

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## DUNKELD

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## CHURCH TIMES

### Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

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

1st Week	Sunday	December 4	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	December 11	11.00am	Mass – CWL Christmas Lunch to follow
3rd Week	Saturday	December 24	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
4th Week	Sunday	December 25		No service will be held on Christmas Day at Dunkeld

### Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at Saint Mary's opposite the Post Office at 5.00pm with Father David Oulton.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays - an Ecumenical gathering and sharing in the Round at 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre led by the Uniting Church. We look forward to meeting you. All welcome. Enquiries to Father David – phone: 5571 1317.

### Panyabyr Uniting Church

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

### WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30 Newsletter issue 19 distributed	1 DEC	2	3 Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar	4 Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar
5 DPA meeting @ 7.30pm at Sterling Place	6 Dunkeld Fire Safety Planning @ 7.30pm	7	8	9 Deadline for Newsletter issue 20, last newsletter for the year Dunkeld Consolidated School Bush Dance	10	11
12	13	14 Newsletter issue 20 distributed	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 XMAS EVE  SANTA TOWN RUN @ 7.00pm	25 <b>XMAS DAY</b> <i>Merry Christmas!</i>

## DUNKELD POLICE

Parents dropping/picking up of students for school bus in Parker Street near the Bowling Club could you please give the bus plenty of room when you are parking/stopping and be mindful of other traffic driving along the main street by parking/stopping off the main road.

Recently burglars have travelled back and forth between Hamilton and Ararat, through our area, with a load of stolen gear. If you have any CCTV that captures any of the Glenelg Highway, please let me know.

Another good tip is, if you have CCTV cameras clean them regularly and put surface spray or similar around camera. It will look perfect during the day but at night time the spiders and cobwebs will most likely render your footage useless.

Outdoor gas heater missing from front verandah of residence in Templeton Street near the railway line over the last month or so. Description round cylinder shape, dark colour, is approximately 6 feet tall with 9kg gas bottle enclosed at the bottom with wire mess around the heating element at the top. If you have borrowed it return it. If you know where it might be, please let me know.

I camped in a Warrnambool Caravan Park the other night and the next morning a friendly neighbour asked me where I was from, I replied Dunkeld. He then proceeded to say, "Bloody copper". The story was he got a speeding ticket a number of years ago. He then asks, "You're not a copper are you"? My reply, "Yes". We had a good laugh. I am happy with this so please help and spread this around as it may slow traffic down.

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The Annual Report from HQ is available on the Red Cross website. A summary states that, during the 2022 year, the organization is supporting 131,000 Australians during 42 emergency activations; delivering 225,000+ social work/support hours; and distributing \$131,000 direct cash assistance payments. Acknowledgement is given to the generous support received from members, volunteers, donors, corporate and government partners and a huge thank you to all those involved.

Member and Engagement Coordinator, Carolyn Ratnik, attended the Terang Zone Meeting and the one at Leongatha recently. She was able to pass on some of the ideas the Dunkeld Group has with raising funds and social gatherings. As she remarked "every little bit raised across the state, when combined, becomes a substantial amount," towards current appeals such as flood, fires and Ukraine.

As we missed delivering our groceries for the North Melbourne Food Bank, they can still be collected and taken to a drop-off point in Hamilton, which I will do. Please ring me on 5574 0202 so I can collect any donated groceries and/or used stamps, in time for the Christmas handout.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday  
Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm  
Dinner 5.00pm – 8.00pm  
Friday – Saturday  
Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm  
Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

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**Wednesday – Steak Night, cooked to your liking and choice of sauces, \$28 when dining in a free pot of beer with your steak**

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- .Coffee tea milkshakes soft drink varieties etc
- .Cakes slices biscuits

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## Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar

The Dunkeld and District community is warmly invited to attend **Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar**, a special weekend exhibition at **Off the Rails, Dunkeld** on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December, featuring recent works by local artists Kieran Roberts and Trevor Flinn.

Kieran and Trevor have worked together for the past five years (having spent hundreds of hours making art together through the NDIS) and following their recent series of 'pop-up' events in Hamilton (*Red Dog Art Gallery*) they are finally ready to unleash their talents in Dunkeld.

Both artists have a unique style and way of working and share an enthusiasm for their practice.

This special event will give the artists an opportunity to showcase larger sculptural works, paintings, works on paper and even works in progress.

"We like the concept of an 'Art Bazaar', rather than straight 'exhibition' because it allows room for us to go a bit wild," said Trevor. "Red Dog Gallery has allowed us to get around town and take our work to the Hamilton public using a simple and polite 'pop-up' format," he said.

