

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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From the Lions Den

Since the last newsletter the Lions erected the Christmas nativity scenes in Dunkeld and Glenthompson and were also involved in the Australia Day celebrations. This year the recipient of the Australia Day Award for Dunkeld was Mrs Joyce Gordon. Mr John Smith was the MC and he gave a short run down of Joyce's life and service to our community, particularly in regards as a member of the following: the Dunkeld Museum, the CFA and the Liberal Party.

In all these organisations Joyce has not only been a member for many years but has also been a hard worker. Joyce the people of Dunkeld and district thank you for the time and effort that you have put into our community and indeed our country. Thank you also to Trevor and your family, because without their support you would not have been able to give so much. Thank you also to Sam Duckmanton for being the guest speaker - well done, Sam.

The Lions would also like to congratulate Peter Flinn for being named as a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to agricultural research. This was for the work that he did in the promotion of near-infrared spectroscopy in the field of testing for quality in fodder.

We would also like to congratulate Les Payne for receiving a community recognition award from the Shire for his contribution to the district in the areas of farming and sport. In August last year the Lions awarded Les with a certificate for the time and effort he had put into cricket, football and basketball in our district over many years. Thank you to both of you for your commitment.

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DONATIONS

Bernie Shanahan \$20

We rely on donations to the Community Newsletter to offset all expenses relating to producing it. Please send in your donation to the Dunkeld Consolidated School office where it will be receipted and an acknowledgement made via the Newsletter. A receipt will be provided. **Please make cheques payable to the "Dunkeld Consolidated School."**

CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1 st Week	Sunday	February 2	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	February 9		No service (mass at Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	February 16	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	February 23	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches - Sundays at 5.00pm

Services every Sunday (except a 5th Sunday when it occurs)

1st and 3rd weeks ANGLICAN

2nd and 4th weeks UNITING

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ALL WELCOME.

Thinking this year for the people of Zimbabwe.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Secretary Iris Field 5574 0202; Treasurer Margo Dark 5574 0222; Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274.

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY / MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
10	11	12 Newsletter issue 1 distributed	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 SES Information night @ 7.30pm	20	21	22 Cut-off date for Newsletter items	23
24 Red Cross Meeting @ 2.00pm	25	26 Newsletter issue 2 distributed	27	28	29	30
31	1	2 March	3	4	5 Cut-off date for Newsletter items	6

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 6.30am – 5.30pm
SATURDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm
SUNDAY- 8.00am – 1.00pm*
(Times may vary on Public Holidays)

I was looking at the news recently and the commentator said, "You should be able to expect 80% of your donation to go to the people". Mate - with the Lions 100% of the donation goes to where it should because all our administration costs are covered by the annual dues each member pays. So if you give \$100.00 to us then the person or organisation that you want the money to go to, gets the \$100.00.

Peter Hinchey



Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannon

As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS JOYCE GORDON!

On behalf of all members, the Dunkeld Museum Committee congratulates life member **Joyce Gordon** on receiving the **2020 Dunkeld Australia Day Award** for service to the Dunkeld community. Joyce has been a vital component of the functioning of the Museum for many years. Most members would be unaware of the amount of time, effort and resources Joyce has devoted to the Museum collection, record keeping, financial management, and funding. Well done and thank you, Joyce.

INVITATION:

All are welcome to attend the official unveiling of the **Old Cemetery plaque** and launch of the book, "**The Old Dunkeld Cemetery 1855 to 1905**", on Sunday 29 March at 1.30pm. This event is the culmination of many hours of research, writing and compilation undertaken by the Museum over the past few years. Now those buried in the cemetery have been identified and details of their lives and deaths recorded. There is no cost to attend the occasion, but as a light afternoon tea is being provided, please RSVP Kay on 0439 992 250 for catering purposes.

