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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm – 4.00pm.
(Other times by appointment).

WEBSITE: Visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sunday 24 November 2024 Joyce Gordon and Julie Kincade

Sunday 1 December 2024 Makayla McCabe and Pauline Crawford

ACQUISITIONS:

Roger Edwards from Cavendish has donated a Gestetner Duplicating Machine that had been stored at the Cavendish Uniting Church. The church is being cleared out pending the sale of the building.

Dunkeld Racing Club have donated a trophy won by racehorse "Miss Ashlee" in the Maiden Handicap at the Picnic Meeting on 4 May 1968, owned by G.R. Bant. (The museum has a large collection of racebooks over the years but we are missing this 1968 Picnic Meeting book - would anyone know of a copy they could lend us to reprint for our collection).

VISITORS:

Fourteen visitors came from the Terang Social Support Group for a visit on Monday. The town was so busy the group found it difficult to find a place in Dunkeld to sit and eat their picnic, so we pulled up a couple of tables and some chairs and they had their picnic indoors at the museum ... and stayed most of the afternoon ... such a wonderful group, and so much fun to entertain! They will be back again next year.

We also had visitors with connections to the Crawford, Clutterbuck, Mouat, Watson, MacPherson and Dodd families visit in the past couple of weeks... And a brilliant compliment to our local Caravan Park caretakers Erin and Geoff with two separate visitors (couples from Mildura and Bendigo), stating the caravan park is the BEST IN AUSTRALIA!

They wanted to congratulate those involved in keeping it so immaculate.

A mention also to the Dunkeld Public Lands Committee, a volunteer group, committed to the upkeep of public land areas, who also receive local assistance with working bees etc whenever asked.

Joyce Gordon, Secretary

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Adolphus Taylor's letter to his mother during WW1

Adolphus, better known as Dolph was a son of George Joseph Taylor of Dunkeld and his wife Mary-Jane Gordon of Karabeal. Dolph was 18 years of age when the following battle took place in World War I.

The Sydney's Victory: DUNKELD BOY'S LETTER TO HIS MOTHER. A Dunkeld boy, Dolph Taylor, writing to his mother from H.M.A.S. Sydney, at Colombo, says, "Dear Mother. Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive and kicking. We arrived here last Sunday with wounded and prisoners of the 'Emden'. We had a fine dust-up with her; it lasted an hour and three-quarters, continual firing. We were with the convoy when we got news of a strange warship at the Cocos Islands, so we left the convoy at 27 knots for the Cocos Island, which was about 50 miles to the south east of us.

When we first sighted the 'Emden' she tried to get away, but we soon overhauled her, and then she turned round and fought. She opened fire, first at 11,000 yards, but it fell short. After we had been fighting for about twenty minutes we closed in to about 4000 yards to get in our torpedo, but it did not reach her. About her second broadside the shell went through our bridge, carrying away the leg of a man who was at the range finder getting the range. The man was killed almost instantly, and when they were carrying him down below the sight of the blood made us all more anxious to sink the 'Emden'.

Almost our first broadside carried away one of her guns and gun's crews over the side later that we swept her deck foremast and bridge, were shot away, and then she ran on the rocks. We ceased firing then, and went in chase of the collier, and sank her, and when we came back about seven hours later, they still had their flag flying, so we fired on her until she struck it. There were men floating around us, but only three were alive when we picked them up. We went aboard next day, and it was an awful sight. Dead men were piled up everywhere. Out of 458 men she had aboard her when she started, there was 153 left after the fight".

End of letter.



RED CROSS NEWS

Sixteen members attended the recent Zone Meeting at Hamilton and Nareeb Nareeb /Dunkeld and Brit Brit catered for morning tea and

lunch. Vic membership team member Marion Coulson (who covers Gippsland) brought us the latest news from HQ, which is in the process of moving from North Melbourne to 637 Flinders Street, Docklands. All sections of Red Cross will be brought under the same banner and will occupy the same floor ... together at last.