"Hopefully our weekend show in Dunkeld will encourage people to come along who may want to see larger, more challenging works and are keen to see a show activating the historic Dunkeld Railway Station building," Trevor said.

As part of the event members of the public are also invited to produce an A6, postcard-sized, artwork for their chance to be part of the show and ultimately win a prize!

"We thought it might be nice to invite people to use the blank space on the back of our postcard invitation to create their own artwork and bring it along on the day to encourage participation, and add to the bazaar atmosphere," said Trevor.

Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar is supported by the Southern Grampians Shire Council, and will be officially launched by Joshua White, Artistic Director of Hamilton Gallery at 3.00pm on Saturday 3 December, International Day of People with a Disability.

Joshua has also kindly agreed to judge the postcard-sized artworks and award a special prize to the work he likes the best.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information visit the artists' Instagram accounts **@inlikeme @kieranrobertsartist**



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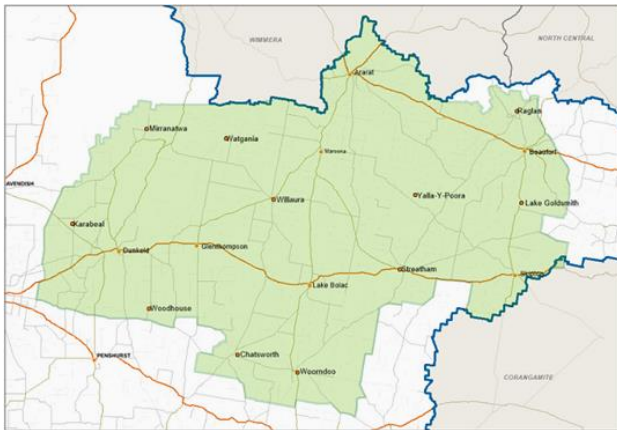
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## DO YOU HAVE A RABBIT PROBLEM????

(Time is running out to register your interest - please get in touch now!!)

### Then we can help you!!! with the - Glenelg Hopkins CMA and the *Our Catchments Our Communities* Project

The GHCMA *Our Catchments, Our Communities* (OCOC) project is focusing on improving catchment health and climate resilience through activities that support wetland cultural knowledge, health and connectivity in the upper Wannon and Hopkins River catchments.



Wetlands - and in particular - seasonal herbaceous wetlands - occur in abundance throughout the "Our Catchments Our Community" (OCOC) focus area (the area depicted by green shading on the map - left), having some of the highest density clusters found across Victoria. However, approximately half of these have been lost due to drainage, stock access and cropping.

The OCOC focus area covers the reach of four Landcare networks, each supported by a Landcare facilitator who are working together to support farmers - to consider strategies to protect and manage their wetlands, while demonstrating positive financial impact because of doing so.

### ***And the exciting thing for our area is that we've received funding from the OCOC Project to work on a landscape scale project!***

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We don't need to tell you of the negative and devastating impacts rabbits have had in Australia. But we can tell you that now we have funding to help you get on top of this problem.

By helping communities to work together on their rabbit populations - across the OCOC area - we will be able to significantly reduce rabbit numbers. We all know that working in this way (involving neighbouring landholders and land managers) provides the most effective, safe and humane means to achieve large-scale rabbit control.

This OCOC funding will provide for effective, efficient rabbit control, by engaging an experienced pest animal control business to undertake the work.

But of course, we'll need your help - participants will identify, mark (using flagging tape or similar) and map warrens and

will be present as the contractor is working on their sites. They'll also check the sites soon after control, to record any reinfestations, and notify if follow up action is required. For long-term success, monitoring of the sites need to be maintained and appropriate action undertaken when required, as if this is not done, we all know that the site can be reinfested in just a few years.

**We're having an introductory evening meeting Thursday 8 December at 7.00pm, at "The Complex" Lake Bolac**, to introduce you to our contractor, and discuss logistics. We'll also have a short site assessment form to fill out - to help the contractor determine control methods and streamline the work. Actual control work will happen in February - April 2023.

This is really an amazing opportunity - to have an experienced company paid to help you with a job that (and I know from bitter experience!) can be extremely time consuming, back breaking, expensive and at times seem unachievable. We'll be supporting you too, encouraging and involving your neighbours, organising the contractor, liaising with you - in general - doing just what helpful Landcare facilitators do best!