DUTY ROSTER

SUN 16 FEB: David Gordon, Rex Beveridge

SUN 23 FEB: Greg Gardner, Helena Flinn

SUN 1 MAR: Kay Leyshon

The Museum is open to the public Sundays and Thursdays 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Admission is \$10.00 (\$8.00 concession). Members are free.
Email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com

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From the Lions Den continued

The Australian Lions have been active in the aftermath of the bushfires. Well over \$1,000,000 was allocated by the Australian

Lions Foundation for assistance to the victims, to date over \$900,000 has been spent. Not only are we helping to supply fuel for the cartage of hay but a need was found for the supply of water tanks and tools for the people to get started back on their farms.

The Lions are purchasing, fitting and filling the 23,000 litre tanks for the farmer so that they at least have clean water. This came about because a farmer said to his local Lion "if we had water, a generator and a caravan, we could get started." In one area alone we have purchased over 80 tanks and they are in the process of being fitted up. Already two ute and tandem trailer loads of tools have been taken to affected areas for distribution.

The Dunkeld & District Community Bank and Kelly's hardware store will both receive tools that people would like to donate to the fire victims. **So if you have any tools that are surplus to your requirements please think of donating them to those affected by the fires.**

In regards to hay, we are working in with the VFF and assisting with the cost of transport. It costs between \$5.00 and \$6.00 per kilometre to transport the hay. **If you would like to donate money or hay please contact me on 5577 2460.**

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RED CROSS NEWS:

The Dunkeld Branch members are sad to say 'au revoir' to our most senior member **Olwyn**

Hogan, who has re-located to Maryborough and who sends her love to everyone. We are concerned that **Vice President Helena** has been suffering with an unknown illness for some weeks now and are hopeful that she will soon be on the right track to recovery and back in our midst again.

As with other organisations, the **major Appeal** for this year is of course the **Bush Fire Recovery Appeal**, which is ongoing. Donations can be made at the **Post Office** or through any **member** of the local branch.

The **donations** from home and abroad have passed the **\$127 m** mark, which is carefully managed and distributed by a team, processing hundreds of applications, with **\$61 million** going to immediate support.

Some recent **negative / false reports** have been of no help to the organisation, the hundreds of trained and accredited volunteers, nor to the victims of this monumental event. It is expected that **less than 10%** will be used in administration, financial accountability and the meeting of legal

obligations. **External advisors** are appointed to the **Funds Advisory Panel**, which oversees the allocation and distribution of funds, **\$11.7 million** having already gone to **1,180 grants**.

Red Cross posts daily updates on their **website** (redcross.org.au) and regularly notifies the press and branch members of the ongoing **tasks** involved. Here are **some** of them:

As of **July 2019**, Red Cross teams have responded to **20 fires** and supported **110 Relief Centres**.

Registered over **64,000 people** through Register. Find. Reunite Service ... powered by 2,750 (mostly volunteers) Red Cross people.

Provided **psychological first aid**.

Provided **food, water, relief items** to people cut off by fires in Victoria.

Made **welfare checks** by phone and in person.

Given **\$10,000 grants** to those whose homes were destroyed.

Made **\$20,000 payments** to families of those who have died in fire.

Supplied **psychological needs assessments** to some of the affected communities.

Given **\$7,500** to those hospitalised for two days or more, as a result of fire.

Tailored a **recovery plan** (committed \$18 m) to support communities for the next three years at least.

More next newsletter....

Our **first meeting** for **2020** will be held in the **Henry Leech RSL Room** on **Monday 24 February at 2.00pm**. New members and visitors are always welcome to join us.