Qantas is in partnership with Red Cross and will fly volunteers to emergency sites. When Lebanese families were brought home from Cyprus by Qantas, Red Cross trauma teddies were given out to the children. Four hundred teddies were also given to Samoa when Chicken Pox broke out.

Red Cross is standing side by side with their colleagues from Palestine and Israel in the Middle East conflict. There are five appeals running at the moment: Disaster Response and Recovery in Australia; Ukraine Crisis Appeal; International Disaster Fund; Bangladesh-Myanmar Crisis Appeal and Middle East Crisis Appeal.

Region 5 Office Bearers Lorraine Eldridge and Cheryl Ham resigned, and Linda Carr and Nolene took office. On 10 January Wangoom is catering for a Quilt Show at Brauer College Gym Hall, Warrnambool.

Joy Savill, member and writer from Heywood, has several copies left of the History of Red Cross in the Region. Branches from this area include Moutajup, Dunkeld, Glenthompson, Victoria Valley, Mirranatwa etc. The book can be obtained from Joy on 0427 271 314.

The Nareeb Nareeb Ram Sale catering realized \$600.00 for Overseas Relief. On Thursday 12 December at noon, the Christmas lunch will be at the home of Frankie and Hugh Beggs, Nareeb Nareeb.

Iris Field, contact person 5574 0202

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 maternal death rate in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is 550 per 100,000 with many deaths easily avoided but for lack of medical intervention and supervision. Lions are joining forces with Doctor Barry Kirby AO by building medical centres and bush huts for expectant mothers.

One of those things you really had to know:

On 29 March 1847, Thomas Donnelly gained notoriety by being the first white man hanged in South Australia for the murder of an Aborigine.

The world according to Hinchey:

Australia seems to be going in this direction unfortunately, "A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well."

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

Peter Hinchey

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

ANTIQUe MUSTER AT DEVON PARK

1485 Blackwood-Dunkeld Rd, 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!



GARDEN TOURS – MUSIC - STALLS
 DISPLAYS - FOOD & DRINKS
 SAUSAGE SIZZLE – MULTI RAFFLE
 DEVON PARK- SCONES WITH JAM & CREAM

*This event is brought to you by the
 Dunkeld Museum Inc
 (All proceeds to the Dunkeld Museum)
 Keep the date free –
 Saturday 7 December
 10.00am to 4.00pm*



Mobile Library

Will be visiting DUNKELD every Thursday fortnight
 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Glenelg Highway alongside pool

Dunkeld: 21 November and 5 December

Mirranatwa: 28 November and 12 December
 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Phone: 5573 0470

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Website: www.westernborder.church

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 24 UNITING 5.00pm Jim Hewett Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre

December 1 ANGLICAN 5.00pm Father David Oulton at SAINT MARY'S

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
17	18	19	20 Issue 19 distributed	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Issue 20 cut-off	30
31	1	2	3 Issue 20 distributed	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Issue 21 cut-off	13
14	15	16	17 Issue 21 distributed	18	19	20



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SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASES



Southern Grampians Shire Community Award

Nominations Open on 1 November

Nominations for the 2025 Southern Grampians Shire Community Awards, presented on Australia Day, are now open.

Year after year, these prestigious awards honour the very best in our community and shine a well-deserved spotlight on their achievements. These awards are open to individuals and groups who best exemplify core values within our community.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO, Tony Doyle, is encouraging everyone to reflect on the people in their lives who deserve to be recognised.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have such inspiring, compassionate, and selfless people in our region," Mr Doyle said. "Whether it's a neighbour, a colleague, a family member, or a volunteer, we all know someone who makes a positive impact in our community. These awards offer a unique opportunity to honour them and create lasting memories of appreciation."

The Southern Grampians Shire 2025 Community Awards will include four categories:

- **Young Citizen of the Year** – For residents under 25 who have made a significant contribution to the community, either this year or over several years.
- **Citizen of the Year** – For residents aged 25 and above who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the community in 2024 or over a period of years.
- **Community Event of the Year** – Recognising an outstanding event held between 30 October 2023, and 30 October 2024, whether it was a single-day, multi-day, or virtual event.
- **Community Recognition Award** – For individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to the local community over the past year or beyond.