### ***What happens now?***

\*\*\*\*\* If you live within the OCOC (green shaded) area, have wetlands close by, and have a rabbit population, then please get in touch - right now! \*\*\*\*\*

Lisa McIntyre, Landcare Facilitator for Panyyabyr, Mirranatwa, Bunnugal, Glenthompson, Mooralla and Bulart Landcare Groups on 0428 749 235 or email [advance1@bigpond.com](mailto:advance1@bigpond.com)



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Christmas Eve**



**SATURDAY  
24 DECEMBER**

**Commencing  
at 7.00pm**

\*Out of town children are welcome to wait at the Post Office end of Memorial Park.

\*Grandparents are welcome to ring Heather and she will make sure that Santa knows that grandchildren are visiting.

Many thanks to the Dunkeld and District Lions Club, Melissa and Adrian Field from The Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade, Kerri and Alan Jones, Cee Blackwell, Tammy Day and Alan and Tracey Fort who make this community event possible.

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# PREPARATION FOR 2022/23 FIRE SEASON BEGINS

The time to prepare for the upcoming fire season is here with Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers set to commence property inspections across the Southern Grampians over the coming weeks.

Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to properties identified as needing immediate works to improve safety.

Notices issued outline required actions needed to ensure properties reach an appropriate standard under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* for the ensuing Fire Danger Period.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer Jason Barker said it's important that while the season has been off to a wet start, that residents begin preparing their properties.

"It seems a bit contradictory to start talking about the fire season when we have been witnessing the wet weather and flooding across the State," said Mr Barker. "But we know once the warmer weather hits, the abundance of grasses we will have as a result of that rainfall will ultimately dry out and make huge amounts of fuel for the summer season.

"It's important that residents are able to get on top of their properties now to minimise those grasses and reduce fine fuels like sticks, barks and leaves found around your home.

"We will be starting property inspections and issuing fire prevention notices over the coming weeks to those who are identified as needing to reduce fire hazards. The required works must be completed by the allocated date featured on the Notice or risk being issued an infringement notice.

"Reducing excess fuels can go a long way in minimising the intensity and spread of a potential fire on your property. But remember to be effective, this maintenance work **must** be continued throughout the entire Fire Danger Period and not

carried out just as a once off.

"The 2021/22 season saw Council issue 224 Fire Prevention Notices across the region so we are hoping to see a reduction in that number this year and encourage our community to start preparing now," concluded Mr Barker.

Residents who find themselves struggling to complete works as requested by the Notice deadline including access, physical limitations or other compounding factors, are encouraged to contact Council to discuss their options.

Property owners face a potential fine of more than \$1,800 if works identified within the issued Fire Prevention Notice are not completed by the identified date.

Resources to help prepare properties for the upcoming Fire Danger Period can be found on the Country Fire Authority website, [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property). For more information on Fire Prevention Notices, visit [sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://sthgrampians.vic.gov.au).




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## SCRAPS from the SCRAPES

### December 2022

Record rainfalls and water courses we didn't know existed have been a feature of golf through November, however, while most courses in the area have been unplayable, the unique topography of the Grampians course has meant that members and guests have been able to continue both social and competition golf.

Following our Annual General Meeting, the committee elected for the year to come has met and the executive and sub-committees formed. Adrian Kelly continues as President, Kerren Collins as Vice President, Rob Harris as Secretary and Simon Macgugan as Treasurer. Mark Dore is again men's Club Captain and Mary Fenech takes the ladies Captain role. Peter Hayes, Bill Crawford, Mike Matthews and Noel Mibus round out the committee.

The ladies recently completed the Sturgeon Tray, with Venita Mibus and Jo Armytage edging out Sue Morse and Lindy Hayes.

Ladies, where are you on Saturdays? I know that you can now watch all the old episodes of A Country Practice on 7+, but a hit on a Saturday arvo seems a better option. The state of the weather and the incessant rain has been the subject of much conversation, dare I say "unprecedented". There have been a number of unusual events, some may say bizarre!

There were reports of a bearded gentleman loading an ark like vessel with unidentified things. Turns out it was Skeeter loading the yellow perill!

Peter Cameron was overheard surmising how he could modify the scooter to something more like a hovercraft or one of those jet boats they use in the Florida everglades. Debates on the deck were frequent and vigorous. In addition to the weather, topics included global affairs, the war in Ukraine, the state election and the cost of living. However, the really serious issues soon emerged – how wide should the 5th fairway be and what is the right mix of oil and sand on a scrape!

With the school holidays approaching, the Club would like to see families on the course through December and January, so for a gold coin donation, an adult and children can play a round.

