Dunkeld & District Newsletter

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DUNKELD JETTY OPENING

David Hampton cutting the ribbon

A great evening was enjoyed at the arboretum on Sunday 6 February. The weather was perfect and the setting even more perfect. Everyone enjoyed the Mobile Zoo and I am sure learnt a lot from Jamie who obviously loves his animals.

The Dunkeld Public Lands Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this event such a success, a special thanks to Jason Linskens for organising the fishing competition and Matt Lowe for the handball competition.

It has been a long process to get to this point, at times we thought it might not happen.
Our thanks go to the following sponsors who made this jetty possible: Bill and Cee Blackwell, Linct Group Pty Ltd, Dunkeld & District Community Bank, Dunkeld Public Lands Committee, Dunkeld Racing Club, Dunkeld Sawmill Group and Dunkeld Tourism Association

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Jane Duncombe $40

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Co-Pastor: Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161 Email: patrick.mugavin@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161 Email: george.kuruvila@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1st Week	Sunday	February 6	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	February 13		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3rd Week	Sunday	February 20	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	February 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

Anglican services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at Saint Mary's at 5.00pm with Father David Oulton.
All Welcome.
Please sign in when you arrive. Enquiries to Father David on 5571 1317.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

The next Service at Panyyabyr Uniting Church will be held on Sunday 13 February at 4.30 p.m. and will be conducted by Elaine Edwards. We'll have a shared late Afternoon Tea at the close of the service. We would love to have you join us.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
7	8	9 Newsletter issue 1 distributed	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23 Newsletter issue 2 distributed	24	25	26	27
28 Dunkeld Red Cross Meeting 2.00pm	1 MARCH	2	3	4 Newsletter issue 3 deadline	5	6

2022 Australia Day Celebrations in Dunkeld

In the lead-up to Australia Day we started hearing about other towns cancelling their celebrations and we received a phone call from the Shire asking if we were going ahead with ours. I said, “Mate, this is Dunkeld we would celebrate anything, yes we will be celebrating.” (How could you not celebrate being citizens of the greatest country in the world).

The ceremonies were to start at 8.00am so the Lions were there before 7.00am to set up. By 7.45am our Master of Ceremonies, Mr John Smith, was telling our two School Captains what their part in the ceremony would be. At this stage we only had one problem, there were only about ten people there. Our guest speaker, Mr Simon Armytage, was talking with the two recipients and as we neared the starting time, the people arrived. We started at 8.00am and the crowd had swelled to about eighty people and Mrs Heather Macgugan started the ball rolling with the National Anthem.

Mr Smith called on the School Captains, Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters, to unfurl the flag and then introduced Simon as our guest speaker (as always, he was entertainment itself, but his speech was one that did make you think about in particular our part of this great country).

Mr Smith then gave some details about our 2021 recipient, Mr Peter Flinn AM (we could not hold the celebrations last year because of Covid restrictions), and our 2022 recipient, Mrs Heather Funk.

As in other years I listened to what our recipients had done for not only our community but the wider community as well. The work put into the community by these people is a credit to them and their families because they could not do it without the support of their families.

Both recipients then addressed the crowd and thanked their families and the other people in the various organisations that they had worked with. This was followed by the breakfast in the park supplied by the Lions Club members. Thank you to our two recipients for the work that they have done over the years and congratulations, those awards were well deserved.

To the people that helped on the day, thank you.

To the Southern Grampians Shire Council, thank you for your help and support, they were represented by Councillor Mary-Ann Brown and they had the park looking a picture, as always. Thank you.

2022 Citizenship Award – Mrs Heather Funk:
Heather was born at “Arrandoon”, Branxholme, Victoria the eldest daughter of Norm and Margaret Gorrie. She has two sisters, Jenny Crawford and Rosemary Langley. Heather was educated at the Branxholme State School and then the Hamilton High School and left in 1973 after completing Form 5.

After she left school she worked on the family farm, dairy and sheep, and also worked part-time at Warrawong farm for the Sharp family of Branxholme. This was one of the first tourist farms in the area.

Heather did not play sport but gardened from a very early age and also shared a special interest in horses with her father. They bred and broke in several foals each year, and also showed their stud Jersey cattle.

Bill and Heather married and she moved to Dunkeld in April 1980. They built a new home on the family farm “Mereweather Estate”, five kilometres from Dunkeld and raised three children, Claire, Charles and Robert. They ran fine wool sheep and Hereford cattle. Apart from working on the farm Heather has done gardening for other people, cleaned houses and cooked at Café Kittani and recently at Koopmans. She still runs a cottage for self-contained accommodation, has a large garden and seven wonderful grandchildren.

In their time at Dunkeld, Heather has been involved in quite a few groups over the years and has held office bearer positions in some of them. Here is an example of the groups:

- Hamilton Young Farmers.
- Uniting Church in Branxholme, Dunkeld and Hamilton.
- Dunkeld Cemetery Trust for thirty-five years.
- Moutajup and District Red Cross.
- Dunkeld and District Museum from when it was first established.
- Dunkeld Consolidated School Parents Club.
- Co-ordinator for Junior Red Cross at Dunkeld Consolidated School.
- School garden with Mrs Heather Napier.
- Swimming lessons with Mr Arthur Bowen and Mrs Jen McArthur.
- Dunkeld CFA.
- Dunkeld Arboretum.
- South-West Embroidery Group.

Heather considers one of the highlights of her involvement in community work has been being involved in the work carried out at the Old Dunkeld Cemetery, the maintenance of the graves and grounds, and the collation of the known history of the people. It would be almost impossible to work out how many hours have gone into this project by a dedicated, hardworking group.