Iris Field, Secretary



GDFNC invites new and returning netballers to attend 2020 preseason training

Senior players

Wed 19th February – Dunkeld Rec Reserve, 6:15 – 7:15PM
 Wed 26th February – Piccaninny car park, Halls Gap Rd, 6 – 7PM
 Wed 4th March - Dunkeld Rec Reserve, 6:15 – 7:15PM

Team selection to be held over three weeks:

*Wed 11th March
 Thurs 19th March
 Thurs 26th March*

**Players must attend at least 2 selection nights*

Junior players

Thursday nights commencing 26th March
 Time: 5 – 6PM

Venue: Dunkeld Rec Reserve

17&U and 15&U players welcome to attend senior preseason training

All enquires to gdfncnettynews@gmail.com



2020 Dunkeld Hockey

We are registering expressions of interest for junior hockey players to field our Division 5 Team (7-10 years) and Division 4 Team (under 14 years). Both teams are mixed and play on

Saturdays at Pedrina Park during Terms 2 and 3 (excluding holiday period).

Trainings will commence after school towards the end of Term 1 - more details to follow. Please contact Lea for more information or to register interest.

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DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Dunkeld Community Centre Committee are very pleased to announce the appointment of Annette Jones as the Manager of the Centre. Mel Wood resigned as Manager in December 2019.

Annette started at the Centre on Tuesday 28 January 2020. Annette will be at the Centre Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 2.00pm. She is keen to hear your ideas for events and workshops. Please call in and say hello.

A new committee was appointed to the Centre in 2019.

Committee members are:

Mary-Ann Brown [Chairperson]

Val Templeton [Secretary]

Nikki Parker [Treasurer]

George Fitzpatrick

Doug Fleming

Tania Lowe

Geoff Parker

Wendy Trotter-Prust

Margy Wentworth

Terry Noble [Dunkeld RSL representative]

Upcoming Events:

Friday 6 March 10.30am

World Day of Prayer [Pray for Zimbabwe]

Bring and share lunch to follow.

Friday 1 May

Rural Women's Forum.

Contact details for the centre:

Phone: 0412 855 359 or 5577 2333

Email: info@sterlingplace.com.au

Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 2.00pm



Dunkeld SES Search and Rescue Recruitment Information Night

Dunkeld SES are holding a Search and Rescue community engagement evening for all interested minded community members to attend.

This informal Community Engagement night is for all interested members of the Dunkeld and District Community who would like to consider joining SES to be part of a Search and Rescue team initiative being developed at the Dunkeld SES unit.

As most people in the community are by now aware, the work load for this particular area of operations is certainly on the increase and in the coming 12-24 months it is forecast that there will be an upsurge in tourist numbers visiting this end of the Grampians, with the expectation of between 10-30,000 people over the coming years therefore, the potential for call-outs for Search and /or Rescue will be also significantly increased.

In the last few weeks the Dunkeld Unit have been called out to assist Police and Ambulance with carry outs, from injured hikers to lost persons, two from Northern Grampians and two from the Southern end, so already the Units workload has increased.

It is hoped the Dunkeld SES Unit could attract interested skilled or non- skilled persons who are bush walkers, hikers, rangers, farmers, explorers, who have experience and knowledge of the Grampians and its tracks.

So, if you feel you would like to support Dunkeld SES and make a contribution to your community please come along to the Dunkeld Emergency Service Complex on Wednesday 19 February at 7:30pm for an informal community engagement and information night and please feel free to bring a friend, or friends who you feel would be interested in being part of a Search and Rescue Team.

Stay Safe.

DUNKELD SES

Greg Gardner

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* Aerial shot of a recent fuel reduction burn along Fairburn Street



* A water bomber dropping retardant on a containment line at the recent Mount Sturgeon fire

Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade News

The Dunkeld CFA has had a busy start to the fire danger period responding to a number of fires in December and into January. Several crews and the tanker were also dispatched as part of a strike team to help with asset protection and containment works in the Budj Bim fire complex near Macarthur.

The brigade is excited to announce that we have been successful in our 2019-2020 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program grant to replace the second tanker in the station – the Dunkeld Suzi. This is a fantastic boost for the brigade as well as the local community and will ensure that our volunteer firefighters have the most up to date equipment at their disposal for dealing with emergency situations. The Dunkeld Suzi was purchased by the brigade in 1989 and has served the community extremely well for the past 30 years as a second truck. The replacement tanker will be a 4x4 crew cab configuration with all the latest in safety features and the firefighting platform is significantly upgraded from the Suzi. As part of the successful application the brigade will contribute \$50,000 to the new truck.

