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The Grampians Peaks Trail is officially open!

We're excited the Grampians Peaks Trail, a unique 160km natural and cultural hiking experience, was officially opened today by the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Minister for Energy, the Environment and Climate Change.

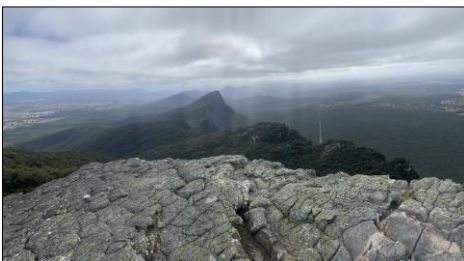
Showcasing the stunning Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park, the long-distance hike runs down the spine of the park from Mt Zero in the north, through Halls Gap, to Dunkeld in the south. Along the trail, hikers will pass dramatic rocky peaks and outcrops, ravines, waterfalls, forests and lakes and a landscape home to unique native animals and abundant plant life.

The 11 unique hike-in campgrounds are in remote locations for a wilderness experience. They're well-designed with good level of amenities, sympathetic to the landscape and sustainable. Some have a communal shelter for meals and a place to relax.

While some hikers will be keen to do the full 13-day/12-night adventure, the trail can also be done in shorter sections with a range of itineraries to choose from. Overall, the trail is a Grade 4 hike so we recommend you choose an itinerary that matches your fitness and physical ability.

Regardless of the itinerary selected, the trail provides walkers an experience rich in the Aboriginal culture of the Jadawadjali and Djab Wurrung peoples, who have lived in the ranges they call Gariwerd for thousands of years.

The Gariwerd landscape is dramatic and offers hikers spectacular and unforgettable panoramic views. Why is it called the Grampians Peaks Trail? From north to south, you'll climb the following:



North: Mt Zero (Mura Mura), Mt Stapylton (Gunigalg), Mt Difficult (Gar), Briggs Bluff (Budjun Budjun), Chatauqua Peak (Bim) Central: Mt Rosea (Bugigamirgani), Redman Bluff, Mount William (Duwul), Major Mitchell Plateau South: Signal Peak, Mt Abrupt (Mud-dadjug), The Piccaninny (Bainggug), Mt Sturgeon (Wurgarri).

The Grampians (Gariwerd) is incredible at this time of year for its rich and colourful wildflower displays. The landscape comes to life with vibrant shows of flowers — more than 130 orchid species have been recorded in the park.

Hikers will also experience a variety of plant communities. Traverse luxuriant fern gullies, Stringybark forests and Red Gum woodlands in the valleys, hike through the mountain vegetation of Duwul (Mt William) and the Major Mitchell Plateau, and cross stunted heaths and moss-covered rocky outcrops on mountain plateaus. See the landscape move from dry, jagged rock underfoot to lush green forest as you move from north to south.

The landscape is particularly important for its abundance of bird species. The low open shrubby woodlands support many nectar-feeding birds and the tall open forests are important for hollow-dependent species such as the Powerful Owl.

More than 40 species of mammal have been recorded including populations of Red-necked Wallabies, Grey Kangaroos, Smokey Mouse, Long-nosed Potoroo, and a reintroduced colony of Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies. Twenty-eight reptile species also call the park home. More than 90 wildlife species live in the park, so be on the lookout when hiking for some wildlife spotting

The heritage-listed Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park is an ancient landscape that protects threatened native animals, one-third of Victoria's flora, and the majority of Aboriginal rock art in Victoria. For further information visit:

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/news/2021/11/12/04/37/the-grampians-peaks-trail-is-officially-open>

Hike to new heights on the Grampians Peaks Trail and experience this dramatic landscape first-hand. Find out more about the [Grampians Peaks Trail](#) and [book your next hiking adventure](#).

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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

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

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

Friday 24 December 2021 at 6:30pm - Christmas Eve Mass

COVID things, at the time of going to print...