Heather enjoys being part of a group of people dedicated to working for the community as can be seen by the years of service that she has put in.

2021 Citizenship Award – Mr Peter Flinn:
Peter Flinn was born in Melbourne in 1948 and educated at Ashburton State School (1954-1960) and Ashwood High School (1961-1966). He graduated from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology with a Diploma of Applied Chemistry in 1970. Following a year working as an assistant chemist in the metals industry, he gained a position with the former Victorian Department of Agriculture at its Pastoral Research Station (later the Pastoral and Veterinary Institute), Hamilton, where he worked for 33 years until November 2003.

Following a six-month study in Scotland in 1987, Peter graduated with a Master of Science degree from the University of Aberdeen in 1991, specialising in the analysis of forages and feeds using NIR spectroscopy. He initiated the Department's successful FEEDTEST® business, and also participated in national research projects on this topic until 2020. He is a Life Member of the Australian Fodder Industry Association.

On Australia Day 2020, Peter was named as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to agricultural research through the promotion of near infrared spectroscopy.

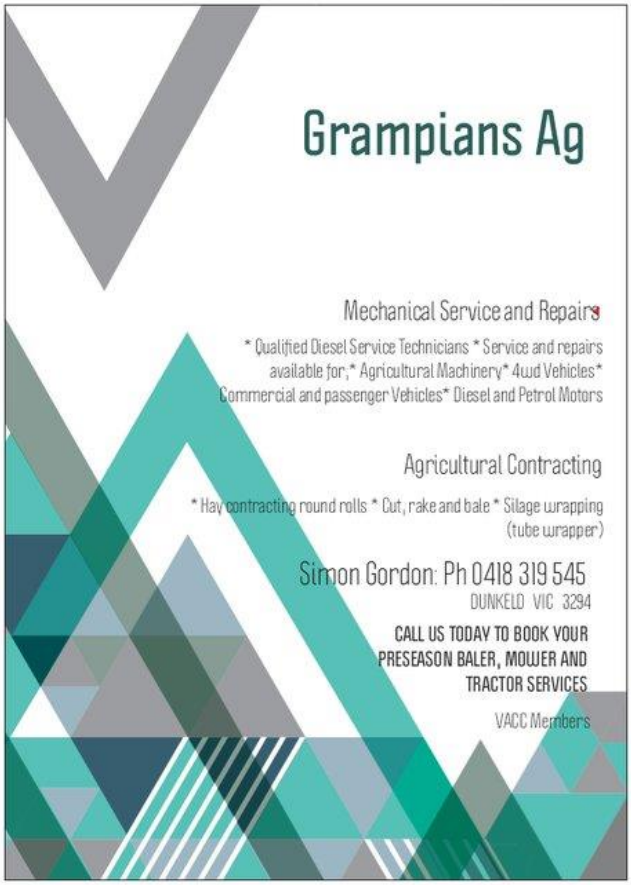
Peter boarded at Woodhouse in January 1971 and settled in Dunkeld later that year, where he has lived for 50 years.

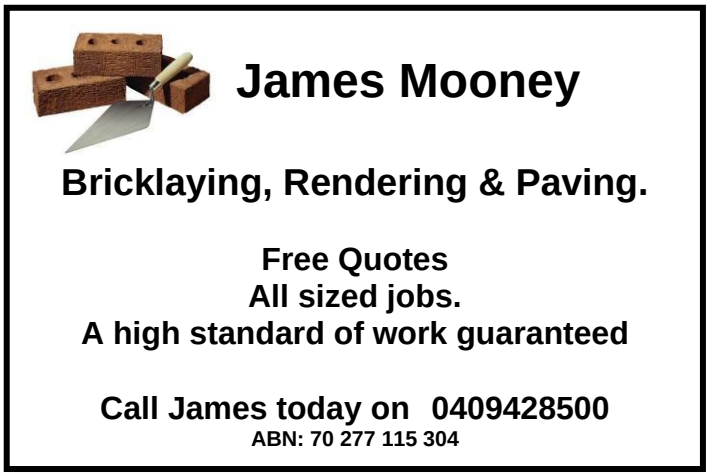
Peter's community service has included the following:

- Inaugural President, Dunkeld Young Farmers Club 1973-1974
- Secretary, Dunkeld State Emergency Service 1972-1982
- Treasurer, Mulleraterong Centre, Hamilton 1974-1978
- Secretary, Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade 1973-2017
- Secretary, Region 5 Rural Fire Brigades Association 1975-1982
- Secretary, Mt Rouse Fire Brigades Group 1985-1992
- Radio operator, Dunkeld Fire Brigade Sub-Base 1979-1992
- Group Communications Officer, Serra Fire Brigades Group 1992-2017
- Secretary, Grampians Asset Protection (GAP) 2006-present
- President, Dunkeld Public Hall Committee 1979-1985
- Member, Dunkeld Consolidated School Council 1988-1993
- Committee Member, The Howitt Society 2018-present

Peter was made a Life Member of Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade in 2009, and a Life Member of the CFA in 2019.

He makes the point that, whatever he may have achieved, it could never have been done without the strong and unwavering support of his late wife, Helena – who herself received a much-deserved Dunkeld Australia Day Award in 2010.





