

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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Dunkeld Progress Association (DPA) - President's Report for 2024

As we approach the end of another year it's a good time to reflect on the DPA's communications with the Southern Grampians Shire Council on behalf of the Dunkeld community.

Small Town Strategy: In February council officers presented the Small Town Strategy Plan at the DPA AGM. It was not accepted well by those attending the meeting and the DPA responded with a letter to councillors and executive officers which reads in part: "We have multiple issues with the proposals described within the plan and we feel that Council's consultation with the broader Dunkeld community has been inadequate and in many aspects non-transparent. The document fails to clearly identify proposals in a manner which is meaningful or substantive, and in a number of cases is vague or ambiguous." The DPA requested that councillors reject the plan however the plan was subsequently passed. The DPA then submitted a number of changes to the plan and to the credit of the council these were mostly accepted.

The Big Dunkeld Survey: Issues raised at Southern Grampians Shire Council community engagement sessions over the last decade formed the basis of a survey which was distributed in May. Dunkeld residents were asked to prioritise their top five issues. The survey was very successful with an approximately 30% completed return. Thank you to all residents who completed the survey.

At a subsequent meeting between the DPA executive and Rory Neeson, Director Wellbeing, Planning and Regulation, Rory committed the council to utilising the information when the Dunkeld Structure Plan is updated in the future.

The top five priorities identified as:

1. Support development of new supermarket.
2. Provide greater housing diversity.
3. Place power lines underground at key entrances.
4. Support for childcare services.
5. Reduce speed limit to 40 kph in Parker Street.

Rory suggested that as the top five priorities were not direct Council responsibilities the DPA re-prioritise survey items which were Council responsibilities i.e.. Adventure Playground (the council is currently updating playgrounds throughout the shire) and the sealing of Taylor, Fairburn and Dickie Streets.

Arboretum Toilet: The Arboretum toilet is a definite goer with DEECA approval, the building on order and funding applications in the pipeline. Thanks to the perseverance of Wendy, Frank and the Dunkeld Public Lands committee.

The above is only a brief summary of key initiatives this year. I urge residents to become a DPA member. We meet every other month and keep members up to date with minutes, agendas and important information. If you want more detail just request by email at: dunkeld.progress@gmail.com

Special thanks to Annette Jones for all her work on the Small Towns response and compiling and collating the Big Dunkeld Survey. Thanks also to Mike Matthews (Vice President), Julie Kincade (Secretary) and Joyce Gordon (Treasurer) for your diligence and insight this year. This is my final report as DPA president. I thank friends, fellow residents and members of the executive past and present for their support and encouragement. I look forward to supporting the new DPA leadership team.

Hope to see you at the next meeting which is also the AGM on Monday 9 December 2024.

Peter Gilbert, President, Dunkeld Progress Association - email: dunkeld.progress@gmail.com or phone: 0407 578 118



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The Dunkeld Museum Committee are excited to present an Antiques Muster in the garden of the Devon Park Homestead, 1485 Blackwood - Dunkeld Road, Dunkeld on Saturday 7 December 2024. You will be able to bring along your items to be valued by accredited antiques valuers, have a walk through the gardens, led by resident owner Susie Clarke, or just stand by and watch other people's treasures valued.

Joyce Gordon, Secretary

ANTIQUA MUSTER AT DEVON PARK

1485 Blackwood - Dunkeld Road, Dunkeld, Victoria

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024 ... TIME: 10.00am to 4.00pm

ENTRY: \$10 (kids free) VALUATIONS \$10 per item

ONSITE VALUERS – will give you a valuation on your items on the day

A number of professional valuers will be onsite to appraise your most treasured items.

Have something you think may be valuable? Bring it along!



*This event is brought to you by the
Dunkeld Museum Inc
(All proceeds to the Dunkeld Museum)*

*Keep the date free –
Saturday 7 December 2024
10.00am to 4.00pm*



Dunkeld Unit

SES Dunkeld ... trick and treating

This Halloween saw the biggest turn out of Trick and Treaters at the Unit ever! With free food, games and prizes, treats and lots of dress ups it was a delight to see the imagination and creativity of our community! Also great to see our local kids having an opportunity for some entertainment and excitement in our community!

A huge thank you to the Dunkeld Community for venturing out, seeing the Unit and for your continual support of our local Emergency Services.



Want to learn new skills that are useful in all areas of your life?

If you want to make a real difference as part of your community, become a VICSES volunteer. Join us: www.ses.vic.gov.au/join-us. Or call into the SES Dunkeld Unit on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, 40 Templeton Street, Dunkeld.

**OFF THE RAILS
HAPPENINGS
DUNKELD** OTR DUNKELD
Who knew Resin was an
awesome creative journey!?



On Saturday we welcomed the wonderful Mel, creator of Pine-apple Creations and also creator of some amazing resin pieces!

