excursions. This is a way to give back to our students for the amazing efforts they have put in this year, encourage year level collaboration and also support local businesses.

Permanent Modular Building

Works have continued on the new building and it is all coming together nicely. We have an anticipated handover by end of November. I have now had clearance to share some photos and videos of the arrival of the building, which will be added to our school website and Facebook page in the coming days. Please keep a lookout! It was a very fascinating process.

Kinder Transition

Now that restrictions have eased slightly, we will do some visits to Kinder and small groups of nine children can visit the school for a short time if not interacting with our school students. Information is being sent home tomorrow.

Kind regards, Dee-Anne Gerring

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK WEEK PARADE

On Wednesday 21 October our school was treated to a visitation of a number of book characters. A whole range of costumes from superheroes and fairies to the more classic Jim Craig, the great Australian stockman from Banjo Patterson's the Man from Snowy River. What a treat when that stockman was also very capable of cracking his whip.





A Book Week Story

As soon as I woke my only thought was to make honey for my hive. I ate my fill of breakfast honey and buzzed from the hive, my wings flapping two hundred times per second. I flew for about one hundred metres before I arrived at my favourite patch of bright yellow flowers. I wheeled above them for a few seconds before I descended and landed on a flower that looked like it contained the best pollen, just the right type to make the best honey. Just as I was about to grab some pollen, a flicker of movement in the corner of my vision caught my attention. A tall kid was striding in the direction of my hive. He wore a puffy white suit and had a sort of helmet thing over his head. I reluctantly turned away from the flower and furiously buzzed after him. Just as the kid was about to tear open my hive to grab the luscious golden honey from inside, I slid up his sleeve and stung him on the shoulder. What a horrible way to die I thought, with the stench of a kid. Up his sleeve. I was lost in darkness. Black, nothing, lost.
By Oscar Fanning, Year 5

SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORTS

Please don't forget that our School Captains Georgia Adams and Hayden Phillips are still posting a Monday message for students on Seesaw. If you don't have direct access to Seesaw through a child's iPad / laptop, the message can be accessed with the following link:

https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.afc8df4f-d92e-4c6a-b3d1-7ec4964d324e&share_token=q4VJ7NprRzO3DJGCBjBHPg&mode=share

https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.6ed5178a-239c-4431-a737-ec2053a40c3e&share_token=dRIX7T6oR9eHYxj_VcThwg&mode=share

MY BUSINESS RULES

Children in Year 6 have commenced a project called 'My Business Rules'. Students are asked to come up with a business idea (a product) and market it to our community with the intention of selling as many of their products as they can to make a profit after expenses. They are encouraged to think about who would buy their products, where they could market their product and how they would advertise in order to corner the market in a competitive environment. The school has provided each of the children a small loan to get them started.

Families have received a flyer advertising the items our students will have for sale. The first successful 'Market Day' was held on Friday 30 October 2020 at recess (11.00am). A following Market Day will be held on Friday 20 November 2020. Items are for sale to students and teachers directly on Market Day and the wider community by pre-order. Everyone is encouraged to support our young entrepreneurs by pre-ordering items. *Remember Christmas is coming!!*

After the businesses close, Year 6 students will be required to repay their loans ... hopefully. All profits from the businesses will be pooled and the students will then decide what they think they would like to purchase for the benefit of the school.

We hope you are able to help our students in this endeavour.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen

With health and safety a priority, just a quick reminder that ALL students with long hair must have a head band / hair tie to ensure their hair can be tied back during cooking lessons. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this.

From the Garden...by Lisa McIntyre

It is so so good to have everyone back in the garden again - and what a perfect time of year to come back into it!



We have been really busy working in our garden beds - each child is responsible for their own garden bed, and you can just imagine the growth of weeds over the last few weeks...so they have been very busy. In amongst the ryegrass and cape weed, we have found garlic, lettuce, silverbeet, thyme, peas, oregano, lemon balm, leeks, rainbow chard, kale, celery, broad beans, chives, grapefruit, potatoes, oranges, lemons, mint, French sorrel, broccoli, parsley.....the list goes on. Luckily we have some really tough plants growing here!

Our sincere thanks goes out to the Hall construction crew - as they cared for the chooks over the school holidays.

Now, the chooks - I am sure - are glad to see us back, as they get to roam free on Thursdays!



We have been very busy sowing seeds to germinate in our greenhouse. We make the seed raising mix ourselves using sifted compost from our heaps. Smaller particle sizes in the mix means better soil/seed contact, and leads to better germination. There are a few weed seeds that germinate too, but that is just teaching us how to identify different plants.

WELCOME

In Term 4 we are pleased to welcome the following new students and families to our school: Logan Saunders (Year 3), Audrina Robertson (Year 4), Lily Robertson (Year 6) and Sophie Halliday (Year 6).

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR 2020

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

Please forward your content to Mrs Carol Burger – email: carolburger5103@gmail.com or phone: 0417 374 673.