We have welcomed a number of new brigade members who have recently completed their Wildfire Firefighter training to the brigade. It was fantastic to see some of these new members familiarizing themselves with the trucks and equipment at a recent fuel reduction burn on the Old Ararat Road and along Fairburn Street in town. The brigade has also helped out neighbouring brigade Strathmore with fuel reduction and roadside burns over the last two weeks and hope to continue our own program in the near future.

Finally, a HUGE Thank You to the students, staff and parents of the Dunkeld Consolidated School for their very generous donation of \$500.00 to the brigade following the Grade 6 class 'My Business Rules' program. We hope to use this donation to replace an aging fridge at the station and continue to upgrade our facilities for our volunteer firefighters and brigade members.

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Dunkeld & District
Community Bank Branch



It's hard to believe, that on 8 February, we at Dunkeld & District

Community Bank Branch, celebrated our 9th birthday. We have enjoyed a fantastic nine years and thanks to you, have been able to invest over \$230,000 back into the Community.

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you in the forthcoming years.

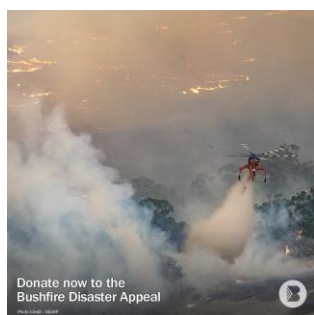


Naked Farmer Calendars

The 2020 Naked Farmer Calendars are available in branch, with all proceeds going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service – Rural Mental Health. Only \$19.95.

First Home Loan Deposit Scheme

Attention first home buyers!
Are you eligible for the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme? Get in touch to find out if you qualify to buy your first home with a 5% minimum deposit.



Bushfire Appeal

In partnership with the Salvation Army, we are raising funds Australia-wide for all communities impacted by bushfires. Show your support by donating at any Bendigo

Bank branch or online at
bendigo.bank.com.au/bushfiredisasterappeal.

Susan Clarke Artworks ABN 25 149 242 059

Printmaking Workshop - Lino printing

Workshop Date: Saturday 14 MARCH
Time: 10 till 2 pm
Location: DUNKELD OFF THE TRAX
Contact: susanclarkeartworks@gmail.com
Ph: 0409 431 960

Cost: \$70 per person Please pay amount to confirm your place. Latest payment date will be 7 March. There will be no refund after that date.

Susan Clarke
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Further information:

This session will cover:

1. Safe work practices - inks, tools etc...
2. Printing processes - hand printing using baren and ternes burton pins (small press also available)
3. Exercises for beginners or those returning and two small works will be created during the session

What you are required to bring:

1. A drawing about postcard size to use for your lino print inspiration
 - Think about a balance of dark and light.
 - Please use your own image or copyright free images
 - Not too much fine detail for a first image.
2. A snack, if you require something other than morning tea more before 2.00pm.

What I supply:

1. All the materials for the day and aprons. Just bring yourself and your drawing!
2. Morning tea – please advise if you have any dietary requirements.

The session begins at 10.00am. There is time for coffee or tea whenever you would like. We will have a break for morning tea, but we won't be stopping for lunch.

Looking forward to a fun session of art making. See you there. Sue

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REAR/18/2019/1/1/1

A New Year commences

Greetings everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the time relaxing, with or without families, and are suitably renewed for 2020. Having said this, I realize that many people haven't had the chance to relax, serving others or fighting/preventing fires etc. Thank you!

What a strange weather menu we have been delivered: up and down like a yo-yo; rather challenging to humans, creatures and plants alike. In the bush, some of the plants don't seem to know what season it is and are flowering for a second time!