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RED CROSS NEWS

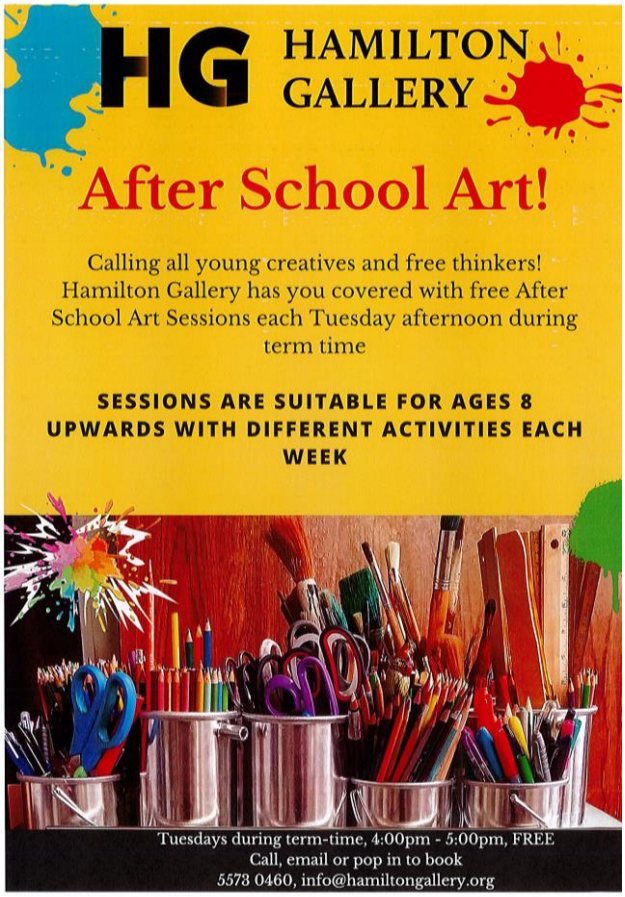
As we are aware, our Pacific neighbour **Tonga**, has suffered hugely from tsunami damage and the covering of volcanic ash, following the recent eruption of the volcano in the Pacific. Prior to the resulting tsunami, **Tonga Red Cross** helped with the evacuation of communities to higher ground. They are now supporting government assessments on outer islands and evacuation efforts and with the distribution of **Red Cross relief supplies** to affected communities. These are things such as shelter kits, tarps, hygiene kits, buckets and non-food articles...enough to support 1200 families.

The **Australian Red Cross** has reached its emergency target needed to give immediate relief for the **Tonga Appeal**, and they are **monitoring the situation**, alongside the **Tonga Red Cross,** ready to respond further. They have **shipped** further **relief stocks** on board ***HMAS Adelaide***, including shelter kits, solar lanterns, jerry cans, tarpaulins and mosquito nets. 'The plan aims to support 7,500 people over 4 months.'

Donations to the International Disaster Fund can be sent online to: redcross.org.au/tonga or by phone on 1800 733 276.

Our first **meeting for 2022** is planned for **Monday 28 February** at 2 .00pm, at the **Henry Leech RSL Room**. Make sure that you have your **vaccination registration** in place, simply by phoning **Carolyn Ratnik** on **0467 781 278** with your vax dates, or call me on 5574 0202, and I can do it for you. The **fines** for not doing so are horrendous!

Iris Field,
Secretary



STURGEON VIEW

Formerly Café 109

109a Parker Street
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Ph: 03 5577 2288

Monday closed
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
In-between lunch and dinner service light snacks are available from 2.30pm – 5.00pm

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.Chicken Schnitzels – 4 x schnitzels chips gravy & salad $70

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.Beer Wine Mixed Spirits available

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SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to the new school year! It is lovely to see the happy smiling faces of all our students, excited to get into their classes. We hope everyone had a lovely, relaxing break and look forward to the year ahead. We certainly hope for a much more settled time in 2022 and look forward to seeing all our students grow through their educational endeavours.

Congratulations to our Year 2/3 teacher, Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan and her husband, Ash, on their exciting news of a baby on the way.

I would like to welcome back our familiar families and extend a warm welcome to new families to our school community:

Jess and Leigh Bubb – Max in Prep.
Sybil and Sam Clark – Annie in Prep.
Janna Heard and Robert Harris – Thomas in Prep.
Clare and Simon Roach – Hannah in Prep.
Emma Stuart and Dean Oliver – Redmond in Prep.
Elizabeth Lawrence and Ben Andrew – Roy in Prep.
Our other new Preps for 2022 are Spencer Cant-McKindlay, Marli Mibus, Jaylon O'Keeffe, Sam Parkinson, Harry Prentice, Liam Riddle and Alex Sutherland, all of whom have older siblings at our school.

Welcome again to our wonderful staff for this year:
Prep/Year 1: Mrs Anne Gilbert and Mrs Jackie McShane
Year 2/3: Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan and Mrs Jackie McShane
Year 4/5: Mrs Jackie Mibus
Year 5/6: Mrs Naomie Phillips
Tutor Learning Program: Mrs Alyce Wilson
Education Support: Ms Helen Trahar and Ms Clare Kennedy
SAKG Program: Mrs Lisa McIntyre and Ms Clare Kennedy
Business Manager: Mrs Terrie Nicholson

Thank you to all staff for your preparation so far and all the best for a wonderful year with your students. I look forward to working with students, staff, and the community to continue to strive forward with our wonderful school.

Learning to Learn Program
We are again running our Learning to Learn program for the first two weeks of schooling. All year levels are involved in this program, which supports every child as they step-up and into their new year level. The unit sets the standard for our curriculum programs (English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science etc) as new skills and understandings will be taught about our expectations in each year level. We believe this will ensure every student is well-prepared and supported for a successful academic year. There is an emphasis on developing a growth mindset, working collaboratively, and utilising learning tools and strategies for effective learning. These learning skills fit well within our Play is the Way and Resilience Project programs, promoting capable, resilient, and confident learners.