She shared her knowledge and skills with us very generously and provided a yummy arvo tea. It was lovely to meet some new residents of Dunkeld and Hamilton.

The works are a testimony to Mel's teaching abilities! We hope to welcome her back next year.

Check it out!

COMING UP AT OTR Dunkeld
Santa's Workshop – Get your handmade Xmas on!
Sunday 24 November 2024
2.00pm – 4.00pm

Santa's Workshop is on again this year at OTR Dunkeld!! Bringing sustainable gift making to us just in time for Christmas.

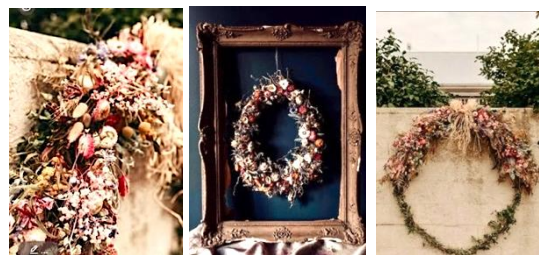
Coil baskets, snow domes, ornaments, Christmas cards, gift tags, reusable Christmas Crackers, plant seed packet, tea sachets, felted ornaments, trivets, linen lavender pillows, loaded holiday cookie mix in a jar and much more....

All ages welcome, donation on entry, whatever you can afford, all materials supplied. Guidance provided. Surprise your loved ones with a handmade gift this year. *Check out some of the amazing things we made last year!*



Make your own Christmas Wreath or Table Centre Piece with Artist, Lisa Addinsall
Sunday 1 December 2024
10.00am – 4.00pm

Get into the holiday spirit by creating beautiful, timeless Christmas décor. Learn about drying flowers, master the art of wreath making, and craft a stunning table centrepiece for your home.



Christmas Table Centrepiece Workshop

Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm
Cost: \$120

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Cost: \$120

Special Offer

Book both workshops for only \$220.00.

Come create something special with me and bring festive joy to your home.

Bookings: lisaaddinsall@hotmail.com

Dunkeld Christmas Market – Bizarre Bazaar
Sunday 15 December 2024
1.00pm – 4.00pm



Interested stall holders can contact otrdunkeld@gmail.com or call 0405 385 359 for a market stall or food vender applications form. Inexpensive space hire and a fun vibe.

HIRE OTR Dunkeld

Got an idea you'd like to run with to use this lovely space? Want to run a workshop, a class, share some skills, host a community event, or just hang with your club in a cool space?

The rental market is still completely affordable at OTR! Feel free to contact us on otrdunkeld@gmail.com or call 0405 385 359.

ABOUT US

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

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

We would like to thank the people of Dunkeld, and surrounds, for their support in 2024.

Garden Notes – November

Firstly, some thoughts on watering as promised last month. We find that generally speaking, watering is one of the least understood aspects of gardening. The starting point is to check hoses and watering systems for leaking hoses also broken or sprinklers or fittings and repair or replace if necessary. If using dam, bore or creek water, have your water analysed for salt content, to be safe it should be 500ppm or less although some very hardy plants can tolerate up to 1500ppm as long as it is not sprayed over the leaves. If you only use natural soaps or detergents, it safe to use bath water or washing machine water on your garden. The best time to water is early morning or evening rather than during the heat of the day as evaporation is reduced, also try to avoid fine sprinklers especially if there is a strong wind as much water is lost. If your hose has been lying in the sun, make sure to “run off” any hot water before watering your garden.



leaking

Another doubt that people have is how often to water. We know of some people who water their whole garden every day, this wastes water and can increase fungus disease problems. So how often to water and how much to apply? Let me start by saying that I am not a great fan of computerised watering systems as I believe that they are too inflexible and require constant monitoring and adjustment to suit changing weather conditions and growth patterns. As a general rule, newly sown seeds may need a light sprinkle three - four times a day during hot weather, young plants say once a day, more established plants say twice weekly, older trees and shrubs a decent soaking (not just a quick splash) say once a week. During hot weather plants in pots should be checked daily and watered if the potting mix is dry, say 10 -15mm down. If you do not trust your judgement, handheld water meters can be purchased quite cheaply. It is a good idea to familiarise yourself with any water use rules which your water supplier may have in force.

It is nice to have a green lawn, but if you cannot water it at least once per week and it browns off, don't worry, it will green up with autumn rains.

Also, it is important to keep weeds under control as they compete with your plants for water.

A good way to reduce water use is to apply mulch around (but not in direct contact with the trunk) your plants, this reduces evaporation as well as helping to suppress weed growth. There are many different mulch materials which can be used, both organic such as sugar cane fibre, pea straw lucerne straw, canola straw, pine bark, tea tree bark, wood chips (not too fresh) and many other types. Also, inorganic such as stone chips or gravel. Make sure to remove any

weeds and apply a small amount of fertiliser before mulching.