Not many orchids are flowering at the end of December. Indeed, most traces of winter and spring orchids have disappeared. So it was with delight that I stopped in my tracks up the Piccaninny to observe a most beautiful orchid. Its pale pink flowers were offset by mauvish-grey and

sandstone-ochre boulders nearby. Lichens of palest greens, greys and whites drooled over their surfaces. Behind, a double-headed grass tree threw shafts of light from its slender, arching leaves.

Most of you are probably familiar with this orchid. Its tall, thick stems are of deepest burgundy and are so strong that they can emerge through hard, solid clay, as I learned in Macedon many years ago. They support a loose, terminal raceme of pale pink flowers, of which the inner petals are spotted in light burgundy. The lower blooms open first, leaving a tiny pyramid of creamy buds splashed in pinkish-mauve at the top. Each flower connects to the stem via a long pink pedicel. Each pink petal seems to be lobed, with three petals encircling a centred labellum. Near the latter are two pink petals, or sepals, creating an upside down V-shape.



This orchid has no leaves and is known as a saprophyte, living on dead organic matter, supplied by a fungus in the root system of the associated plant. The latter interesting information was supplied by Rodger Elliot in "Grampians Flora".

Oh, I haven't revealed its name, which, by now I am sure you have guessed. It is the Hyacinth Orchid, *Dipodium punctatum*, a lone flash of colour in the green-grey bush.

By Marion Colton



SCHOOL NEWS

From Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal

Welcome to the new school year! It has been lovely to see the bright faces of all our students back and excited to get into their classes. We hope everyone had a lovely, relaxing break and look forward to the year ahead. I would to extend a warm welcome to new families to our school community: Kate and Robin Wickens with daughter Nellie; Jean and Tony Roache with daughter Michaela; Sarah and Nick O'Keefe with son Jackson; Dee and Ryan Gerring with daughter Dempsey; Jemimah Kendall with son Owen; and Clare Myers with daughter Grace.

Welcome again to our teaching staff for this year: Prep/Year

GARDEN NOTES – FEBRUARY



At this time of the year, it is wise to order any particular varieties of roses or deciduous trees which you may require for winter delivery. The sooner you order the better the chance of your nurseryman obtaining top quality plants. Winter vegetables can be expensive and hard to obtain. You can plant now for winter harvest such crops as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Brussels sprouts, silver beet, spinach, carrots, parsnips and turnips.

February is a good time to prune your geraniums and pelargoniums to keep them tidy and compact also to encourage new autumn and winter growth to produce good flower displays during the following spring and summer. All that you need to do is to remove any dead, weak or broken shoots and shorten other shoots by about half.

Lavenders and daisies can also be pruned during the next month so. With summer now at its peak we can enjoy the full effect of the displays of warm weather loving annuals which we planted in the spring. February, March and April are the main planting months for winter and spring flowering bulbs. Their main requirements are an open, sunny position, well-drained soil and protection from very strong wind. Compost or a light application of well decayed animal manure will be beneficial. Full information regarding the planting depth and other specific needs are printed on packages in which bulbs are sold.

Harvesting and storage of your fruit crops requires care and planning. Soft fruit such as peaches, plums etc will only "hold" for a very short time after picking, however, this may be prolonged by storing in the vegetable sections of your refrigerator. Drying, bottling or stewing and freezing are your main long-term storage options.

Apples and pears should be picked when they are feeling ripe, not before or after. This will vary depending on variety, district and seasonal factors. The main ways to determine when a fruit is ripe include skin colour, firmness of the flesh, ease of harvest and the most reliable method of all – taste.

Fruit should be handled and graded carefully with only the best quality chosen for long term storage.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery

1: Mrs Jackie McShane and Mrs Jayne Greig; Year 1/2: Mrs Jane Higgins and Mrs Ann Howard; Year 3: Mrs Anne Gilbert and Mrs Dee Gerring; Year 4/5: Miss Mary-Ellen Evans; Year 5/6: Mrs Naomie Phillips. Thank you for all your preparation so far and all the best for a wonderful year with your students.