Also, with Summer about to break and daylight saving, the club will be having a 9-hole event each Friday commencing 2 December. Tee off around 5.00pm and then enjoy a sausage sizzle, so bring the children. There will be pitching and putting games under supervision.

The Ross Four ball .....

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## CONSERVATION AND NATURAL ASSET MANAGEMENT FOCUS FOR COUNCIL

Southern Grampians Shire Council are developing a plan to support our incredible local natural environment and want to know your favourite nature spots in the shire, to guide the strategy development and inform future asset management planning.

The Southern Grampians Plan for Nature will focus on roadside conservation, public reserve management, planning scheme and existing regulatory protections, policy and strategy alignment. It will examine the various natural locations within the shire to develop a shared vision between Council and key stakeholders including Traditional Owners, and set strategies and actions to protect, and importantly enhance, biodiversity values.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr David Robertson acknowledges the privilege that comes with living in a region so diverse and environmentally rich.

"We really are spoilt here in the Southern Grampians to have such beautiful natural landscapes," said Cr Robertson.

"The stunning waterfalls at Wannan and Nigretta, the majestic Grampians National Park, the Byaduk Caves and Mount Rouse are among the many wonders at our doorstep.

"In order to support these unique locations, we are developing a Plan for Nature which will help to identify and highlight these locations and prioritise focus for future Council investment in the protection of these natural assets.

"The Plan will also look at the greatest threats to these areas including habitat loss, pest animals and climate change impacts, and the opportunities that are important to residents in their connection and engagement with these sites.

"We are encouraging residents to get involved and have a bit of fun while telling us what natural elements of the Shire you value most. We've developed an interactive online map where you can drop your comments and tell us what is important to you, or you can also get involved by completing an online survey.

"For those with a keen eye for photography, take a photo of your favourite location and share it to our Facebook page or send to Council via email at [council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) and you might see your image in the developed strategy," said Cr Robertson.

This work forms part of the second phase of engagement with the first stage already completed which involved targeting invested stakeholder groups. Consultation with Traditional Owners will be undertaken concurrently with community feedback, with the aim to present a draft plan to the community in the first half of 2023.

"Residents without online access can also pick up a hardcopy from Customer Service at Brown Street or head to the Greater Hamilton Library for assistance," concluded Cr Robertson.

To have your say, visit [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) or check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/southerngrampiansshirecouncil/>. Feedback closes 5:00pm Friday 23 December 2022.



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**SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER THIS CHRISTMAS**  
Southern Grampians Shire Council and the Hamilton Regional Business Association are proud to launch 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' to celebrate the festive season and encourage shopping local this Christmas.

This year, Southern Grampians residents who shop locally at participating businesses across the shire can enter via the QR code for a chance to win one of four \$1,000 vouchers to be spent locally.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr David Robertson said the campaign heralds the start of what promises to be a busy festive period for our retail sector.

"The 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' promotion is aimed at strengthening Greater Hamilton as a premier shopping destination, increasing the retail spend in the region and

continuing to build a Christmas tradition of Hamilton as a festive retail centre," Cr Robertson said.

"We will be announcing a winner each week in the lead up to Christmas, with four \$1,000 vouchers to help make someone's festive season a little easier.

"Entries open today, Wednesday 23 November with the first winner being drawn on Friday 2 December. That night will kick off the festive season in Hamilton as we light the magnificent Christmas tree outside the Library, following the St Mary's Christmas parade," said Cr Robertson.

"Santa and his sleigh will be back this year in the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre forecourt where residents young and old will have the opportunity to visit and take a photo.

"Council will also make CBD parking free for the month of December to encourage more people to shop in town.

"Our Christmas decorations are being installed across the Shire over the next week and we are looking forward to sharing the Christmas spirit with our residents and visitors," concluded Cr Robertson.

Santa will be available for photos at the following dates/times:

- Friday 2 December 2022 (after Saint Mary's Parade)
- Saturday 3 December 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Friday 9 December 2022, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- Saturday 10 December 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Friday 16 December 2022, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- Saturday 17 December 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Residents and visitors can go into the draw to win the vouchers by purchasing from any local business within the Southern Grampians Shire and enter via scanning a QR code in store or providing receipts at a collection box at the Brown Street Customer Service Centre. For details about the 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' campaign, contact [dshaw@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:dshaw@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) or head to <https://www.businessgreaterhamilton.com.au/buy-local-campaign-page/>



**Lions Cakes and Christmas Puddings**  
**now available at Kelly's, PO, and Bendigo Bank**  
**Large Cake \$19**  
**Small Cake \$15**  
**Christmas Pudding \$15**  
**(new addition)**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Events

We have another new family to welcome back to our Dunkeld Consolidated School community, the Roads family – Indigo, Year 1; Jet, Year 3 and Kai, Year 5 and their parents Krystal and Peter.