Vegetable plantings for November include tomato, chilli and capsicum, pumpkin, cucumber, zucchini, squash, corn, beans, carrots, parsnips, beet, cabbage, celery, radish and several others including most herbs.

Crops which take a fair while to mature such as tomatoes and the pumpkin group should be planted not later than the end of November so that they can mature before autumn frosts.

November is a good time to repot orchids and indoor plants using the proper potting mix in each case an appropriately sized pot.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughs, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

From the Lions Den

L Liberty
I Intelligence
O Our
N Nations
S Safety



If we worry too much about ourselves, we won't have time for others. Mother Teresa

A nice Lions story:

The Australian Lions Foundation (ALF). ALF purpose is to provide help and assistance for public relief, emergency aid and community welfare, to persons in necessitous circumstances in Australia (disasters/emergencies and community welfare projects).

One of those things you really had to know:

Eleventh hour, eleventh day, eleventh month – we remember them.

- Percy Black and Harry Murray (Australia) fired an estimated 35,000 rounds in 36 hours at Pope's Hill, Gallipoli (1915) (machine gun).
- 19 May 1915 ANZAC fired 948,000 rounds at Courtney's Post, Gallipoli.
- July 1916 the Australian 2nd Division used 15,000 grenades in 12 hours.
- In April 1917 at the 1st Battle of Bullecourt of the 3000 Australians involved, 2339 were either killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

Lest We Forget.

If you want to know more about Lions, please call me on 5577 2460.

Peter Hinchey



REMEMBER
to remember

CHURCH SERVICES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

Website: www.westernborder.church

2 nd Week	Sunday	November 10		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	November 17	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	November 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1 st Week	Sunday	December 1	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	December 8		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	December 15	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	December 22	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
	Tuesday	December 24	6.00pm	Christmas Mass
5 th Week	Sunday	December 29		No Mass or service (Mass in Penshurst))

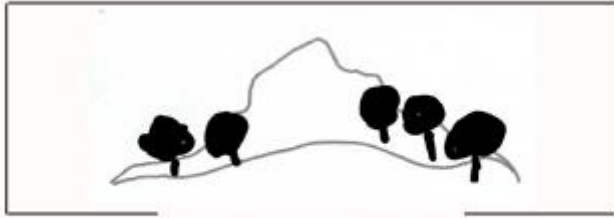
Dunkeld Uniting / Anglican Congregation Church Service Times

November 10	UNITING	5.00pm	Jim Hewett Sterling Place Community Centre
November 17	ANGLICAN	5.00pm	Father David Oulton Saint Mary's
November 24	UNITING	5.00pm	Jim Hewett Sterling Place Community Centre

All very welcome - Inquiries contact Heather Macgugan heathermac.4@bigpond.com 0400 952 716

Warrayure Trinity Lutheran Church

WHAT'S ON NOVEMBER / DECEMBER - PLEASE CHECK THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER AND USE BELOW TO FILL IN THE DATES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO YOU						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6 Issue 18 distributed	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Issue 19 cut-off	16
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8	9	10	11	12	13 Issue 21 cut-off	14
15	16	17	18 Issue 21 distributed	19	20	21



DUNKELD ARBORETUM

AGM

Monday 18 November at 7.30pm

Green Room, Sterling Place,
Dunkeld Community Centre
All welcome!



RED CROSS NEWS

It has been a quiet few months for Red Cross. Dunkeld and Nareeb Nareeb branches have combined and will share the mid-year meeting and

the Christmas lunch, then continue to run several local events. The Nareeb Nareeb Ram Sale at Beggs' property was held recently and the catering funds will go to Red Cross Overseas Relief. Each group will continue its Red Cross Calling in autumn. Thank you to the generous folk who collect used stamps for the Red Cross. We have a sizeable package to hand in at the Zone Meeting.

The coming event is the final Zone Meeting for 2024, to be at the Daisy Turner Room in Hamilton. This year Marion Coulson from the Mobilisation Team will attend and Nareeb Nareeb Dunkeld will cater, with help from the Britt Britt Branch. Members are to notify Frankie or myself if attending and to arrive by 10:00am for morning tea with a 10:30am start to the meeting. Lunch will be \$10.00.

The Christmas Lunch will be at Nareeb Nareeb on a date in December yet to be decided. Several members will also receive long service medals at this function.

Contact persons: Frankie Beggs 0409 778 238;
Iris Field 5574 0202

COMMUNITY EVENT

QUILTING AND ARTISAN EXHIBITION AND SALE

16 and 17 November 2024

Money raised at the event will be donated to the Saint Peter's Anglican Church Building Fund in Glenthompson.