Award recipients will be celebrated at the official Australia Day ceremony on 26 January 2025, at the beautiful Hamilton Botanic Gardens.

Nominations close on **Friday 29 November 2024 at 5:00pm**. Forms can be accessed online at the Southern Grampians Shire Council [website](#) or collected from Council's Customer Service Centre at 111 Brown Street, Hamilton. For further information, contact us at ausday@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or phone 5573 0444. Don't miss this chance to shine a light on the incredible people who make the Southern Grampians community so special. Submit your nomination today!

Council welcomes newly elected Councillors

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle extends his warm welcome to the newly elected Southern Grampians Shire Councillors Adam Campbell, Katrina Rainsford, Afton Barber, Albert Calvano, Helen Henry, Jayne Manning and Dennis Heslin following the 2024 Local Government Elections.

On behalf of the organisation, Mr Doyle thanked outgoing members Mayor David Robertson, Bruach Colliton, Mary-Ann Brown, and Fran Malone for their dedicated service and contribution to the Southern Grampians community.

"Thank you to our outgoing Councillors for their combined many years of dedication to the residents of our region and for their commitment in progressing major projects within the Shire," said Mr Doyle.

"We know it's not an easy thing to be on Council. It is a role that is demanding in time, energy and input and it can be challenging to juggle the needs of a whole community and balance budgets.

"We extend our gratitude for their vision, their experience and wish them all the best with future endeavours."

A field of eleven candidates nominated in 2024 with three returning Councillors being joined by four newly elected Councillors, making up the seven positions.

"Congratulations to our new Council for putting their hand up for a role which is an incredibly admirable and also rewarding pursuit.

"As an organisation, we are looking forward to working closely with Council to continue to achieve great outcomes for the people of the Southern Grampians and progress projects to improve and contribute to the liveability of our region," concluded Mr Doyle.

The seven newly elected Councillors will be sworn in for the Southern Grampians electorate on Monday 11 November 2024 at the Hamilton Gallery.

A Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected at the upcoming Statutory Meeting held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Pools Across the Shire Prepare for Opening Day

As the sun continues to brighten the region, Southern Grampians Shire Council is excited to announce that pools across the Shire will open to the public on Sunday, 1 December 2024.

Following some much-needed upgrades, the Hamilton Olympic Swimming Pool will open in line with the pools in Coleraine, Peshurst, Balmoral and Dunkeld.

Manager Community Wellbeing, Susannah Milne expressed her excitement for the upcoming swim season.

"We've been working very hard across Autumn and Winter to keep our pools in tip top shape for the benefit of the whole community."

"The Hamilton Pool was the first to get a facelift and as the other well-loved pools get older, they'll also need a bit of TLC. We actually have an extensive 3-year program of works across all outdoor pools coming up. For now, our team can't wait to open the gates and let Summer really get started." Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle encouraged residents to support their local pool and take advantage of the wonderful facilities available in the Shire. "Our pools are a real source of pride, and we try to look after them as best we can. They're a great way for families and friends to get together outdoors, be in the community, get some sun and make some priceless memories together. We are very pleased that we can offer free outdoor pools to all residents, and we really encourage everyone to get out this summer and enjoy them."

New changes to the Southern Grampians Shire Council Outdoor Pool Policy will be in effect this year.

Key changes include:

- A new temperature threshold. The threshold for opening has now been standardised across all Council pools at 23°C. Attendance data and community survey

responses from previous years showed a significant drop in visitors when pools fall below this temperature.

- Throughout all of January, if the predicted temperature at 4pm on the day before is 35 degrees Celsius or higher, pools will open from 12-7. During December, February and March this will apply on weekends only.
- Following feedback, Council have added a flexible end date to the season. Pools may remain open beyond the March long weekend depending on weather conditions and lifeguard availability.
- Early morning swimming sessions will now be held two days a week instead of three at both the Hamilton and Coleraine Outdoor swimming pools to reflect the practice of the previous two seasons and to allow for staffing at these times.