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HAMILTON BOTANIC GARDENS CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE-YOUR IDEAS WANTED!

Southern Grampians Shire Council are encouraging community members, in particular our young families, to provide input as we design a new children's play space at the Hamilton Botanic Gardens.

The removal of the old animal enclosure and small aviaries, together with the reduction in the size of the depot area, has provided the opportunity to create a new nature-based children's play space and garden along the Martin Street side of the gardens.

The new space will revitalise this under-utilised area and provide new recreational and gathering opportunities for children and their families. It is envisaged that this space may include a new entrance, nature-based, non-equipment play options and an all-abilities sensory garden and picnic area. It will be a space that provides exciting and interactive opportunities for children of all ages and ability levels.

The creation of this new space, which will complement the Council's Positive Ageing Strategy and Community Inclusion Plan, is the next phase in the delivery of the Hamilton Botanic Gardens Master Plan, adopted in 2015.

Recreation Coordinator Darren Ames said Council have engaged Outerspace Landscape Architects to prepare the design for the children's play space.

"We would love to hear from those in our community who regularly use the Botanic Gardens with their families. We want to know how your kids love to play, what would engage them and what is most important to you as a family when it comes to gathering spaces," Mr Ames said.

"We encourage everyone to please take the time to fill out our short survey to help inform this important project for the future of the Hamilton Botanic Gardens," Mr Ames concluded.

The survey is available on the Southern Grampians Shire Council website 'Have your Say' page https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=1397

For more information on this project, please contact Recreation Manager Darren Ames on 5551 4329.



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. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Membership payments and application forms may be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.



Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11 November 2020: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will hold a Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.50am sharp on Monday 11 November at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. COVID19 and social distancing procedures will be followed. Please feel free to lay a poppy or a wreath at the service.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, morning tea will not be provided in the Henry Leech RSL Room at the end of the service.

Lest We Forget.

Dig deep this Remembrance Day: Dunkeld Sub-Branch is asking the local community to dig deep this Remembrance



Day and donate to its annual Poppy Appeal. Mr Terry Noble, Dunkeld Sub-Branch President said: "Our Poppy Appeal will look a little bit different this year, and you may not see our RSL volunteers on the streets raising money by selling the iconic poppy badges as we normally would."

"But just because we may not be able to physically fundraise, does not mean that the need to raise funds disappears."

"We need your help now, more than ever. If you can, a small donation – a gift of kindness – for a poppy from the Dunkeld Sub-Branch or you can donate via poppyappeal.com.au to help change a veterans' life. Every little bit counts."

The RSL's Poppy Appeal is an annual fundraising activity that Sub-Branches across the nation take on in the lead up to Remembrance Day each year. Every dollar raised through the Poppy Appeal will go to supporting veterans and their families with a range of RSL health and wellbeing support services, including relief from financial hardship.

Donations to the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Poppy Appeal can be made by purchasing a commemorative poppy from the sub-branch (available from the Dunkeld General Store, Café 109 and Dunkeld Old Bakery) or by donating online at poppyappeal.com.au

Remembrance Day 2020

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front after the bloodshed of World War I. Over the past century, this moment has been adopted across the globe as a time to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts.

This Remembrance Day, RSL Victoria is asking all Australians to Remember to Remember – to commit to pausing for just one minute to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country, those who returned home injured or ill, and those who bravely serve our country today.

You can commemorate Remembrance Day this year via a number of live online events:

The Melbourne Remembrance Day Service:

- When: From 10:45am on Wednesday November 11, 2020
- Where: Broadcast online via the RSL Victoria Facebook page

This year's Melbourne Remembrance Day service, will be much like the 2020 ANZAC Day service. A service that is a mixture of pre-record and live elements, broadcast online, via the RSL Victoria and Shrine of Remembrance Facebook pages for all to enjoy.

The Melbourne service will begin at 10:45am on Wednesday 11 November, and the theme for this year's service will be the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. It is unlikely that Victorians will be allowed to physically attend the Melbourne Remembrance Day service, which is traditionally held at the Shrine of Remembrance, but we suggest checking the RSL Victoria and Shrine of Remembrance website and social media.

Annual State Remembrance Service:

- When: From 1.00pm Sunday 8 November 2020
- Where: Online via the RSL Victoria Facebook page

RSL Victoria's Annual State Remembrance Service is traditionally held at the Springvale War Cemetery on the Sunday before Remembrance Day each year. This year's service will be pre-filmed and broadcast of the RSL Victoria Facebook page on Sunday 8 November 2020, for all to enjoy. The public are not able to attend this year. RSL Victoria State President, Dr Robert Webster OAM, will recite the ode for the pre-recorded service and lay a wreath on behalf of the Victorian veteran community.

Why a red poppy?

Since 1920, the red poppy has been used as a symbol of commemoration to soldiers who have fallen in times of war. During the First World War, poppies were among the first plants to blossom on the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. According to soldier's folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. Poppies grew in profusion over the earth

which had become the grave to thousands of soldiers, making the poppy an appropriate symbol to represent the sacrifice of life and the bloodshed of trench warfare.