Event: Quilting and Artisan Exhibition Sale
Where: 357 Blue Gum Road Willaura
When: 16 and 17 November 2024
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm both days
Entry: FREE
Raffles: Quilt Raffle, Trailer of Firewood and a Christmas Hamper.

Also Available:

Devonshire Tea and a Sausage Sizzle.

250 Words from Father David

Comparison kills joy.

I heard it when I was strolling around the lake with a friend / relative. They were chattering about their exercise regime which sounded quite impressive. But then they made the profound statement that 'Comparison kills joy'. Let me explain.

My friend is a similar age to me... so a modest middle age something or other. They made the observation of how comparing their own accomplishments to the young 20 something year olds that use the same facilities quashed their joy.

For example, the younger set may be able to run the lake in 20 something minutes, I can only run it in 30 something minutes.

When you read this in black and white it seems that my efforts, strenuous and valiant though they are, aren't worth much. There is the question of, 'How come I can't set a sizzling pace like these youngsters?' Thus I can easily begin to slip down a spiral of angst and self pity. Poor ol' me.

You see how my friend / relative was so very right.

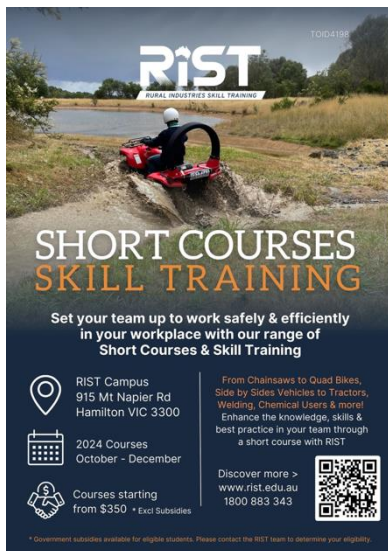
By comparing myself to another, fitter, more able bodied, much younger person the joy of my accomplishment has been squashed.

So, what is the antidote? The way forward is to rejoice both in your own accomplishment AND to enthuse and congratulate those who are in their youth.

This is not always easy and the natural way of things, but it does get better with practice. The other little trick is to imagine what the youngster might be able to do / not do when they are Father David's age.

In between times my friend / relative and I will continue our exercise regime with gusto and joy. Aren't we fortunate that we still have the verve and energy to do this? How fortunate to have the example and inspiration of younger folk amongst us.

Father David Oulton
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- Nov 25 - Operate Side by Side
- Dec 2 - Operate Tractor and Front End Loader

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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 2024 is \$40.00 per person. By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses

on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 0487 416 971.

Remembrance Day Service 2024: 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. The general community is invited to attend and lay a poppy or a wreath during the service. Light refreshments will be served in the Henry Leech RSL Room in the Dunkeld Community Centre, upon completion of the service. *Together We Remember.*



Engagements involving Australians: Since World War I, Australians have been called on many times to serve in wars, conflicts, and peace and humanitarian operations.

Almost two million people have worn with pride the uniforms of the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force.

Tragically, over 103,000 names are listed on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial. Those listed were members of the Australian armed forces who died during their service or afterwards as a result of war service:

- World War I
- World War II
- post-1945 conflicts, warlike service, non-warlike service and certain peace operations

Remembrance Day is a time for Australians to unite in solemn respect and remembrance for all those who died or suffered.

History of Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was originally called 'Armistice Day', and two minutes of silence was observed for the first time at 11.00am on 11 November 1919 to remember those who had died.

Prime Minister Billy Hughes said at the time:

Of their deeds it is not necessary for me to speak. Of their valour, endurance and resource at Gallipoli, Pozieres, Baupaume and other famous fields, men still speak with awe.

Hughes put our soldiers' sacrifice into perspective when he added:

Our heritage, our free institutions of government - all that we hold dear - are handed back into our keeping, stained with the blood of sacrifice. Surely not only we, their fellow citizens, but Australians throughout the ages, will treasure forever the memories of those glorious men to whom the Commonwealth owes so much, and will guard with resolute determination the privileges for which they fought and suffered.

After World War II, the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal to rename Armistice Day to 'Remembrance Day', to commemorate and remember those who were killed in both World Wars. Today, we remember the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts.

In 1918, Australia made a promise never to forget the service and sacrifice of 416,000 Australians who enlisted and over 60,000 who died. For over 100 years, we have kept this promise. We remember them still.



A large crowd of people smiling and waving hats and small flags gathered in Martin Place, Sydney, to celebrate news of the signing of the armistice, 11 November 1918. AWM H11563

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/days/remembrance-day>



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20	Fri 29 November	Wed 4 December
21	Fri 13 December	Wed 18 December

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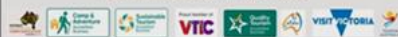
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