**Working Bee:** What a wonderful turnout for our working bee held on Sunday 20 November. Great to see so many people back on school grounds assisting with a general tidy up of our beautiful school.

**Bush Dance:** *SAVE THE DATE!* Friday 9 December 2022 5.00pm – 9.00pm – tickets are now on sale! The Year 6 students are working with Rachel Blackwell (School Council Fundraising Working Party) to help with the organisation of the night, so that we end our year with a fabulously fun event.

**My Business Rules:** WOW! What an amazing program. Our Year 6 students have again come up with their own amazing products to market and sell. I congratulate them all along with Mrs Phillips for the organisation and dedication to My Business Rules. Students have been tallying the amount of money raised and will decide what to do with the profits.

**Year 6 Graduation:** With graduation only a couple of weeks away, it is pleasing to see the Year 5 families creating and organising the theme for this year's graduates. So many wonderful ideas and I am most grateful for the time and effort in making Graduation 2022 a fabulous event for our Year 6 students and their families. The Year 6 students are busy preparing their speeches, as they look back over their years at Primary School.

**Dunkeld Scholarship Interviews for Year 6 students:** All Year 6 students were involved in interviews this week for the Dunkeld Scholarship. (The Myers family kindly supports this annual scholarship, and two successful recipients will be awarded \$1,500.00 each, which will go towards their 2023 secondary schooling to assist with fees, uniform, requisites etc).

**House Athletics Sports:** Our House Athletics Day is on Wednesday 7 December, a wonderful day to come along and support all of our students (the program of events will be sent home soon). Let's hope the ground dries up very soon so we can commence line marking and training for the track events.

**Transition:** What a busy time our Kinder to Prep Transition mornings have been with so many new enrolments for 2023. It is wonderful to have a straight Prep class next year and I know Mrs Gilbert is very excited about this. A school tour for new parents took place last Tuesday.

**Whole School Music Concert:** On Thursday 8 December, students will present a Music Concert at 2:30pm. Our wonderful music teachers, Heather Macgugan (Prep/Year 1) and Tara Stephens (Years 2 to 6) will share some of what our students have been learning in Music. I would like to take this time to thank Heather and Tara for their time in delivering music lessons at Dunkeld – we are so lucky to have access to music teachers. Parents are most welcome to attend this Music Concert.

**State-wide Transition Day:** On Tuesday 13 December it is State-wide Transition Day. Students will be placed in their 2023 classes with their teacher. Some of our Year 6 students will attend their secondary school for 2023 also.

**Special Assembly:** Our final Special Assembly for the year will take place on Friday 16 December 2022 at 9:15am. New school leaders will be announced. The current Year 5 students are already working on the letters/applications for 2023 leadership positions.

Let's hope some nicer weather is coming our way for the end of the term!

Thank you, *Ange Field, Acting Principal*

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### Kinder To Prep Transition Program

**Wednesday 9 November** was our first formal transition day at school for our 2023 Preps as part of our Kinder to Prep Transition Program. The excited Kinder students were paired with Prep 'Buddies' who enthusiastically looked after them during their visit. While some may have been a little apprehensive, they were soon all enjoying a 'Dr Knickerbocker' sing along with Mrs Gilbert.



**Tuesday 22 November** was the second formal transition day at school for our 2023 Preps as part of our Kinder to Prep Transition Program.

They worked with Mrs Gilbert, the Prep students and some Year 6 helpers. The morning began with Mrs Gilbert reading a big book titled 'Meanies' and the children took great delight in seeing what silly things the characters got up to. Everyone worked beautifully and had a great time at school. They took home their 'schoolwork' to share with their parents.



### "Teach Your Dinosaurs Science" Performance

On Tuesday 15 November Alistair Magee presented an exciting and diverse "Teach Your Dinosaurs Science" performance, for the whole school. It was lovely to be joined by the three and four-year-old Dunkeld Kindergarten students, as part of our Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Alistair was accompanied by Microceratus and Regaliceratops, (dinosaur puppets) who were extremely entertaining and received many laughs.