Welcome back to our hard working staff in Terrie Nicholson, Business Manager and Christy Lazzari, Administrative Assistant in the front office, along with our Education Support and MiniLit staff in Helen Trahar, Angus Lean and Clare Kennedy.

Welcome back to Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre, our wonderful Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden ("SAKG") specialists. Thank you for providing our students with the wonderful experiences you do. How lucky our children are!

Mr Paul Jeffreys has extended his leave, so we wish Paul well and I will therefore continue on as Acting Principal in the meantime. I thank staff who have increased their time fractions to again provide a seamless transition for students. I look forward to working with students, staff and the community to continue to strive forward with our wonderful school.

School Council

School Council has approved a Pupil Free Day on Wednesday 18 March 2020 for all teaching staff to attend The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar in Melbourne.

The Sheep Drive fundraiser raised a total of \$8,295.84 in December last year, for the school's Camping Program and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects. A sincere thank you all the people who generously donated livestock and to our President, Luke Balkin, who co-ordinated and organised this fundraiser on behalf of School Council.

The School Review will be conducted during this term.

2020 School Leadership Positions

Congratulations to the following students on their appointments for 2020:

School Captains:

Georgia Adams and Hayden Phillips

Wannon House Captains

Lucy Fraser and Angus Frost

Sturgeon House Captains:

Grace Potter and George Field

SAKG Captains:

Lillian Glazebrook, Leah Morelli, Oliver Falla, Myles Alderman

Student Voice:

Connor Gordon, Bonnie Jackson, Ryan Murcott, Jemima Ross, Georgia Trotter, Alisha Cross, Grace Myers

Mirranatwa School Bus Captains:

Ryan Murcott, Myles Alderman, Lucy Fraser

Woodhouse School Bus Captains:

Hayden Phillips, Georgia Adams, Alisha Cross, Jemima Ross

Visitors – Sign In and Out Requirements

All visitors to our school, including parents and relatives of our students, are required to sign a Visitors Book at the school administration office upon arrival. Upon signing in, visitors will receive a lanyard stating their purpose as either a visitor or volunteer. Similarly, visitors are required to 'sign out' in the Visitors Book at the end of their visit and return

their lanyard to the school office. As a Child Safe School, this is a requirement of Ministerial Order No. 870.

Under the Summary Offences Act 1966 and subsequent amendments, the Principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within the school, and also has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the school boundaries outside school operating hours.

School Assemblies

Whole school assemblies will this year take place on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm.

House Swimming Sports

The school's House Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 14 February at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool.

SAKG Program

SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes for 2020 will commence on Thursday 20 February. We still have some 2020 SAKG calendars in stock, which are available for \$15.00 each and packs of assorted gift cards (five to a pack) at \$5.00 each. Please contact the school office if you wish to purchase any items.



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 (\$40.00 per person) for 2020 is now due. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.

Vale – Jude Beshears: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch was saddened to hear that former General Office Manager at ANZAC House, Mrs Jude Beshears, passed away on 5 February 2020. The following notice was published in the Herald Sun:

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our former colleague and dear friend, Jude. Jude commenced working at the State Branch in 1989 as Secretary to the State President, Mr Bruce Ruxton. Her other roles during her 30 year employment included EA to the Chief Financial Officer, EA to the Licensed Sub-Branches Association Manager, Secretary to the CEO and 19 years as the General Office Manager. During that time, Jude dealt with hundreds of veterans and Sub-Branch personnel and made many friends along the way across our Sub-Branch network.

She was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the League in 2017 and recognised with an Australia Day Achievement Medallion in 2004.

The State President, the State Executive, and Jude's many friends at ANZAC House extend their deepest sympathy to Chris, Ryan, Isabelle and Bridget on their very sad loss. She will remain alive in many of our hearts. God Bless Jude.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Dr Robert Webster OAM, State President

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