These updates are intended to ensure that our beloved outdoor pools remain a valuable, enjoyable and well utilised resource for the community. These changes have been made following careful monitoring of pool behaviours and the great feedback received from patrons.

If you would like to find out more about our outdoor pools, please visit our website at www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or subscribe to the Southern Grampians Now newsletter.

Christmas Festivities to spark Holiday Spirit across Southern Grampians

Southern Grampians Shire Council is feeling jolly because our elves are already hard at work, planning for the most wonderful time of the year.

Decorations will start popping up across the Shire from November 15. The newly decorated Hamilton Christmas tree will commence the much-loved sound and light show from Friday 21 Nov in front of the Hamilton Library, signalling the unofficial start to the season.

Businesses across the Shire are also encouraged to deck out storefronts for the annual Christmas Window Competition with fantastic prizes up for grabs. Shoppers; don't forget to cast your votes – every vote enters you into a draw for a chance to win! Voting will open 18 November.

Another season classic is back this year with the return of the popular Hamilton CBD Busking Competition. This competition adds a spotlight to some of the extremely talented musicians and entertainers from around the Southern Grampians as they bring festive tunes to life across Hamilton. Applications are open now so check out Council's website for entry details.

The Saint Marys Christmas Parade is back bigger and better than ever on Friday 6 December starting at 6:00pm on Gray Street. The parade finishes in front of the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre on Brown Street.

Streets will be closed to traffic until 9.00pm, so pedestrians can wander freely to enjoy the festive displays, live music performances, and late-night shopping with local businesses. Participating stores will have the opportunity to bring stalls onto the street, with permit fees waived by Council for the evening.

The massively popular Santas Wonderland is also returning, with Santa Clause setting up his grotto in the Hub in Hamilton. Santas workshop will be open from December 4 where the man in red will delight children and the young at heart alike. If you know someone who wants to deliver their Christmas list directly to the source, keep an eye out for announcements closer to the day.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle is looking forward to local festive cheer these holidays. "This year, we're really encouraging people to look locally before shopping outside of the Southern Grampians. We are really spoilt for choice in terms of shopping opportunities as well as experiences within our region so I would encourage you all to look and love your local wherever you can this holiday season.

"By shopping locally, we put food on local tables, put kids in local schools and keep a wide variety of jobs in the region. Shopping local is the best way to spread Christmas cheer far and wide this year.

"We have brought back the busking competition to hear from some fantastic musicians, we will have the window display competition back for businesses to spread the holiday cheer, Santa will be back this year at a newly located Wonderland in the Hub, and we are also supporting the St Mary's Christmas parade to encourage late night shopping with Hamilton traders.

"This is a very special time of year where friends, family and neighbours can get together. Make the most of the Southern Grampians this Christmas and support local," concluded Mr Doyle.

For more information, contact Council at 03 5573 0444 or visit sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

Nominations Open for Hamilton's Christmas Busking Competition

Rejoice one and all for the annual Hamilton Christmas Busking Competition is returning to the streets of Hamilton this holiday season.

This holly jolly musical event will be brightening the streets of Hamilton between 29 November and 21 December.

If you're an established act trying to build an audience or a new performer looking for some valuable experience, this competition is for anyone with a passion for music to share their talents with the community.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO, Tony Doyle is pleased to see the competition return.

"Nothing evokes the spirit of the holidays quite like Christmas music. From the carols we grew up singing to pop hits from the 80's and the return of 'All I want for Christmas'; music captures the cosy feeling of the season like nothing else.

"We had so many amazing musicians treat us to their performances last year, we're really hoping to get buskers, bands and performers of all kinds on our streets, entertaining our residents and spreading the good cheer."

