

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## DUNKELD GENERAL STORE

Sadly, we have decided that if there is no buyer of the Dunkeld General Store Business (and associated land and buildings) by 30 December 2022, **we will most likely be closing the doors indefinitely.**



For those that aren't aware, the current selling method is "Expressions of Interest", which closes on 30 December 2022 **(if not sold earlier).**

Closure will most likely occur within a week after the 30<sup>th</sup> (EOI date) ..... if the business doesn't sell.

**Duration of store closure is yet to be determined – whether it be an extended period, or permanent.**

It's time for us to take a break, spend more time with the family and asses which direction we'd like to take.

We are doing our best to explore options for papers to remain available in Dunkeld and will keep you posted.

Whilst we can't guarantee anything, options are looking promising, at the moment.

Whilst we understand that this news may be hard to digest, we hope people can recognize what has been created over the past nine years. Hopefully someone will buy the business (as a going concern) and closure will be avoided ..... just like nine years ago.

Regardless of what happens, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all customers for their support and we'd especially like to thank all our wonderful staff members throughout this journey. They've all worked hard and provided great customer service. They are/were simply brilliant.

We will keep you updated.

Any questions, please contact Adrian on 0418 345 336, or Melissa on 0400 829 566.

Kind regards,

Adrian and Melissa Field

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Trevor Flinn \$17

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## CHURCH TIMES

### Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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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

#### Saturday 24 December – 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

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 on phone: 5571 1317.

### Panyyabyr Uniting Church

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

### Warrayure Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Carols at 7.00pm on Saturday 24 December.

Christmas Carols at 9.00am on Christmas Day on Sunday 25 December.

All welcome.

### WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER 2022 and JANUARY 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
12	13	14 Newsletter issue 20 distributed	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 XMAS EVE  SANTA TOWN & DUNKELD POST OFFICE VISIT @ 7.00pm  Carols at Warrayure Lutheran Church 7.00pm	25 XMAS DAY <i>Merry Christmas!</i>  Christmas Carols at Warrayure Lutheran Church 9.00am
26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 JAN 2023 NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Happy New Year!</i>
2 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3	4	5	6	7	8

## Australian Government Volunteer of the Year Award

We are extremely proud to announce that one of our members, David Gordon, has been awarded with an Australian Government Volunteer of the Year Award.

David has volunteered a substantial amount of time for our community over numerous decades. His devotion and dedication to all organisations, including the SES is incredible.

David was one of the founding members of the Dunkeld SES Unit, with 40 years of service; he has attended many requests for assistance, including a number of significant road rescue events. He was recognised as a life member of the SES in 2004.

He was awarded the National Medal in 1998 for diligent service; he has since received the first and second clasp of this medal

David has also been acknowledged as a life member of the CFA, volunteering 60 years in the service.

Emergency services aren't all David does around the town, he is also the Vice President and Senior Advisor of the Dunkeld Historical Museum, a member of the Sawmill restoration group and recently resigned from the Dunkeld Cemetery Trust.

As a community, please join us in congratulating David on this award and thank him for his dedication and the time he puts in for us all.

Dunkeld SES



## DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE SANTA TOWN RUN

Santa will visit the  
streets of Dunkeld on  
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 & Tracey Fort who make this community event possible.

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Thank you to the community for the support given to Dunkeld Progress Association during 2022.

Progress for Dunkeld through lobbying to Council and other bodies does take some time to eventuate, but some improvements are coming to fruition. New waste bins are to be installed in the second week of December, footpaths are spreading out in the town, with Wills Street being the latest to have them installed and line marking for vehicles has taken place. A sub-committee is working very productively and directly with VicRoads, lobbying for a 40kph speed limit in the township.

The first DPA meeting for 2023 is Monday 6 February. Memberships will be renewed at this meeting.

Dunkeld Progress Association will be holding public meetings every second month in 2023.

The dates for your calendar are

Monday 3 April

Monday 5 June

Monday 7 August

Monday 2 October – this will be the AGM

Monday 4 December

We wish every person a safe and happy Christmas and hope 2023 will be a good year.



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## Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar

In celebration of The International Day for People with a Disability, Off the Rails, Dunkeld played host to *Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar*: a remarkable showcase of recent work by local artists Kieran Roberts and Trevor Flinn.

Over the course of the weekend a steady stream of visitors found their way to the Dunkeld's historic Railway Station, which had been completely transformed by the artists' sculptures, paintings and works on paper.

Joshua White, Artistic Director of Hamilton Gallery, officially launched the show and during his address to the enthusiastic gathering congratulated the artists for bringing art to the people via their week pop up project; '*Red Dog Art Gallery*'.

Joshua went on to mention how impressed he was to have witnessed Kieran at work on a dog portrait in the main street of Hamilton and stated that this kind of artistic demonstration within the community was exactly the kind of thing he loves to champion.



During Joshua's visit he took the opportunity to inspect the show and with Trevor's assistance judged the community postcard art competition, which formed part of the display.