### Dunkeld RSL Remembrance Day Service

The community service was held at the cenotaph in the Memorial Park, on Friday 11 November 2022. Dunkeld Consolidated School Year 6 students and staff attended the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch's Remembrance Day service. Our School Captains proudly participated in the service with



Charlotte Alderman reciting The Ode and Ben Peters raising the flag to the mast head during Rouse. Charlotte and Ben laid a wreath on behalf of the Dunkeld Consolidated School. All Year 6 students respectfully placed a

poppy at the base of the cenotaph.

### Special Assembly on Friday 11 November 2022 - Remembrance Day Service

Thank you to our guest speaker Mr Terry Noble, President of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, for being our guest speaker at the school's Special Assembly on Friday 11 November 2022. Mr Noble's closing remarks included:

*For many of us today it is about remembering great grandfathers and grandfathers who fought in World War I and II. Remembrance Day means we can show our respect to those who fought and died or got seriously injured when they were fighting, to make the world a safer place to live in. We don't think war is very nice because people get scared, and people die. If we had one wish, we would wish that war would stop because people deserve to live in a safe*



environment. If we could say something to one of the soldiers that died at war, we would say, "Thank you very much for saving our country."

### My Business Rules (MBR) - Friday 4 and Friday 18 November 2022

On Friday 4 November during morning recess the Year 6 students had their first My Business Rules (MBR) Market Day! All the products were amazing and everyone nearly or did sell out. The students enjoyed shopping at the school.



The products were Ava's Make Bake and Go; Heidi's Wooden Puzzles; Ella's Fizzy Bath Salts; Phoebe's Christmas Cards; Indi's Scrunchies; Phoebe's Beads and String; Charlotte's Resin Keychains; Harper's Helium Hubbles; Jack Jones - JJ's Hangers; Sean's Shiny Juice; Ben's Dog Toys; Darcy's Dunks; Charlie's Terrariums and Victaur's Spinner Tops. Community members and parents also came to the Market Day.

On our second Market Day on Friday 18 November, we all sold out of our products, too! Mrs Phillips was extremely proud of all the Year 6 students for the thought and effort they had put into their products. It was one of the best My Business Rules Market Days yet! Well done everybody for all your awesome effort and amazing ideas. We shall total up our money and we may choose a charity to donate to or create a masterpiece at school for everybody to remember us. Great job!

### Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 14 December 2022

Year 6 students and their parents, together with staff and official guests, will share a light meal together at the Dunkeld Consolidated School on the timber deck, 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start, on Wednesday 14 December 2022.

Then at 7.15pm, extended family and friends are invited to join us for the official ceremony and presentations in the school hall.

Presentations will include the Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarships, Williams Family Sports Scholarship, School Council Citizenship and Dux Awards. Year 6 families who are leaving the school will also be formally acknowledged.

Thank you to the Year 5 parents and students for their generous support and assistance with decorating, setting up and serving for the Year 6 Graduation

### SPORTS Swimming

Year 5 student, Gemma Kyle, is a member of the Hamilton Olympic Swimming Club. Along with three other members from the club, she was selected to represent the Barwon South West District Swimming Association at the Country Junior District Competition (8 to 11 years old), held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Saturday 5 November. She swam in the Girls 10-year-old 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly, Breaststroke and 200m Medley Team Relay (swimming Butterfly). Gemma managed a new personal best time in the Breaststroke.



### School Sports Victoria Primary School Golf Competition

It was wonderful to have three of our students Lachie, Jack and Isla Oldfield Mann represent our school at the School Sport Victoria Primary Schools Golf Competition at the Warrnambool Golf Club on Monday 7 November 2022.



Congratulations to Lachie, Jack and Isla Oldfield Mann for participating.

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains  
Charlie Linke, Ella Peters and Victaur Wagner

#### From the Kitchen...

Students 'preparing and sharing together' in the Kitchen over the last few weeks:



**Friday 28 October 2022: Year 4/5 Students** – Menu: Fried Rice, Potato, Leek and Silverbeet Spirals, Leek and Broccoli Tart and dessert was Pineapple Tarte Tatin.

**Friday 4 November 2022: Year 4/5 Students** – Menu: Sweet Potato Croquettes, Shakshouka, Frittata Caprese, Sliders – Burgers and Buns.



**Friday 11 and Friday 18 November 2022:**

Year 5/6 and Year 4/5 students prepared and shared a Mexican Fiesta – Mexican Frittatas, Chimichangas, Tacos, Salsa and Chunky Guacamole on their respective Kitchen days.



This gave us a little insight into Mexican culture and food. The Kitchen and corridor were filled with the aroma of spicy and tasty treats.