This year, due to high demand, we have added a youth category for performers 18 and under with a \$250 shop local voucher available for the winner of both categories, perfect for picking up gifts for the big day.

Winners will be determined by popular vote through a QR code system.

One and all are invited to sign up with nominations open until 29 November 2024 with forms available via the Council website at www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or by dropping in to the Brown Street customer service counter.

There are plenty of slots available, including the evening of the Saint Mary's Parade when the streets will be bustling with late night shoppers.

Let's fill the streets with festive music, joy, and a true sense of community. Dust off your favourite holiday songs, grab your instruments, and get ready to share your talents!

Hamilton Pump Track Works Continue

Construction works for the highly anticipated Hamilton Pump Track have now entered the next phase. The track will enhance local recreation facilities, complimenting the Hamilton Skate Park to create a fun, social hub for young people and families to enjoy.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle said it's great to see this project progress after preliminary works were completed in June.

"I'm really pleased to see this project take the next step to construction after preliminary tree removal works were completed earlier this year.

"Works expected to be completed during this next phase will include drainage and foundation works with the delivery of the fibreglass track expected to be installed after Christmas. We've really been looking forward to seeing this project delivered for youth of the Southern Grampians," said Mr Doyle.

Construction will be managed to minimise disruptions to the skate park, with the majority of work contained to the designated area next to the park. Works will include:

- Site preparation (cut and fill)
- Drainage works
- Construction of a retaining wall to integrate the track with its surroundings
- Pouring the slab for a smooth foundation
- Creation of the footpath for easy access and safety.

This work will take a number of weeks to be completed and may be affected by inclement weather. These factors permitting, the pump track will be ready for the community in early 2025. We thank the community for their patience as we work to deliver this fantastic piece of equipment.

Designed with input from local youth and enthusiasts, this project has been eagerly anticipated as a unique, skill-building venue for BMX, skateboard, scooter, and balance-bike riders.

"A pump track is something that the young people in our community have asked for time and time again, so it's great to be on track to deliver something that we know will get a lot of use. We hope that this new addition becomes an important meeting place for young people to have fun, learn new skills and make some treasured memories.

"This project embodies Councils vision for a Shire filled with engaging, inclusive spaces where the community can stay active and connect with one another. This exciting project will create a new space for riders of all skill levels to enjoy right in the heart of the Shire," concluded Mr Doyle. If you would like to stay up to date with SGSC run projects and initiatives, check out the [Southern Grampians Now](#) newsletter and Council's Facebook page.

Small Acts Make a Big Impact: Southern Grampians Shire Council Joins New Statewide Recycling Initiative

As part of a statewide push to improve recycling and sustainability practices, Southern Grampians Shire Council is partnering with Sustainability Victoria to launch a new campaign aimed at educating residents about enhanced recycling methods and services.

This initiative is a continuation of the successful Small Acts, Big Impact campaign, encouraging households to take small, meaningful actions that contribute to a more sustainable future.

As part of the campaign, bin audits will be conducted at random throughout the Shire during November.

"This audit will allow us to see where we're doing well and where we can improve," said Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle.

"By identifying and reducing contamination in recycling and FOGO bins, we can divert more waste from landfill, conserve resources, and cut down on the environmental impacts of manufacturing with raw materials.

"All audits will be performed anonymously at random with no penalties or individual assessments to be issued, as the primary goal is to collect data that will shape future educational materials and programs.

"No data regarding the source of the waste material, or any identifiers in the waste will be recorded, only the volumetric and weight-based data by category will be documented." Managed in partnership with Waste Services, these audits will help Council assess the types and levels of contamination in household waste, recycling, and FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) bins. By gaining a clearer understanding of current recycling practices, Council can gain an ongoing understanding of the volume of waste being managed, as well as bin content to assist with planning and budgeting for waste services management.

"This forms part of our commitment as a Council to deliver sustainable outcomes within the Southern Grampians and to take a lead in shaping the future of circular economy in our region.