- Proof of double vaccination is required if you haven't already offered it.
- BYO Mask.
- Sign in using the QR code or use the sign-in book.
- ALL WELCOME. Enquiries to Father David Oulton phone: 5571 1317

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

The next Service at the Panyyabyr Uniting Church will be held on Sunday 28 November at 2:30pm and conducted by Rev Angie Griffin. At the conclusion of the service, we will have a shared afternoon tea. We would love to have you join us.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

A pre-Christmas service will be held at the Mirranatwa Uniting Church on Sunday 5 December 2021 at 3.00pm. Rev Angie Griffin will take the service. All welcome.

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

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
15	16	17 Newsletter issue 18 distributed	18	19	20	21
22 Red Cross Christmas Lunch	23	24	25	26 Newsletter issue 19 deadline	27	28
29	30	1 DEC Newsletter issue 19 distributed	2	3 Dunkeld CWL Twilight Christmas Fair 5.00pm	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Newsletter issue 20 deadline LAST ISSUE FOR 2021	11	12 Thank You for Mrs Debbie



RED CROSS NEWS

Last call to members and friends who plan to attend our end of year **Christmas lunch at the Old Bakery, Monday 22 November** at 12 noon. Please book on 5574 0202 or email: springfield2@activ8.net.au
We are to bring a gift of no more than \$10.00 value.

The **Zone Meeting** will finally be held at **Port Fairy** on Tuesday 16 November. One delegate from Dunkeld will attend and report on the year of activity and inactivity and a general report of Red Cross work in the region will be summarised in the next newsletter.

*Iris Field,
Secretary*

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- Lions will have a BBQ each day.
- Gerard of Willaura - Willaura Candle Co.
- Jenny Rankin of Glenthompson – Pottery.
- Judith Burke of Stawell - Fibre Felting Artist.
- Other presentations may include woodwork items, metal, gold and silver art.

Items will be limited editions and there will be **no EFTPOS.**

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THANK YOU, MRS DEBBIE

After 25 years our beloved Mrs Debbie will be leaving the Dunkeld Kindergarten. She has spent years building this Kindergarten into a wonderfully educational, inclusive, creative, nurturing and unique space that our children have spent hours and hours enjoying. Many children and families have been blessed by her passion for early childhood education, nature and our local community. She has given so much energy to our children and kindergarten and we are truly grateful.

Without "causing too much fuss" we invite students and families, past and present to drop by and say THANK YOU at an informal community gathering.

WHERE: Dunkeld Memorial Park
WHEN: Sunday 12 December 2021

TIME: 3.00pm – 5.00pm

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With further easing of restrictions, we are now able to increase our numbers for fully vaccinated people only dining inside and outside. Bookings are preferred but walk-ins welcome if numbers allow. Upon arrival you are required to check in by using the QR Code and we will need to sight your vaccination status. All Covid safe measures are in place for the safety of our patronage and staff. Opening Hours 11.00am to 2.30pm then reopen at 4.00pm.

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Grampians Cricket Club

Welcome to all the players either new to the game or to the club and welcome back to the many returning players.

With changeable weather and a range of cricket formats all the Grampians teams have managed to play some cricket. The new club shirts look terrific and it is great to see so many players wearing them with a smile.

Under 12 Team played their first game against Tahara which resulted in a draw. Ned Peters took two wickets in his first game - one with the assistance of his brother who took a catch off his bowling. Hugh Prentice took three wickets and Alex Bird was the highest scorer with the bat. Playing in their first match were: Sean and Alex Bird, Harry McShane, Freddie Jury, Ben and Ned Peters.

Under 14 Team are in a match against College Gold. This is a two-day match and after winning the toss Grampians chose to bat. They completed their innings 9-184. Brodie Phillips retired on 50, with Hayden Phillips out for 26 and Angus Frost out for 20. College are set to continue batting on Saturday 13 November and are currently none for 11.

Under 15 Girls travelled to Macarthur for their first match and were defeated by a strong Macarthur team. Bonnie Jackson top scored with 13 runs with Lucy Fraser and Olivia Read both making 11 not out. Lillian Glazebrook took four wickets and in her first match Ella Peters took a wicket. Playing in their first match were: Elivia Robbins, Ella Peters and Phoebe Lazzari.