Swimming Program
Our swimming program will be held from Monday 7 February to Friday 18 February, where there will be a splash carnival for Years Prep – Year 1, followed by a picnic in the park and House Swimming events for Years 2 to 6 in the afternoon. A little reminder that all spectators that attend will need to have proof of double vaccination in order (and will need to check-in via the QR Code) with Southern Grampians Shire Council guidelines.

Assemblies
The first School Assembly was held on Friday 4 February**,** where presentations of Year 6 Leadership badges and Class Captain announcements were made. Future assemblies will

be held on alternate Fridays at 2:40pm (unless stated otherwise).

Vital COVIDSafe Steps
We continue in 2022 to adhere to strict hygiene measures, including hand washing and sanitisation, with continued education on best hygiene practises. Students in Grade 3 and above must wear masks indoors at school, even if vaccinated. Prep to Grade 2 students are strongly recommended to wear a face mask indoors at school. Grade 2 students in the Grade 2/3 composite class are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Students are not required to wear masks outside. We will also make sure that classrooms are well ventilated by opening windows and doors, to minimise the risk of infection. We have received ten air purifiers, which will be used around the school as an added safety measure.

Volunteers
We are thrilled to be able to have family members and friends onsite again for volunteer purposes, such as our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. All volunteers are required to sign in and out at the front office, follow COVID19 procedures and have a Working With Children Check (WWCC). More information on how you can volunteer at our school in 2022 will be made available soon. We appreciate our community involvement.

Open Morning
We will be holding an Open Morning to officially welcome all our families back to the school. A confirmed date will be made in the coming weeks.

Thank you.
Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

2021 Year 6 Graduation and Awards

Our Grade 6 Graduation, which was held on 14 December 2021 at the Dunkeld Consolidated School, was a showcase of our students' abilities and how much they have achieved in seven years of Primary School. Each student gave a speech detailing their experiences at school and where they hope to be in the future. It was amazing to see the confidence they all showed speaking in front of a crowd.

School Council presented each student with a pen and a class photo as a memento of their time at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Thank you to Izzy's Cafe who generously provided catering and to the Grade 5 parents and students who prepared all the decorations for a masquerade theme. The Grade 6 students were extremely excited and had a wonderful night.

Each parent from the following families (who were leaving our school at the end of last year) was presented with a parting gift:

- Jo and Daniel Aarons
- Sally Armytage and Anthony Graham
- Karyn and Andrew Hassett
- Annette and Andrew Huf
- Bev Hampton and Jason Linskens
- Erin Pimm and Adam Rappaport
- Anna Topia and Nick Reynolds

Award recipients on the night were:

- **Dux:** Edie Jackson
- **Dunkeld Scholarships:** Cadence Huf and Mitchell Gordon
- **Williams Family Sports Scholarship:** Sebastian Aarons
- **Citizenship Award:** Louis Lazzari

School Leadership Positions 2022
Congratulations to the following students on their appointments for 2022:

- **School Captains:** Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters
- **Wannon House Captains:** Phoebe Lazzari and Indi Mibus
- **Sturgeon House Captains:** Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross
- **SAKG Captains:** Charlie Linke and Ella Peters
- **Student Voice:** Ava Balkin, Sean Bird, Heidi Burger and Darcy Potter
- **Mirranatwa School Bus Captain:** Heidi Burger
- **Woodhouse School Bus Captain:** Jack Jones

Presentations of Year 6 Leadership badges and Term 1 Class Captain announcements were made at last week's Special Assembly on Friday 4 February. Prep students were also presented to the whole school, with their Year 6 Buddy. A friendly reminder that parents and visitors are required to follow COVID-19 procedures including QR Code check-in and sign-in at the school office and proof of full vaccination (or valid medical exemption), social distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene.

Welcome to our wonderful 2022 Prep and Year 1 Class
What are start to 2022!
The excitement was real as we welcomed our Year 1 students back and we were extremely proud of how our new Prep students atheistically arrived and behaved throughout the day. There were a few nerves, but also many big smiles as the year began.

We kicked off our day by playing in our new classroom. New friendships were made and the Year 1 students were very happy to be playing together again. A quick tour of the school and a run around in the fresh air before we had our fruit was just the perfect start to our day.
The Art room was a huge hit where we created our first day back 'crowns'. We used the school pastels and feathers and made our crowns look smashing! The day flew by and just before lunch we were introduced to our Prep/Year 6 Buddies. We enjoyed lunch with them and loved playing outside. We concluded our day with a story and packing our new satchels and bags.

Australia Day Ceremony
Our School Captains, Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman, attended their first official function as school representatives at the recent Australia Day Ceremony in Dunkeld. Ben and Charlotte were involved in raising the Australian flag during the ceremony.

Fundraising Amounts from 2021
During 2021, the students (with their families' amazing support) have raised $578.85 through the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Funky Hair Day, Do It For Dolly Day, Casual Dress Days and My Business Rules. This is a great result, from a small school. Even more special is that the senior students decide which charities/organisations to donate to, and why. They have demonstrated a great deal of knowledge and compassion, and we are very proud of them. Thank you all for your support of this very worthwhile activity.
The following not-for-profit organisations received support from our school in 2021:

- Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal $349.65
- Leukaemia Foundation $97.00
- Dolly's Dream $132.20

The Year 6 students raised a total of $1,283.45 through their 2021 My Business Rules project and they decided to donate the proceeds to an upcoming project at our school, our new outdoor learning space.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes will commence on Friday 4 March 2022.
Information about the school's SAKG Kitchen and Garden Program will be forwarded in the near future.