"We know we have a significant role to play in delivering sustainable projects and improving the impact our current practises have. We have done a lot of work in this space over recent years and will continue to improve practises wherever possible," concluded Mr Doyle.

With new recycling services and facilities set to launch across Victoria in the coming years, including statewide glass recycling, Council is committed to supporting residents as they adapt to these changes. By working together, Victorians will aim to divert 80% of waste from landfill by 2030.

For more information on this initiative, as well as practical tips on recycling and how small actions contribute to big changes, residents are encouraged to visit Sustainability Victoria's website at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au.

Join Council for a specialised Contractor Information Night

Contractors are invited to attend a Southern Grampians Shire Council information night Monday 25 November 2024 to hear all things relating to Council contracted services and supplies.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle said it will be a great opportunity to come together and learn first-hand about working with Council.

"This session will provide contractors within the south-west the chance to come together and hear from staff about capital works and infrastructure programs, and requirements for working with Council.

"Contractors will have the opportunity to learn about our procurement process including where and how to access information, from everything about how we advertise our tenders, to the breadth of planning, design and materials.

“Contractors can also network with peers, enjoy light refreshments and get to know industry contacts. “I would encourage all those working within the infrastructure field to share this invitation across your contractor networks and come along to what will be a very informative and enjoyable evening,” concluded Mr Doyle.

Session details:

Date: Monday 25 November 2024

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Venue: Hamilton Performing Arts Centre

RSVP: Online By 20 November 2024

(<https://www.cognitofirms.com/SouthernGrampiansShireCouncil/RSVPContractorInformationNight>)

The evening will include a short presentation, introduction to staff and networking with light refreshments provided. RSVPs are recommended. Contact Southern Grampians Shire Council's Clare McKay on 5573 0444 for further information.

Christmas Window Display Competition Launches in Hamilton

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and Southern Grampians Shire Council is celebrating the start of the festive season by inviting businesses and traders to get creative and take part in the annual Christmas Window Competition.

Businesses with shop fronts across the Southern Grampians are encouraged to go all out and bring the spirit of the holidays to their windows. The competition, which begins on 18 November, will have a range of prizes awarded to first place as decided by the judging panel based on creativity, eye-catching aesthetic, and overall Christmas cheer. Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle said the competition heralded the start of what was hoped to be a busy festive period for the retail sector and is a fun way to encourage the community to get into the holiday spirit. “With the window competition, the decorations, the trees and everything else that happens in the Shire, it's hard not to get into the festive season.

“This is a competition that aims to support local businesses and traders and encourage the community to shop locally. The more businesses that we can involve, the more reason visitors will have to come and do some shopping on the streets of our community.”

Winners will be determined by a panel of judges for first prize, with the community favourite winner determined by the public vote. Those who vote also go in the draw to win a fantastic prize with winner selected at random. Up for grabs will be a number of \$250 shop local vouchers for each category - judges choice, people's choice and a selected voter.

Local businesses and traders can register their window online via QR code or via Council's website, with entries closing 29 November.

Christmas window judging and online public voting will take place from 18 November and will run until 19 December. Community members can vote for their favourite display via QR code or by visiting www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Events/Christmas-in-the-Southern-Grampians.

For more information, contact Southern Grampians Shire Council Economic Development Support Officer Daniel Shaw on dshaw@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au. Keep an eye out for more events and promotions this holiday season.

Standing Together Against Gender Based Violence

As 25 November approaches, it brings with it the start of the 16 days of Activism where we fight for the elimination of violence against women.

During this time, women's rights are recognised around the world with organisations and individuals raising awareness about gender equality and the devastating impacts of domestic violence.

This year, Southern Grampians Shire Council is joining Rotary Hamilton's Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence on Saturday 30 November 2024.

Rotary Hamilton's Walk will start at 10:00am from the Hamilton Botanic Gardens (Thompson Street Gates) and will finish at the Hamilton PAC. Residents are encouraged to wear purple to support the end to gender-based violence or orange in recognition of the 16 Days of Activism. Guest speakers will feature from Victoria Police, WDHS and Council and will be followed by a free sausage sizzle. Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle said the campaign is an important reminder that violence against women and children happens in our Shire and we can all take steps together to prevent it.