Under 16 Team are playing Tarrington in their first game of the season. Grampians won the toss and elected to bat first. Their innings was shortened due to poor weather and are sitting at 6-189. This is a two-day match and due to be concluded Tuesday 16 November. Lachie Phillips retired on 50 with Myles Haley out for 25 and Levi Templeton not out on 22.

C Grade Men opened the season with a win against the Hamilton Cricket Club. Ashley Read top scored on 37 closely followed by Mick Alderman on 36. After making 27 runs with the bat, Mark Lazzari took figures of 4 for 41 which included a hat trick off the last three balls of the match.

In their second match they were defeated by Branxholme. Mick Alderman's innings of 48 was the standout with Greg Millard next best on 18. Angus Heazlewood took two wickets with Mark Lazzari and Mick Alderman taking one each.

A Grade Women in their first game of the season played Byaduk and were narrowly defeated at home. Ella Jackson top scored with 32 and Grace Potter made 28. Pippa Williamson, Matilda Potter, Grace Potter, Marni Luhrs, Lucy Fraser and Bonnie Jackson all took a wicket each.

A Grade Men are currently playing matches in the T20 format. In their first match Grampians were defeated by Saint Andrew's Cricket Club. Lachie Field and Tom Polkinghorne both made 17 runs with Zac Burgess making 16. Carl Joyce took 2 for 26. Unfortunately, their second match was abandoned due to poor weather. In their third match Grampians was defeated by College Cricket Club. Josh

Gordon made 16 with the bat and took 2 for 12. Next best scorer was Will Collins with 11. Grampians will face Pigeon Ponds in their next T20 match.

We are looking forward to a busy season of cricket. Thank you to all those who support our players - from the parents who get children to and from matches and training, our coaches, the scorers and all the other little jobs that keep the season happening.

If you haven't already downloaded the My Cricket app give it a go. All games are being scored online by the home team and it is an easy way to keep an eye on the game if you're not able to be there.

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After extensive community consultation, the committee would like to advise that the OTR GALLERY will continue as a creative space for the visual and performing arts and events into 2022.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to and provided input to our survey and returned overwhelming support for the gallery. We welcome any future involvement from any resident and community group and are looking forward to a bright and active 2022.

Thank you all once again.
OTR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT and Members



November Update

Thank you for the support we have received from members of community groups to work with us to comply with COVID vaccination requirements.

We ask each community group, who regularly uses the facility to nominate someone to be their COVID Marshal. That person is required to provide us a copy of their vaccination history and their task is, at each meeting, to view members as they check in to ensure they are fully vaccinated, using either via the check-in App or a hard copy of their vaccination status.

From Friday 26 November regulations require that only those fully vaccinated, or who can provide evidence of their exemption are able to access Sterling Place.

If any community groups who regularly use the Green Room haven't got back to me, can you please give me a call? I am available to assist anyone requiring help to be compliant.

We recently received funding under Southern Grampians Shire Council Greater Grants program to purchase a new A3 Ink Jet Eco Printer. Is there any community group in need of a printer? Our old printer is in good working order and there are some new ink cartridges to gift with it. Let me know if there are any takers.

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The NZ of ANZAC

I went to the RSL service at Dunkeld on Remembrance Day and when they were playing the New Zealand National Anthem, I thought of the contribution of New Zealand, a country always fighting above their weight: WWII

- Nancy Wake - born in New Zealand, highest decorated woman in the Allies war effort.
- General Bernard Freyberg (1889 – 1963) commander of Allied Offensive in Monte Cassino. Had been awarded the Victoria Cross in WWI.
- Captain Charles Upham VC and Bar – the third man ever to be awarded the Victoria Cross twice.
- Air Chief Marshal Keith Park commanded the fighter force in the vulnerable south-east of England during the Battle of Britain.
- Al Deere from Wanganui, New Zealand, on 9 July 1940 shot down one enemy fighter in the Battle of Britain, then had a head on collision with another, crashed and survived the burning wreck. "Won't you come in and have a cup of tea?" said a woman from a nearby farmhouse.
"Thank you, I will," said Deere, "but I would prefer something stronger if you've got it."

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SCAMS
AWARENESS WEEK

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If you need assistance in how to add your COVID-19 Digital Certificate to the Services Victoria app, come in and see us - we can help!



Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Grampians Regional Community Enterprises Limited (GRCE) was held Wednesday 3 November at the Dunkeld Community Centre. Board Chairman, Craig Oliver commended all on a very successful year, despite significant change and upheaval due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our continued growth and success resulted in the Board of GRCE Ltd, declaring a fourth shareholder dividend of 6c per share. Branch Manager Anna Watson thanked the Board and Staff for their commitment and passion. She highlighted our 10-year anniversary and the wonderful achievements attained in that time. The award of 'Branch of The Year' 2019/2020 and finishing in the top 5 for 2020/21, is testament to a great Board and Staff.

Let's not stop there! Your help is invaluable to growing our business and with every new customer and account opening, the more funds become available for payment to community contributions and in dividends. Banking is an everyday function for every single person in the community. We are here to help, so if you haven't already, call in to have a chat. We would love to assist you.



Left: Board Chairman, Craig Oliver thanked everyone for a very successful year.



Right: Staff members that were in attendance from left Louise Field, Susan Tully and Anna Watson.



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SCHOOL NEWS

We are now halfway through Term 4, with many exciting events to happen in the second half of this term, such as camps, athletics sports, and Year 6 Graduation. Let's make the last five weeks of school our best yet, continuing to focus on our learning and wellbeing.

Latest Update to DET Operational Guidelines

All visitors on school grounds (both inside and outside) must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021. All visitors will need to check-in at the school office, via the QR Code, showing their vaccination status or can provide evidence of their exemption.

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Classroom Structure 2022

Grade Prep/1 – Mrs Anne Gilbert (four days) and Mrs Jackie McShane (one day).

Grade 2/3 – Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan (four days) and Mrs Jackie McShane (one day).

Grade 4/5 – new classroom teacher (to be appointed – five days).

Grade 5/6 – Mrs Naomie Phillips (five days).

PE Specialist - Mrs Jackie McShane (one day).

MARC Library – Mrs Bree Porter (Thursday).

Education Support Staff (Terrie Nicholson, Helen Trahar and Clare Kennedy) will continue in their current roles for 2022 and I will continue as Acting Principal.

Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre will continue in their roles as SAKG Kitchen and Garden Specialists, respectively.

SAKG Friends and Visitors

How wonderful to be able to welcome back visitors to our school grounds. With new guidelines in place regarding COVID-19 requirements, I thank our Friends and visitors for abiding by these new guidelines, ensuring our wonderful programs at school can continue.

Kinder Transition

Our Kinder to Prep Transition program has commenced, with us welcoming our 2022 Preps onsite Tuesday. Previously we

have held virtual catchups between the school and Kinder, and it was lovely to finally have them here in person.

House Sports Day

Monday 29 November is our House Athletics Sports Day; we hope the weather will be perfect. Students are practising the various track and field events in their PE classes, and we look forward to having spectators back at this event, (aligning with the new Operational Guidelines mentioned above).

I am really looking forward to a newsletter where I do not need to mention, COVID-19, guidelines and so on! Better days are coming!

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Police Talk on Road Safety

On Friday 29 October 2021 Acting Sergeant, Detective Senior Constable Roger McClure, from Hamilton Police visited our school to talk about road safety. He started with bike safety and the rules for riding on the footpath. He explained that when you're an adult you're not meant to ride on the footpath unless you're riding with a child. He then went on to explain about bus safety and how older buses did not have seatbelts. We learnt how to walk safely looking for cars before crossing the road. After Detective Senior Constable Roger McClure had finished his talk, we were able to ask questions and look at the cool uniform the Victorian police officers wear. *By Libby Herrmann and Mitchell Gordon*



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Honour Certificates:

Academic Honour: Abigail Welsh - Prep, James Cochran - Year 1, Angus Jones - Year 1, Elodie Cochran - Year 3, Freddie Jury - Year 4, Jack Jones - Year 5, Edie Jackson - Year 6, Libby Herrmann Year 6, Mia Russell - Year 6, Isabella Jury - Year 6.

School Values Honour: George Phillips - Year 1, Jet Roads - Year 2, Mac Jackson - Year 4, Indi Mibus - Year 5, Hugh Prentice - Year 6.