#### From the Garden ...

**On Friday 4 November 2022:** During the Garden classes the students planted shrubs and bushes supplied by the school, in the new pick-up/drop-off area. Students dug the holes, planted the plants, put tree guards around them and spread mounds of mulch around them. They look great! The Year 5/6 students have also been continuing our gardening videos. They are coming along well!

**Friday 18 November 2022:** We learnt about what sound Green Tree Frogs, Eastern Banjo Frogs and Growling Grass Frogs make. The Year 5/6 students did a writing piece about their time in the garden throughout their Primary years. We also planted coriander and parsley.

The Year 4/5 students have been planting tomato seeds. They wrapped the potted tomato plants and named them to plant at home and made a diagram of how to plant tomatoes. Students have also been pruning some branches off the trees in the orchard. They also finished and presented their Gardening videos.

### 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 continued support!

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.

### Bush Dance on Friday 9 December

The Dunkeld Consolidated School community is warmly invited to a family friendly fun night, a Bush Dance (School Council fundraiser) - music by The Billy Tea Bush Band, on Friday 9 December 2022 from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. Strictly No Alcohol.

**All bookings for tickets and catering may be made through TryBooking:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CERHF>

**ENTRY TICKET** includes band, dancing and supper. Please pre-purchase your tickets, however latecomers may pay at the door:

1 x FAMILY TICKET (2 x Adults and all children from family UNDER 18) \$30.00 (Children to be accompanied by an adult)

1 x ADULT TICKET \$10.00

**CATERING** – please order and purchase BY MONDAY 5 DECEMBER (to assist with food ordering/delivering). Please advise the school of any dietary requirements:

- Roast Lamb Roll with coleslaw and gravy \$10.00
- Pulled Pork Roll with coleslaw and gravy \$10.00
- Vegetarian Burger Roll with salad \$10.00
- Sausage in Bread \$2.00

*\*(There will be some extra 'sausages in bread' for any latecomers on the night).*

Please bring some extra money (preferably coins) to purchase some budget friendly drinks and sweet treats from our Year 6 leaders at their 'Drinks and Snacks' Stalls (funds raised from their stalls will be put towards a project of their choice at our school).

Feel free to bring extended family and friends, for a great night out and celebration of our wonderful school community – the more the merrier!

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### From the Lions Den

**L** Liberty  
**I** Intelligence  
**O** Our  
**N** Nations  
**S** Safety



Let no weariness or dryness make you discouraged (Mary MacKillop 1876), because:

#### THE WORLD NEEDS LIONS

In Utrecht, Netherlands, a US\$150,000 Childhood Cancer grant from the Lions Foundation in helping Lions upgrade 87 patient rooms at Princes Maxima Centre for Paediatric Oncology. An anticipated 4,350 families will benefit annually from the rooms, which enable parents, siblings and caregivers to stay with children undergoing treatment.

#### Live Forever

Paddy from Koroit had a real desire to live forever, and he mentioned it to his priest, asking for advice on what he should do to achieve this.

"Move to Melbourne," said the priest.

"Will that help me to live forever?" asked Paddy.

"No," said the priest, "but the desire will disappear."

*Peter Hinchey*

#### Garden Notes – December

Now that your roses have nearly finished their main spring flush of growth, you should spend some time "dead heading" them i.e. remove the spent flowers by cutting down to a healthy leaf junction. This will ensure plenty of new growth for good summer and autumn flowers.



Due to recent heavy rains, not much garden watering has been necessary, but this will change as temperatures rise during summer. Many people even some experienced gardeners do not fully understand correct watering methods. People on farms should avoid the use of dam or bore water with a salt content greater than 500 parts per million (ppm), especially on young and tender plants. Some hardier, well-established trees can tolerate up to 1500ppm but do not let it splash onto plant leaves.

Try to avoid watering during the hottest part of the day as much of the water will evaporate before reaching the roots of your plants. A deep soaking say once or twice a week is much better than a quick surface sprinkle every day. Roots will follow this water deeper into the soil, thus making the plant far more drought tolerant as well as encouraging a larger, more productive root system. Newly planted vegetables and young seedling may require a light watering two or three times a day during hot days. Very fine sprinklers can waste a lot of water during strong windy weather. Also remember that if your hose has been lying in the sun to "run off" any hot water before putting it on your plants.

As we have said before, mulch is a great way to reduce water usage, as well as helping to control weed growth. There are still plenty of flowering annuals available for a good summer and autumn display including petunia, marigold, aster, lobelia, impatiens, portulaca and several others.