“16 Days of Activism is an important time every year where we have the responsibility to have important conversations around the impact against gender-based violence has on our community.

“We know statistically that gender-based violence is alarmingly high within the Southern Grampians so we have a lot of work to do as a community.

“We know these conversations should be had year-round, but the 16 Days of Activism really puts a spotlight on what we are willing to accept as a community. It holds us responsible for having those difficult chats and challenges us all to look at the basic human right for equality. This is our time to say no.

“I encourage you all to get involved this year and make a visible stand. Join the walk against domestic violence, wear your purple and orange to show there is no excuse for gender-based violence within the Southern Grampians,” concluded Mr Doyle.

In Australia, 23% of all women (1 in 4), have experienced domestic violence since the age of 15. Earlier this year Prime Minister Albanese declared Australia was facing a national crisis of violence against women, with one woman being killed every four days with the yearly figure at 58, up from 35 at the same time last year. Since his declaration, the figure has grown and alarmingly sits at 81 women murdered in 2024.

While we recognise domestic violence against both Men and Women, locally Southern Grampians Shire was up 27.5% this financial year compared to last with over 75% of total incidents against Women.

The annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign begins on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November and ends on International Human Rights Day, 10 December.

For more information on this initiative go to www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au or follow Council's social media pages.

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.

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.

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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.

250 Words from Father David

The privilege of grey hair

The inspiration for this reflection came from my attendance at the Remembrance Day service.

As I toddled along, I found myself thinking that my hair is quite a different colour than it was 40 years ago. I have photos to prove it!

When my hair first became more ‘Silver Foxish’ I used to bemoan this change in style. Not so much these days. For one thing the cost to change it would be a dubious call on my limited finances and for another I consider myself fortunate to have lived this long. Long enough for my hair to become ‘distinguished’. I’ve been to far too many funerals now of gentlemen who did not have the opportunity to ponder this transition.

So, the service began and a mighty fine turnout it was. There was music and medals in abundance. The Last Post always sends goosebumps up and down my spine to say nothing of a slightly ‘clogging feeling’ in my throat.

Beautiful wreaths of flowers were laid down and the classic poem Flanders Field was recited.

The students who laid the wreaths were smartly turned out in their uniforms and I could not help thinking that the people we were honouring were not that much older than these fresh-faced adolescents. A very sobering thought.

There was one excellent reflection about the unknown soldier and it was rightly pointed out that while we can never know his name perhaps it is better that way for he symbolises everyone and is a reminder of our own mortality that we must all face one day.

If you are like me and you are sporting a silver fox hair do, remember these things. On Remembrance Day we pray for those who never had the opportunity to have the years of peace we have enjoyed.

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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 2025 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: Mr Terry Noble, President, Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch led the Remembrance Day Service at the Dunkeld Cenotaph on Monday 11 November 2024 with Dunkeld Consolidated School Captains, Jim Herrmann and



Henrietta Patterson, reading The Ode and raising the flag during Reveille respectively.

Mr Noble said, "Today we acknowledge all who have served and continued to serve our nation in our Defence Force and the families who support them. This morning let us remember and pay tribute to our Defence Peacekeeping Force. For around seventy years not a day has passed without Australian Peacekeepers serving somewhere in the world. Those Military, Police and Civilian Peacekeepers are deployed to some of the world's most dangerous places to help bring an end to conflict and stand between opposing sides, just as can be seen by the memorials that have been honoured in their name.

We mark the anniversary of one of those Peacekeeping Forces, East Timor, named INTERFET (International Force East Timor). INTERFET operated with a mandate to restore peace and security and facilitate humanitarian assistance operations to East Timor.

The Australian Peacekeeping Forces in East Timor remains the largest Peacekeeping operation and our largest overseas military deployment since Vietnam. Thousands of Australian Defence personnel served in East Timor as part of our country's contribution, encountering some of the most terrible human tragedies, distressing scenes of violence, murder and destruction.