Dunkeld Arboretum Excursion
On Friday 10 December 2021; Year 4, 5 and 6 students carried out research on some of the river red gums at the Dunkeld Arboretum. Students were given a map and reference numbers to find the trees and they used calculations to estimate the age of each tree. Their task was to measure the circumference, 1.3 metres above ground level and the diameter of these tree. The measurements will help calculate how much plastic sheeting will be needed to wrap around these magnificent trees as guards to protect against local animals climbing them and eating the foliage. Prep to Year 3 students joined them to participate in a flora and fauna survey. Students, staff and the SAKG Friends enjoyed a lovely barbecue lunch supplied by the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members. It was lovely to be able to enjoy time with the committee once again. Thank you to the SAKG Friends and the Dunkeld and District Lions Club.

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.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING HUB

Wellways Office
Suite7/130 Lonsdale Street, Hamilton

The pandemic has affected everyone in different ways. It's safe to say - we all have a lot going on.

Even as Victoria reopens, it's important to take care of your mental health and know that help is available near you.

Wellways Mental health and Wellbeing HUB is here to help you with a range of different issues or concerns, ranging from mental health, anxiety, or any distress you may have. Whatever your concern, the Hub is great first point of call if you need help.

- Someone to listen to your concerns or distress
- Questions about supports services
- Social groups/ Support groups
- Wellbeing mentoring
- Referrals to other services
- Any questions or guidance you may need
- Response to impact of Covid-19 on mental health and wellbeing

Call 5560 3000
for a chat and more information.

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOC.

The Dunkeld Progress Association (DPA) is a voice between the Dunkeld community and the Shire of Southern Grampians. The DPA meets at the Dunkeld Community Centre, Sterling Place on the first Monday of each month. Time: 7.30pm (Covid Safe conditions).

Please feel welcome to attend.

Committee vacancies
- Secretary and/or Minutes Secretary
- Media Liaison

Please contact us ASAP should you be interested (dunkeld.progress@gmail.com)

Membership (February 2022 - January 2023) is open to Dunkeld residents and Dunkeld-based business owners with a 3294 postcode. Residents and Not-For-Profit Groups - Membership Fee $5 per annum.

Business - Membership Fee $10 per annum
- promotion on DPA Website www.dunkeldvictoria.org.au

Membership forms available at meetings, Dunkeld Post Office and on the website. Membership can also be paid via internet transfer (details are listed below).

During 2021, DPA vastly improved communications, working relationships and networking with the Shire Council. We succeeded in ratifying the Dunkeld Community Plan, tabled several submissions to Council planning and obtained a community grant to launch a website presence. Priority projects for 2022 include speed limit reduction for Parker Street, pedestrian safety, car parking management, waste disposal improvements and balancing tourism benefits with maintaining Dunkeld village liveability.

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Southern Grampians SHIRE COUNCIL

GREATER GRANTS - SUPPORTING SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS COMMUNITIES

Applications for the second round of Council's Greater Grants Program for 2021/22 will open at **9:00am Tuesday 18 January 2022**.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said now is the time for community groups and members to start thinking about the projects needing a financial boost, that have the potential to support local communities.
"With Greater Grants applications opening in mid-January, now is the perfect time for our community groups and individuals to really start thinking about what projects may be eligible for a Council grant. Potentially, these are projects that can help reconnect our communities after what has been another challenging year," said Cr Colliton.
"Once again there will be a broad range of grant categories available including Community Infrastructure, Arts and Cultural Development, Community Strengthening, Tourism and Events, Environmental Sustainability, and Heritage.

"Our Greater Grants are always very popular so I encourage all community groups who have a project idea or initiative they may need financial assistance with to get in touch with our grants team directly as soon as possible to have a chat about eligibility requirements," concluded Cr Colliton.
A wide variety of groups were awarded first round of Greater Grants funding for 2021/22 including:
- Cavendish Men's Shed – Cavendish Men's Shed Promotional Trailer
- Byaduk Spring Show Inc – Byaduk Spring Show
- Balmoral Golf Club – Clubrooms Upgrade
- The Scout Association of Australia, Victoria Branch, Hamilton Scouts – New Signage
- Dunkeld Community Centre – Sterling Place Eco Printer
- Standing Tall Hamilton Inc – Program Signage
- Wannon-Nigretta Community Group – Wannon History Display Cabinet

Council's Greater Grants program offers eligible community groups to access up to $15,000 per financial year for initiatives, events and projects that directly benefit the Southern Grampians Shire. Applications for more than $2,500 must demonstrate cash or in-kind contributions and must provide evidence of cash held, or must be able to demonstrate their financial capacity.

Eligibility criteria and information on how to apply, including the full guidelines and application form (once open) are available on Council's grants page http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/grants or by contacting Customer Service on 5573 0444.
***Applications close 4:00pm on Friday 18 February 2022.**

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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm
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SATURDAY - 7.30am – 4.00pm
SUNDAY - 8.00am – 1.00pm
(Times may vary on Public Holidays)

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Landcare News

Hi everyone,

I hope all is well with you. Just in case you didn't know, or had forgotten, I am able to help you with many Landcare related activities e.g. plan projects, apply for funding, join Grampians Ark, pest plant and animal work, organise events, field days, farm walks etc.

If you have any thoughts or ideas - on anything Landcare related that you are interested in, please get in touch - I'm here to help you!