Main vegetable plantings for December are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, early brussels sprouts, lettuce, beans, carrots, parsnips and beetroot. Nurseries generally have a range of Christmas gifts, why not check them out. Season's greetings to all. Thank you for your support.

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

**HAMILTON SINGERS**  
 Are thrilled to present their first  
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 Since December 2019



Sunday 11 December 2022

2.30pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
 Thompson Street, Hamilton

Admission \$10 (includes afternoon tea)

**Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
 Off the Rails, Dunkeld  
 Open 10am – 4pm

Join the Artists, Kieran Roberts and Trevor Flinn, for refreshments at the official launch at 3pm on Saturday 3rd December 2022 (International Day of People with a Disability).

Guest speaker: Joshua White, Artistic Director of Hamilton Gallery

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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 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.

**The Journey to becoming a WWII Spy:** During her first days at Monterey, newly enlisted Women's Royal Australian Navy Service (WRAN) recruit Jocelyn Smith was shown a secret cabinet where her American superiors kept a pistol and was given strict instructions about how the weapon was to be used if the Japanese invaded Melbourne.

Death by her own hand would be more merciful than torture, her commanders explained.

It was a brutal baptism of war for the 19-year-old secretary from Geelong who boarded a train "with butterflies in her stomach" to join the war effort to "do her bit", and unwittingly became a spy.

During World War II, Jocelyn Smith (now Jocelyn Kelso) was one of 80 young women handpicked to work at the top-secret Monterey base in Albert Park after they enlisted with the Navy. Monterey was a joint operation between American, British and Australian Naval Forces — Australia's version of Bletchley Park — and the WRANS worked around the clock intercepting and decoding messages sent between Japanese forces.

The women vowed to never tell a soul about their highly classified work and although the Leading Writer was discharged from official duty in July 1946, Jocelyn kept that promise for almost eight decades.



Now 96, Jocelyn is sharing her story and thanks to her good friend and legatee, John Graham, she is finally being recognised for her service with a special medal from the UK Government and Bletchley Park.

"I don't know that I ever really sat my family down and told them what I did. No one really spoke about the war, we all just got on with our lives. I told my grandson first because he was very interested in history and he said to me, 'Nan you were a spy!'."

"I think we achieved a lot in hindsight, but I never thought of myself as a hero — we just did what anyone would do under the circumstances. What I did was nothing compared to a lot of others," she said humbly.

The Monterey unit operated in Albert Park between 1942 and October 1944. The codebreakers are credited for playing a significant role in the allied victories in the Pacific, including the destruction of a Japanese convoy of more than 5000 army reinforcements and the death of Japanese Admiral Yamamoto, which proved a devastating blow to Japanese morale.

The women were threatened with prison if they told a single soul about their work and most dutifully took their secrets to the grave. Consequently, few were ever acknowledged for the incredible role they played in our war effort.

In 2010, UK Prime Minister David Cameron struck a medal to recognise all those who served with Bletchley Park, an honour extended to their Australian comrades, including those who worked at the Monterey unit.

When former research scientist John Graham retired, he joined Hamilton & District Legacy to give back to the generation he describes as "selfless, stoic and heroic," and became Jocelyn's legatee.

Jocelyn's husband, Keith Kelso, served in the Air Force but Keith passed away more than 30 years ago.

John's help and support was welcomed by the fiercely independent widow.

The Bletchley Park commemorative badge. This badge recognises the vital service of those who worked at Bletchley Park and outposts like the Monterey base provided during World War II.

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"The first day I turned up, I noticed there was a broken picture frame by the door. I said to her, 'I can fix that'.

She was thrilled to get the job done and it broke the ice. We started chatting and after a while she said to me, 'You know I served as well. I'm a widow but I served in the war too.' And I hadn't known that. That's when she started to tell me her story," John said. "It didn't take much for me to realise this lady was well worthy of recognition."

John contacted Bletchley Park in England. Within a few months the medal was on its way to Hamilton in Western Victoria, where Jocelyn lives.

"I don't think what I did was anything noble and I didn't really want any fuss about it, but it's lovely to receive the medal. When I signed up, I was just happy to be sent wherever I was needed."

John Graham is thrilled that Bletchley Park acted so quickly on his request for Jocelyn to be recognised and he is organising a special presentation with the Hamilton RSL Sub-Branch for her to be formally honoured. He has now been Jocelyn's legatee for more than a year; a relationship he treasures. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://rslvic.com.au/news/the-journey-to-becoming-a-wwii-spy>

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