Peacekeepers make sacrifices today for a better, safer future for all. Australia has Peacekeepers all over the world, so let us remember all our Defence members who are and have served, we also mark and honour those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Lest We Forget."

Community members and students enjoyed light refreshments in the Henry Leech RSL Room following the service. A sincere thank you to the Dunkeld Consolidated School and general community for supporting our recent Remembrance Day Service.

Thank you also to the local communities and businesses for generously supporting the annual Poppy Appeal including the Dunkeld Post Office, Dunkeld Old Bakery, Kelly's AGnVET, Grampians Providore, Sturgeon View and Dunkeld Consolidated School. A special thank you to Mrs Heather Lynch in Glenthompson for her untiring dedication and support of the RSL Poppy Appeal.



DUNKELD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

Issue	Cut-off Date	Distribution Date
20	Fri 29 November	Wed 4 December
21	Fri 13 December	Wed 18 December

LAST ISSUE FOR 2024

Please forward content to Mrs Gaylene Raymond
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November in Dunkeld

By Marion Colton

Hot – cold; wet – dry; clear – oppressive and phenomenal growth rate! And the flowers – glorious, both in the bush, the Arboretum and the gardens. Some highlights were the blue Sun-orchids, *Thelymitra* spp., on Wurgarri's slopes; the pink buds and white flowers of the Common Fringe Myrtle, *Calytrix alpestris*, clothing the terrain from the heathlands to Wurgarri's heights; the masses and masses of fragrant, white-flowering Grampians Thryptomene, *Thryptomene calycina*, hugging the banks of Fyan's Creek and clambering to the crest of the ridges; and multitudes of tall, creamy spikes of the Austral Grass Tree, *Xanthorrhoea australis* on heathlands recently burnt for fuel reduction, seen from the bus window.

Dunkeld Arboretum offered, and continues to offer, continual wonders: the pinks and whites in profusion of Crab Apples, the intricate, orange-red forms of Chestnut species and all the different colours, forms and textures of buds and new leaves unfurling. Have you seen the deep, deep, claret, almost black, of the new eucalyptus leaves on the recently planted trees bordering Salt Creek at the approach to the Arboretum?

The Dunkeld Memorial Park has, and continues, to look stunning with its masses of Crab Apple blossoms; its cascading white roses intermingling with deep pink ones over the trellis, the subject of many visitors' photographs; and the exquisite, long pendulous, mauve flowers of Wisteria wafting its sweet perfume to those who walk beneath its arches. It's white relative follows, both making a beautiful entrance to the park.

I haven't forgotten the stunning crimson brushes on the Callistemon shrubs edging the street. These shrubs are also flowering in many other streets offering their continual beauty. Their pendulous branches bedecked with a profusion of crimson brushes delight me every day. They are a favourite with the birds, particularly the Rainbow Lorikeet, which emerges with a flurry and screech as I walk past.



Each brush, or raceme, ends with a tuft of soft, velvety, grey-green leaves. New racemes are spiralled with tightly rounded, pale green buds on squat, bright green pedicels. The mature flowers are many little bunches of long red stamens emerging from a base of pale, rounded calyx leaves, in between which you can discern the bright green pedicels. When the birds have had their fill and there are no more red stamens, a single, long, red style remains protruding from each little calyx vessel. These will later form the fruits.

As I wander around the streets of our community, I love to look at the gardens. At present, roses of diverse sizes and every hue are looking spectacular, and many retain their lovely perfume, which I often stop to smell. Each garden is so unique.

We are so blessed to live in such a beautiful world. Every day offers many gifts to appreciate.

A very sincere 'thank you' to all those workers and volunteers who care for our neighbourhood and environment. May we always cherish it.

I take this opportunity to wish the people of Dunkeld and its environs a Happy, Peaceful and Fulfilling Christmas and 2025. Thank you for the privilege of living here.



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