Fox Control: Residents, landowners, participants and visitors - please be aware that our landscape scale fox control program - Grampians Ark - Summer pulse - began on Monday 31 January 2022, and will run until Monday 4 April 2022. Participating properties will have signs attached to their gates. This is the most effective time of year. Baits are available from Kelly's in Dunkeld - you just need to show your ACUP with 1080 endorsement, and say that you are part of this program. If you would like to join in, or just find out more information, please get in touch.

Clean Up Australia Day: We can run any number of Clean Up Australia events throughout our wide area - and if you would like me to help organise one with you, just get in touch - as we already have some people interested in participating.

Celebrating Women In Conservation - Breakfast Invitation: Pending Covid-19 restrictions - would you be interested in gathering with other local women together for a breakfast 7.00am – 9.00am on Thursday 3 March - in person - and view the presentations on a big screen? It

would be great to have an in person get together and catch up. Please let me know.

European Wasps: These are appearing again now! We are very lucky to have a fantastic volunteer to help us control these wasps. If you have a European wasp problem, and you know where their nest is located, please see Jason Linskens at Kelly's, and the message will be passed onto our very experienced volunteer, who will arrange a time to come and eradicate the nest. Locating their nest first, is very important, as sometimes it can be a time consuming task - better done by yourself, rather than asking a volunteer to take time to do it! The best way to work out where a nest is, is to sit near a water source e.g. a stock trough, watch quietly, and accustom your eyes to the wasps. Especially in the evening, the wasps will come in for a drink and then head back to their nest. You can see how this may take some time, and perhaps it may take you a few nights. Sometimes the nests are very obvious, but often not! They can be holes in the ground, or under an old saddle sitting on shed rafters.

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Grampians Cricket Club

Welcome back to the second part of the 2021-2022 cricket season. We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break.

Special Shoutouts
During January a number of Grampians players were selected to play representative cricket.

U15 Female Youth Premier League This team is made up from players from Western Victoria. Both Grace and Matilda Potter were selected to play for the Western Waves. The girls played games in Horsham, Geelong and Melbourne over four days. They were coached by Grace Lee.

Country Week Teams These teams are made up of players from within the Hamilton District.

Brodie Phillips, Lachie Phillips, Edward McShane and Campbell Glazebrook were selected in the Hamilton Hurricanes U15s. Edward McShane was named player of the week for the team- in a week that included an innings of 95 against Warrnambool.

Olivia Read, Pippa Williamson, and Ella Jackson were all chosen to represent the district in the U16s team. Ella Jackson took 7 wickets for the week and Olivia Read scored 36 runs against Geelong. A big thank you to Willo who coached this team.

In U14 girls Lucy Fraser, Lillian Glazebrook, Bonnie Jackson and Ella Peters all played for the Hamilton Hurricanes. Lucy Fraser made an unbeaten 38 runs against Geelong. Thanks to a heroic effort by Penny Fraser the U14 girls were able to put a team on the park and have a coach for each game in spite of Omicron's best efforts. A big thankyou to Ash Read, Vincent Huf and Buck Peters who were able to help out with little warning.

Hamilton fielded three U13 boys teams with Mitchell Gordon, Hugh Prentice, Zander Mibus, Louis Lazzari, Hayden Phillips, Angus Heazlewood and Myles Alderman all selected. Myles Alderman, Angus Heazlewood and Hayden Phillips all scored over 50 runs for the tournament. A special thankyou to Craig Templeton who coached one of the Hamilton teams.

Best Cricket Ground View Competition
Thanks to Eda Williamson who took a great picture of the Dunkeld Turf looking its best and won. Some people were lucky enough to benefit and attended the Boxing Day match at the MCG!

Meanwhile in the regular competition…
Under 12 Cubs played Macarthur at home on Monday the 13th of December. Hugh Prentice was the best of the batters finishing with 29. Wickets to Hugh Prentice, Mitch Gordon and Edward Alderman completed a good match for the boys.

Under 12 Pumas played Tarrington Black. Tarrington batted first with Freddie Jury and Drew Rentsch taking two wickets each. Charlie Linke, Alex Bird and Sean Bird all finished with a wicket each. Freddie, Drew and Charlie were the best of the batters- Freddie finishing with 11 runs and Drew and Charlie both making 8.

In their first match for 2022 the Pumas and Cubs played each other on the Dunkeld Turf. Ben Peters top scored with 12 runs and Ned Peters and Freddie Jury both made 10 for the Pumas. George Heazlewood took 2 for 6 off 3 overs. Charlie Prentice top scored for the Cubs with 14 runs. Darcy Potter took 2 for 4 off 2 overs. Ned Peters, Ben Peters, Alex Bird and Sean Bird all took a wicket each.

Under 14s Team completed a comfortable win over Casterton on day 2 of their 2-day clash at Wando Vale. Resuming at 0-35 needing just 75 more to win, 50s for Brodie Phillips, Thomas Gordon and Angus Heazlewood saw Grampians to a total of 4-253.

In their last match before Christmas Grampians played St Andrews at home in a one-day match. Batting first the team made 4-187 with Brodie Phillips, Thomas Gordon, Angus Heazlewood and Hayden Phillips all retiring on 25. The bowlers then completed the job with a wicket each for Josh Nagorcka and Hayden Phillips.

They will face College Blue on Saturday 5 February for their first game of 2022.

Under 15 Girls in their first match since the holidays Grampians faced Tarrington at home. Tarrington batted first for a total of 7 for 99. Lucy Fraser took 3 for 15 off 3 overs. She was supported by Penny Burger who took 2 wickets and Ella Peters and Elivia Robbins who both took a wicket each. Lucy followed up by making an unbeaten 27 runs off 31 balls. Grampians fell short by just 8 runs.