It was lovely to hear all the Class Captains' reports and the interesting events they have been participating in. Very grateful to be able to have our parents attending once again. Lovely to see you back.



My Business Rules – Market Day Stalls

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.



Each Year 6 student also creates a logo for the project. The logo chosen this year was designed by Sebastian Aarons.

Families have received a flyer advertising the items our students will have for sale at their first 'Market Day' on Friday 12 November at lunchtime. A following Market Day will be held on Friday 26 November during morning recess.

Items are for sale to students and staff directly on Market

Day and by pre-order. Could children please remember to bring small change (coins are most welcome) to pay for their items and a bag to place their purchases in. 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.

Year 5 and 6 share Buddy time with Prep and Year 1 Students

Prep Year 1 Buddy Recounts:

On Wednesday 3 November we had Buddies and we made boats for our gingerbread man. It was fun. *By Athena Manolas*

We had Buddies. It was so much fun. It was last week and our boat floated on the water. We loved it so much and would like to do it again. *By Sailor Grimmer*
We made rafts with our Buddies. It was fun. We had masking tape, one egg carton, one piece of tin foil, one cup, one rubber band, ten icy pole sticks and as many matches as we wanted. I had Darcy and Ben. The gingerbread man was in the cup. We had to cross the river it was about two inches wide. *By Jed Russell*

Last week we had Buddies and we made a gingerbread man boat. We liked it. We got six pipe cleaners and an egg carton. That's how we made it. *By Poppy Skermer*

Last week we had Buddies. We learnt how to make a boat. We had to make a boat then we had to sail over the other side. My boat worked. *By Tilly Alderman*

Last week we had Buddies. We made boats with an egg carton, a cup and tin foil. We actually sailed them. It was a sailboat. It was cool and fun and hard. It was amazing and only a short time. Mine floated. *By Michaela Roache*
Last week at Buddies we made a boat to carry the gingerbread man to the other side. We made the boat with a sheet of foil, an egg carton, ten popsicle sticks and a plastic cup and a rubber band. *By Lochie Bird*

Last week we had Buddies and we made boats. We had so much fun. Ours didn't sink. *By Edwin White*

Last week we had Buddies. We made a boat. We put them in the water. It floated. *By Annabelle Beveridge*



On Wednesday 3 November, the Year 5 and 6 students were joined by the Prep and Year 1 students in an amazing Buddy session which was full of smiles, giggles and high fives. We were creating rafts that could hold our gingerbread man cut outs and take them safely across the raging river. We had an excellent time designing and creating our rafts, everyone had a different design which made it so much more fun and colourful. The Prep and Year 1 students have written some fantastic and descriptive writing pieces.

By Jack Reynolds and Claudia Cochran

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAGK)

Kitchen Report:



On Friday 29 October, the Year 4 students were eagerly gathering goodies from the garden. They made Focaccia using produce from our well stocked garden. Here are some

reviews from the Year 4 students:



Freddie Jury - It was amazing fun making the breadcrumbs in the food processor.

Patrick Lomas - The pasta with cauliflower sauce was delicious and it tasted amazing.

Yvette Fanning - We used our produce from the garden, this including lettuce, beetroot leaves and flowers. We harvested lemons then added honey and olive oil and it was amazing.



Mac Jackson - We harvested herbs from the garden, they were rosemary, chives and thyme to make the focaccia.

The focaccia was fun to make because we got to eat it and it tasted astonishing.

On Friday 5 November, Year 5 students were excited to be in the kitchen. The Year 5 students made Focaccia Art with edible flowers, to decorate the crispy warm Focaccia. The chives, borage and calendulas provided an outstanding electric blue and sunny yellow and orange, added stunning colours to the dish. Here are some reviews from the Year 5 Chefs:

Darcy Potter - Preparing lunch was extraordinary. I felt very proud that I was able to harvest the cauliflower and it inspired me to cook more at home.

Charlie Linke - Preparing lunch was very exciting because we had to go and explore the garden for our ingredients.

Heidi Burger - I enjoyed making the breadcrumbs for the cauliflower pasta.