The sight of poppies springing up amidst the ravaged battlefields of Ypres inspired Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write one of the most notable and popular poems of the period, In Flanders Fields. It is believed that the poem was written on May 3rd 1915 after McCrae witnessed the death of his 22 year old friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer the day prior.

The tradition of wearing a poppy began just before the armistice in 1918. The secretary of the American YMCA, Moina Michael, read John McCrae's poem and was so moved by it that she decided to partake in a personal commemorative ritual of wearing a red poppy. She believed this was a powerful way of keeping alive the faith that John McCrae had urged in his poem. In November 1918, a meeting was held with YMCA secretaries from around the world providing Moina Michael with a chance to discuss the poem and her decision to wear a red poppy. This inspired the French YMCA secretary, Anna Guérin to take the idea further and begin selling poppies to raise money for those affected by the war - particularly widows, orphans, veterans and their families.

The poppy soon became widely accepted throughout the allied nations as a symbol of remembrance which was to be worn on Armistice Day. Poppies were first sold in Australia in 1921 and continue to be sold by the RSL in the lead up to Remembrance Day every year to raise the much needed funds for the organisation's valuable welfare work.¹

¹ <http://www.rslvic.com.au/commemoration/remembrance-day/>

A Wonderful Heritage by Marion Colton

Today (Friday 16 October), I decided to go for a walk to the summit of Wurgarri, or as far as my energy would take me. I needed some exercise and I wanted to see the Snow Myrtles, *Calytrix alpestris*, at the top of the mountain.

As I walked along the lower track, abundant with mosses, small colonies of Nodding Greenhoods, *Pterostylis nutans*, were still visible in the nooks at the base of the trees. Most of the Waxlips, *Glossodia major*, had finished and in their place were the dainty pink petals of Pink Fingers, *Caladenia carnea*. A few Spider Orchids, rather bedraggled, were hiding in the shrubbery. Heath Tea-Trees and Victorian Smoke-bushes were sharing their white blooms and one gigantic spike of cream, starry flowers rose from a grass tree. Tiny, mauve and purple-flowered Twining Fringe Lilies snaked through the leaf litter and around shrubs, trying not to be seen.

The track gradually curved upwards over rocky out-crops, wet with seepage. In one area they extended over a sizeable area and were covered with tiny grasses, mosses and plants, all so green after the rains. There was little tree canopy here and the area was carpeted with hundreds of Goodenia plants, their rounded, notched petals so bright and yellow amongst the greens and greys. They are known as Bent Goodenia, *Goodenia geniculata*.

The day was cool but fine so far, excellent for walking but I didn't dally too long on a rocky outcrop where I enjoyed my lunch.

The track rose steadily. In one place, as I stopped for a breather, I became aware of a wallaby on the far side of the track. It had paused and was watching me. I didn't move and he decided to continue grazing on the plants around him, which seemed to be Lomandras. He was still in the same area on my way back, all alone, happily grazing.

Around this area, roughly half-way up the mountain, grow several isolated plants of the Tiger Orchid, *Diuris sulphurea*. They are a beautiful sulphur-yellow and easily distinguished from the Leopard Orchids by two prominent dark-brown spots on the dorsal sepal. Each stem holds several flowers.

Needless to say, the going became more arduous as I neared the summit, but it was worth it. Dwarfed Snow Myrtles,

Calytrix alpestris, bordered the rocky path and filtered into the bush amongst the squat Grampians Gum, *Eucalyptus alpina*. The latter were also flowering, their small white blossoms emitting a sweet



fragrance amongst a profusion of green buds and green and grey fruits.

Most of you are probably familiar with the starry, white flowers clustered together of the Snow Myrtles. They are stunning against the rocky outcrops. Their buds are a deep rose-pink and sometimes the tips of their petals. They produce masses of flowers and at this altitude resemble small white domes. On the flats, except for a few shrubs, the much larger shrubs are nearing the end of their flowering season, but here, near the summit, it is at its prime. It is a veritable, divine rock garden, such as mankind could never produce. As I gaze, trying to absorb its beauty and wonder, a little Grey Fantail wags its tail under a branch.

I do manage to reach the summit where a small pool of water is cradled in the rocks. Even the edges of the summit are clothed in Snow Myrtles and they border the flat, sloping rocks where I sit to enjoy an orange. The views are spectacular, as you all know. Misty grey clouds advance towards Mud-Dadjug; the plains to the east and south are so, so green; also the plains stretching to Victoria Point and its ranges, but these are silvered with extensive flood waters.

I return downwards, on the way thrilled to discover my first Common Bird Orchids, *Chiloglottis gunnii*, on the saddle. The rain comes as I reach Dunkeld; the sun comes out and washes everything in silver light and an intensely-coloured double rainbow appears from my back window, arching a River Red Gum.