Under 16s Team Grampians played Day 2 of their match against Hamilton Cricket Club on 14 December. They had a total of just 96 to defend and unfortunately Hamilton got the runs despite the best efforts of the Grampians bowlers.

Tuesday 1 February they played at home on the Monivae turf. After winning the toss Grampians sent St Andrews into bat. They finished with 7 for 161. Wynn Rentsch in his one over took 2 for 3 runs. Brodie Phillips, Tom Kent, Campbell Glazebrook and Ned Andrew all took a wicket each. Ned Andrew's direct throw to the stumps resulted in a runout. Grampians will be hoping to chase down the total next Tuesday.

C Grade Men travelled to Wando Vale to take on Casterton before the Christmas break. Bowling first Casterton were restricted to 4-220 from their 40 overs, with Ned Andrew leading the bowling effort with 2-39. In the chase, Mick Alderman (41) and Andrew Boal (49) top scored for Grampians.

Resuming the season on 15 January, Grampians travelled to Branxholme. Batting first, Greg Millard's unbeaten 40 was the best of the batting. Grampians put up a real fight, with Branxholme getting to the target 6 wickets down in the 32nd over. Justin Coote took 3-16 and Mick Alderman 2-22.
The Pumas took on St Andrews at home the following week in captain Greg Millard's 300th for the club. Unfortunately, Greg Millard's 28 with the bat and figures of 4-26 for Tom Kent Grampians couldn't get the win.

On 29 January they played College Cricket Club at Dunkeld hard wicket. Batting first, a superb unbeaten century from Ash Read and 45 not out to captain Greg Millard saw the side to 6-204. Rodney Walton's five-wicket haul couldn't stop College from taking the win. They next play Byaduk at Christie Oval.

A Grade Women have played just the one match since the last report. Batting first against Hamilton, they reached 128 with openers Olivia Read and Amelia Barry both retiring on 35, while an unbeaten 28 from Ella Jackson backed up those efforts superbly. Hamilton reached the total in the last over of their innings despite Monet Graham taking 2 wickets.

A Grade Men have played 5 games since our last report. The first of these was at home against Pigeon Ponds who batted first and finished with 9-182. Will Collins took 2-15 and Lachie Phillips 2-18. In the chase, the Pumas fell 25 runs short despite 76 from Tom Polkinghorne.

In their second match it was a home game against College. Batting first, Grampians were able to put together a score of 7-205 thanks largely to captain Will Collins' 79. Josh Gordon's figures of 2-29 off 9 overs was the standout.

Grampians resumed the season against Hamilton at Dahl Turf. The bowlers got the side off to a great start restricting Hamilton to just 8-126 from their 40 overs with Carl Joyce taking 4-11 while Josh Gordon finished with figures of 3-19. In the run chase, the batters got off to a shaky start, falling to 5-48 before a 61-run partnership between Eddie McShane (25) and Joe Sutherland (47) saw Grampians to the target with 3 wickets to spare.

On 15 January they played Casterton at home. Casterton finished with 8-182 with the best of the bowlers being Josh Gordon with 3-45. Stefan Burnell proved tough to handle with figures of 2-16 off 9 overs. In the chase the game seemed lost at 9-164 with 19 still required. However, a stand of 21 for the last wicket between Lachie Phillips and Matt Lowe saw Grampians to victory. Joe Sutherland top scored with 50.
On 22 January Grampians travelled to Macarthur. Batting first, it proved to be a tough day out as the Pumas were bowled out for a total of 128 with Tom Polkinghorne top scoring on 45. Macarthur got the win with Justin Coote the best of the bowlers.

The Pumas played Hamilton on 29 January. Fielding first, Tom Polkinghorne's efforts with the ball (2-37) were the best. Zac Burgess' 61 was best with the bat in the chase for 253.
A Grade next face St Andrews at Pedrina Park on Saturday 5th of February. They will be hoping for a win to lift them up the ladder.
If you haven't already downloaded the My Cricket app, give it a go. All games are being scored online by the home team and it is an easy way to keep an eye on the game if you're not able to be there.
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MUMBLINGS FROM FATHER DAVID

I was reflecting that the world has changed forever and we cannot snap back to exactly how things were a couple of years ago.

Masks seem likely to be our everyday fashion accessories. They are tricky and as with most things there is a downside and an upside. The downside is that folk are not as easy to recognise, and you have to look a little closer, maybe ask the self-effacing, embarrassing question.

So, what's the upside? The upside is that we are doing our very best to protect each other. There are also some pretty zany and creative styles and prints. Some of us have great creative genius and it's good to see it on show and celebrate it.

But there is also something else going on with masks. I look at it this way. I see masks as a not-so-subtle reminder that the person before us is more than their outward features. We Have to look beyond the masked face to the real person who is more than just a smile, a grin and a few facial muscles. This can be hard work sometimes. It is not always easy and some of us for very understandable reasons, often hidden reasons, have masked ourselves in other ways.

But always, the undisclosed is well worth getting to know and enjoy. Over time they, like you, will shift and evolve so there is always something new to learn and gasp at.

The quirky bit is that as we work at getting to know the person on the other side of the mask, we too grow, change and develop. We become more accessible and delightful. In our wrestle to get to know the other person, our mask slips and people see us as never before.