Other ingredients in the breadcrumbs included olive oil and cauliflower leaves.

Clare commented how special it was to welcome back Friends of the SAKG Program.

By Max Graham and Jake Linskens

Garden Report:

Year 6 and Year 4 students were enjoying a fun plant identification hunt and found lots of cool new plants that we never knew were in the garden. The Year 4 students thought it was a great experience and they even got to pick up a chicken. The chickens



are really happy in the garden and enjoy being out of their coop with everybody else. The Year 3 class were having fun planting sunflower seeds and finding out all the information about sunflowers. Jim found out that inside their protective sunflower seed shell there is a case with enough nutrients and food for them to sustain themselves until they begin to grow. Prep and Year 1 class were planting sunflower seeds. Angus and Tilly learnt that if you don't wash the pots before you use them then they are more likely to grow more weeds and have unwanted bacteria. That concluded a very successful and productive day in the garden and we can't wait to see some more of our Friends in the garden again soon. *By Oscar Fanning and Isabella Jury*

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.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Survey

The SAKG Foundation in its 20th year, are taking stock, and would love to know what the Kitchen Garden experience has meant for participating children and their families.

There are different survey types: for parents/carers, children/young people and past participants, and each should take only around seven minutes.

Survey deadline is Tuesday 30 November and may be accessed via the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAKGF_Community_Survey

They will have some prize packs for randomly drawn participants too!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

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

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

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

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There is an enormous sense of satisfaction when a guy can trim the edges and mow his lawns. You can see where you have been and the cathartic effect of turning unruly grass into a neatly manicured lawn cannot never be underestimated. My doctor would also argue that the physical exertion will help keep my girth at a respectable size and my blood pressure numbers where they should be.

I was contemplating all this other day and noticed that there were a goodly number of black birds with bright orange beaks running about and digging into my neatly clipped lawns. They weren't bothering me, I was just intrigued. I went to the fount of all wisdom (aka Dr Google) and discovered that they were Eurasian blackbirds. But what on earth were they doing disfiguring my nicely cut lawn?

Dr Google replied. "The birds are looking for tasty snacks; it means you have an insect problem. Basically, your lawn is the best restaurant around because it has so many bugs. Birds are simply foraging for grubs, worms, and insects. The good news about this is that the grubs and insects will actually do more damage to your lawn than the birds will, and the birds are helping you control the population." So, when I mow the lawn there is actually a whole lot going on. It's not just about getting things tidy and looking lovely. There is a whole ecosystem that is being enhanced and invigorated.

I'm sure that it's true for a lot of things. The outward gesture that we offer might seem insignificant and of little consequence, but for someone else it might mean the world. Never underestimate the value of your work, your ministry, your thoughtfulness, your words, your actions. They are more potent and long lasting than you will ever know.
Father David Oulton



EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR FUTURE OF THE HAMILTON CINEMA

Council will investigate and progress the return of the Hamilton Cinema to private operation, following a resolution at last week's Council meeting. The Hamilton Cinema, which has been managed by Council since 2008, will now be advertised by a tender process to seek industry interest in facilitating the entertainment service under a lease agreement.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said Council took over management of the Cinema back in 2008 to ensure continuity of the service for the region, however the timing is now right to investigate new possibilities to revitalise the service.

"Council understands how important the Cinema is within the community as an entertainment service for residents young and old, so this process is really about looking to the future as to what is the best possible option for our patrons going forward," said Cr Colliton.

"While Council's operation of the Cinema has been met with various successes, it remains outside of Council's core business. The Cinema is operated as a function of the Performing Arts Centre using both permanent and casual staff.

"Having a larger-scale private operator of the cinema would result in more economically viable model for the community in the long-term, as they would have greater freedoms in negotiation power with film distributors and the capacity to bring

new movies to the screen without the delays we face as an independent operator. They would also bring the specialised knowledge and technical expertise that we currently lack.

"Council has long acknowledged that the management of this service has been a temporary solution with the long-term view to transition it back to a cinema provider when the opportunity arose. With recent renewed interest in the Cinema, now is the right time to look at change and the future of the service," concluded Cr Colliton.