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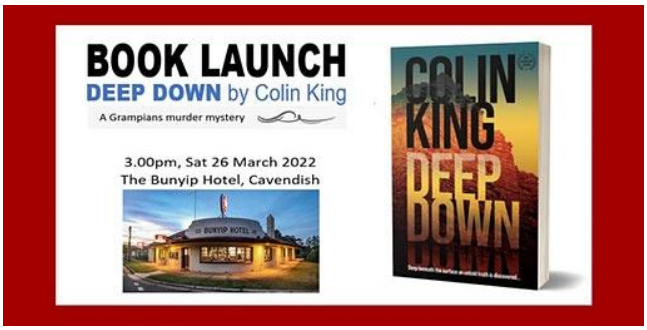

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3.00pm, Saturday 26 March 2022
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To be launched by Greg McAdam — Southern Grampians Shire councillor and grandson of the settler who discovered the gemstone site where the book's action kicks off.

FREE EVENT - RSVP BY REGISTERING VIA THE ABOVE LINK. YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO REGISTER A GUEST AND/OR FORWARD THE INVITATION ON.

ABOUT THE VENUE: If you would like to dine at the Bunyip Hotel afterwards, you should make a booking as it is popular on Saturdays. If you are travelling and plan to stay overnight, the Bunyip only has a few rooms available. Other accommodation is at Hamilton (28km) or Dunkeld (33km). There is also a low-key but nonetheless picturesque camping ground within short walking distance of the Bunyip. The cost is $10 a night and power is available.

ABOUT THE BOOK: Link - Deep Down. Copies can be purchased on the day and will soon be available online at Shawline Publishing.

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Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said the purpose-built estate was developed after Council identified a lack of investment ready land opportunities in the Shire.

"Council resolved to develop a Council owned land parcel located along the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road into an asset for the future that would not only secure new investment and drive population growth but would positively contribute to growing the economy for years to come," said Cr Colliton.
"This project was identified as being crucial for the Greater Hamilton region to increase capacity to offer new investors opportunity to grow infrastructure, and also importantly for local businesses to expand without having to leave the area.
"Hamilton Business Park will help meet that need by offering investment ready, fully serviced industrial land parcels with 23 allotments between 1,800m2 and 6,800m2 in size available across 7.5ha.

"Location is also a key feature of the precinct, situated on the southern gateway to the city of Hamilton with close proximity to the Hamilton Saleyards, access to heavy vehicle routes and industrial trunk infrastructure, makes the location ideal for investment. The precinct also forms a critical link for north-south bound traffic to/from the Hamilton Central Activity District and east-west bound traffic to/from Hamilton's southern industrial, rural activity and residential areas.
"There really are endless possibilities for all industries to call Greater Hamilton home," concluded Cr Colliton.

Southern Grampians Shire Manager Economic Development and Tourism, Hugh Koch said it was exciting to finally see the project realised with the land now ready for businesses to move and grow.

"The region is renowned for its beautiful landscapes, vibrant communities and strategic location," said Mr Koch. "But uniquely what we also offer as a region is ideally located for business growth with affordability and access to key amenities in the Shire a real selling point.
"These newly available land parcels have untapped and unlimited potential to provide opportunity for new businesses to flourish with each block benefitting from power, gas, and high-speed broadband.

"Over the last two years we have witnessed strong growth regionally including here in the Greater Hamilton region, particularly in the agricultural and real estate sectors with commercially appropriate opportunities highly sought after.
"We are excited to be able to facilitate increased investment whether it be in manufacturing, agri-business, logistics, forestry or the digital economy," concluded Mr Koch.

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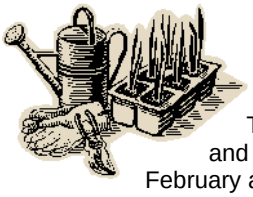

Garden Notes – February

The main planting season for winter and spring flowering bulbs starts in February and goes through to late May. Their main requirements are an open sunny position with good drainage and not too much competition from the roots of surrounding trees or shrubs. Compost or a light application of well decayed animal manure will be useful. Some bulbs e.g. hyacinths and tulips can be grown very easily in pots so that they can be moved around your garden or even brought inside for a special display. You will find full details regarding planting depths, distance apart etc on the packs in which you purchase your bulbs.

February is a good time to prune your geraniums and pelargoniums. This is a very simple job which involves the removal of any dead, weak or broken shoots and reducing all other growth by approximately half.

Winter vegetables are often scarce and expensive. You can plant now for winter harvest crops such as cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, silver beet, carrots, parsnips, and turnips.

Harvesting and storage of your fruit crop requires care and planning. Soft fruits such as peaches, plums etc will only “hold for a short time after picking, however, their shelf life can be prolonged by storage in the vegetables dish of your refrigerator. Drying, bottling, freezing and stewing are ways to extend their storage life.

Pears can be picked a short time before ripening as they will continue to ripen after harvest, however, apples should only be picked when fully ripe. The main ways to determine when a fruit is ripe are skin colour, colour of pips (they should be dark brown), ease of harvest, calendar date and most reliable of all, taste. Fruit should be handled carefully to prevent bruising with only the best quality chosen for long term storge. Fruit stems should remain intact. Your fruit can be packed carefully into boxes and stored in a cool, airy position protected from extremes of temperature and sunlight. It is a good idea to regularly check your stored fruit and remove any which “go off” before the entire crop is tainted and spoilt.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2022 is $40.00 per person. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES). By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

Rock for R'n'R

RSL Victoria and the Shrine of Remembrance are supporting a new and exciting opportunity for Veterans to share their voice as part of the Rock for Reflection and Remembrance event to be held in association with Australian National Veterans' Art Museum's March to Art program next month.

To be held on Sunday 13 March in the grounds of the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, the event aims to bring together and connect veterans and their families through music. Keep an eye on RSL Victoria social media for artist announcements and further event details over the coming weeks.

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