Council resolved to undertake a public procurement process to seek interest in the private operation. Following the public tender process, a further procurement report will be presented to Council.



MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR RE-ELECTED UNOPPOSED

Southern Grampians Shire Council re-elected Cr Bruach Colliton as Mayor and Cr David Robertson as Deputy Mayor for 2021/2022 at Wednesday's statutory meeting.

Cr Colliton, who was elected unopposed, said it was a privilege to be re-elected as Mayor for a second term and is looking forward to leading Council in the progression of key projects for the region.

"It's an honour and a privilege to be elected Mayor for the second year. We have a number of significant projects on the horizon which include the Melville Oval Master Plan, Cox Street Redevelopment, Pedrina Park shared facilities and Netball Courts, Peshurst Volcanic Discovery Centre, the Volcanic Plains Master Plan and the Hamilton Art Gallery that we are excited about progressing for the community," said Cr Colliton.

"Together with Council, we look forward to building an even stronger economy, more inclusive communities, and a more efficient Council. We will get back to basics and will aim to deliver key projects on time for the region to utilise and enjoy.

"I love where we live, from the top of Mount Sturgeon to the foot of the Nigretta Falls. From walking the Grange to exploring the Byaduk Caves. From shopping for artisan goods, to sipping lattes in our laneways. From the shearing shed to the dinner table - our backyard is majestic at every turn. It's the people that make the place and is what I consider the most valuable asset or point of difference for the Southern Grampians community. Mayor Cr Colliton said he is looking forward to working with communities across the Southern Grampians.

"I have no doubt we have a very bright future ahead of us as we have so many capable people who are willing to step up to the challenge. I would like to specifically thank the Councillors for bestowing this honour upon me and look forward to working with Councillors, the community and staff during the year ahead," concluded Cr Colliton.

Deputy Mayor David Robertson was elected for a second term unopposed with Council resolving to appoint the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a one-year term. The Council meeting schedule was also set for the second Wednesday of each month except January 2022, commencing at 5:30pm with next year's statutory meeting scheduled for 2 November 2022.

Councillors were also appointed as representatives of Council for the following committees:

- Audit and Risk Committee – Cr Robertson, Cr Henry
- Planning Committee – Cr Brown, Cr McAdam
- Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Advisory Committee – Cr McAdam, Cr Brown
- CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Committee – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Brown
- MAV Delegate – Mayor, Proxy – Cr Calvano
- Great South Coast Group - Mayor
- Rural Councils Victoria – Cr Rainsford
- Barwon South West Waste & Resource Recovery Group – Cr Henry
- Green Triangle Action Group – Cr Rainsford
- Rail Freight Alliance – Cr Rainsford

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 2022 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 2021: Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Terry Noble, led a well-attended Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park on Thursday 11 November.

Dunkeld Consolidated School Year 6 students and staff attended the service, with School Captain, Mitchell Gordon reciting The Ode. RSL members, Mr Bob Napier, respectfully raised the flag to the mast head during Reveille.



Terry reflected on Australia's role in Afghanistan:

Today I wish to share with you a period that was close to Australians and that has been the last two decades of our involvement with Afghanistan.

All our efforts in Afghanistan disrupted an enormous terrorist network.

In taking part we assisted Afghan people in changing the continuous terrorist control and in doing this helped the people live an improved way of life.

Our men and women in doing this put themselves in harm's way in helping Afghanistan control their country without violence of terrorism, those who died did not sacrifice their lives in vain.

Our defence members carried out a task that was asked of them by our nation, and there is no more that can be asked of them, than what they achieved.

Over the last two decades many areas of our defence force improved thousands of kilometres of Afghan road systems along with communication and many other improvements.

The immense effort has brought connectivity and information to a country that should not have been subject to a terrorist regime.

On this Remembrance Day we recognise defence personnel who contributed to the NATO led mission.

Throughout the many projects that were undertaken by our defence members past, and present, we thank you.

Our involvement in Afghanistan has come to an end.

Australia will never forget the ultimate sacrifice paid by forty-one Australian Defence personnel who lost their lives during this operation.

To all Australian defence force and wider personnel and their families we remember and thank you.

Commemorative wreaths, bouquets and poppies were laid at the Dunkeld Soldiers Memorial, while the hymn *Abide with Me* was played.



A sincere thank you to our local community and visitors for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. Funds raised are used to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and Allied defence forces and their dependants when in need. For more information please visit: poppyappeal.com.au

Lest We Forget.



Region 8C Forum on 14 December: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will be hosting the Region 8C Forum at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Tuesday 14 December, commencing at 11.00am. A light lunch will be provided.

Members will need to sign in at the Community Centre using the QR Code or sign-in sheets and show your COVID-19 digital certificate or vaccination history or provide evidence of your exemption.

Dunkeld RSL members are invited to attend this forum. For catering purposes, could you please let Terrie Nicholson know before COB on Tuesday 30 November by phone 5573 3353 or email: thevicnics18@bigpond.com if you will be attending.



IN-PRINCIPLE DECISION TO TRANSITION FROM AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Southern Grampians Shire Council has made the in-principle decision at its Council Meeting on Wednesday 10 November

2021 to transition the provision of aged and disability services to a new provider.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said there will be no immediate change to services currently delivered by Council.

“The aged and disability service industry has undergone significant change over the past decade where nationally there has been and will continue to be a dramatic increase in the demand for aged and disability services,” said Cr Colliton.

“In response to these reforms, which would require Council to substantially increase client fees and threaten the viability of Council continuing to be a provider of aged and disability care services, Council has made the in-principle decision that it’s in the best interests of our clients and community to transition this service to a new provider.

“Continuity of care is our highest priority for our clients. Aged and disability services is a Federal Government funded program and Council will work closely with the Commonwealth via an Expression of Interest to find a suitable provider that can deliver these services which include home care, personal care and meals on wheels, to the high standard we expect for our community.”

“Like many other Council’s across Victoria, Southern Grampians has had to consider the long-term sustainability of operating home support services in importantly balancing the provision of high quality care and best value for money. The Government has introduced a standard national approach where clients importantly have more control in their own care. However, these reforms mean Council’s services will be unable to adapt to meet the new requirements without significant change and cost to the community.

“We understand that this is a sensitive process for many of our residents and their families therefore the continuity of services currently being provided by Council is vital. We believe this decision will ensure the most vulnerable residents of the region continue to be offered the best possible support services now and into the future.” concluded Cr Colliton.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Interim CEO Tony Doyle said the EOI process will be underpinned by Council’s strong guiding principles to ensure services are based on the needs of the region.

“During the EOI process, providers will need to demonstrate a commitment to quality care, equity of access (regardless of geographic location), and strong safety system to protect clients and staff,” said Mr Doyle.

“If a preferred provider is identified by the EOI process, Council will confirm the in-principle decision and provide notice to the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments of their intention to relinquish contracts. The Commonwealth and Victorian Governments will then undertake their own due diligence processes and hold ultimate responsibility for appointing a new provider. A determination on Councils ongoing role will be made in March next year at the conclusion of the EOI process.”

Council will host a number of drop-in information sessions from 18 November 2021 on the Mobile Library across all townships where impacted clients and families are invited to hear more information about the process. Dates and locations are as follows:

- Glenthompson: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, 18 November 2021, Glenelg Highway (alongside the pool)

- Mirranatwa: 3:30pm - 4:30pm, 18 November 2021, School Road (at the Hall)
- Cavendish: 10:00am - 11:00am, 25 November 2021, Barker Street (opposite the Hall)
- Dunkeld: 12:00pm - 1:30pm, 25 November 2021, Glenelg Highway (alongside the pool)
- Peshurst: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, 25 November 2021, Martin Street (Volcano Centre)
- Balmoral: 10:00am - 12:00pm, 26 November 2021, Stirling Street (Apex Park)
- Coleraine: 2:00pm - 4:30pm, 26 November 2021, Glenelg Highway (opposite the Post Office)
- Hamilton: 10:00am - 12:00pm, 19 November 2021, 5 Market Place (Martin J. Hynes Auditorium) and 2:00pm - 4:00pm, 22 November 2021, 5 Market Place (Martin J. Hynes Auditorium)

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