Joshua and Trevor agreed that 1st prize (a \$50 book voucher from Roz Greenwood Old and Rare Bookshop) should be awarded to Kieran Benbow for her wonderfully bizarre, black and

white work on paper.

While in the student section of the competition both Joshua and Trevor agreed that Ned Peters should receive first place for his detailed rendering of the Dunkeld Railway Station.



"We loved the detail, the clouds were well handled and the subject was nicely placed", said Joshua. "We both think you should be very proud," he said.

In second place they gave the prize to Patrick Lomas for his playful take on a landscape scene.

"This work reminded us of Australian painter Fred Williams," said Joshua. "We loved the image of the mountain and how you captured it.

Those who attended agreed that the event was a wonderful initiative and demonstrated the importance of having regular art-related social events.

Catering for the event was prepared by the wonderful people at Izzy's Café, and kindly provided courtesy of the Southern Grampians Shire Council.

*Trevor and Kieran's Art Bazaar* and *Red Dog Art Gallery* were sponsored by the Southern Grampians Shire Council through their Greater Grants Program.



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## RED CROSS NEWS

A fine collection of groceries from members is being delivered by 'special courier' (Carolyn's Mum) to the Food Bank in North

Melbourne.

Also on board is an amazing collection of used stamps, donated by locals (the Owen's, Des Harris, Betty Barker and the school community) for sale to stamp collectors. Thank you to all donors and we hope for eventual reports from the other end.

All the best for 2023 and here's to a season free of flood, fire and war!

Iris Field, contact person



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022 – A quick recap on the year

Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre has recovered well from the significant losses during the Covid lockdowns. We've hosted over 100 Dunkeld based community groups for their meetings and almost 2,000 people have used the facility throughout the year.

Following consultation with Southern Grampians Shire and the Country Fire Authority, Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre has become Dunkeld's Neighbourhood Safer Place and we can also perform as a Relief Centre. In the event of an emergency, access can be gained via Break Glass Key Safes at the front entrance and rear door.

On the back of this status, we have been successful in obtaining a grant from DELWP. Funding covered an energy audit, the installation of new solar panels and a Tesla battery which acts like a power bank. The battery provides an emergency power supply and as a bonus it also helps keep our power costs down throughout the year. Funding from the Australian government under the Strengthening Telecommunications against Natural Disaster Program, secured access to community Wi-Fi SkyMuster satellite terminal. This provides internet access in the event of an emergency.

A successful grant application from Southern Grampians Shire will see works underway early in 2023 to repaint damage in the external walls of the Memorial Hall. This will keep the heritage building in top condition for use into the future.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be running a Welcome event for new residents on Sunday 12 February 2023. Full details will be provided closer to the time.

To check the doctor's availability over the Christmas/New Year period, please contact Hamilton Medical Group directly. I would love to hear from anyone who has ideas for events, activities, or suggestions for the coming year. If you would like to run workshops, host an event, need a venue, please get in touch; Call Annette on 0412 855 359 or email: [info@sterlingplace.com.au](mailto:info@sterlingplace.com.au)

To members of the community who have supported us throughout the year, and to all the wonderful volunteers and members of the Dunkeld Community Centre Committee who freely give their time, Thank You! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2023!

Annette Jones, Manager

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## Dunkeld Sawmill

We have had a good year and now have the mill running well. It has surprised us to see so many visitors coming to the sawmill. A very wet spring has made it difficult to bring logs in. We are cleaning up the area behind the sawmill after the wet weather.

Timber has been cut for many local groups and some sold. We have helped a number of people. We have some logs to get when the ground is dry.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

John Smith

**Dan Tehan MP**  
 Member for Wannon

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It has been a quieter year in some ways for the Public Lands Committee although there has been something happening a lot of the time. The wet weather didn't help; however, we did get some projects done.

The two arch ways in Memorial Park have been pruned and framework replaced on one. Some new bushes have been planted and a drink station was also installed. There is still some tree pruning to be done by Stuart McAdam

We did get a lot of spraying done along Salt Creek and the dam wall, but it would have been good to have a working bee to clean up more along the walking tracks.

The Caravan Park has been well patronised this year with a number of people staying longer than just one night. We will be replacing one of the old cabins in the New Year with a new Jaco two-bedroom cabin.

I thank everyone on the committee who have given up some time to get these projects done. Special thanks to Secretary/Treasurer, Wendy Prust, for all she does.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Frank Raymond, Dunkeld Public Lands Committee

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### MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sun 18 Dec

Christmas Day

Sunday 1 Jan 2023

Sunday 8 Jan 2023

Sunday 15 Jan 2023

Kay Leyshon & Lyn Collins

CLOSED

Heather Funk & David Gordon

Rex Beveridge & Peter Nelson

Joyce Gordon & Julie Kincade

The Museum Committee held the final meeting for the year on 24 November. At this meeting we acknowledged and thanked the Southern Grampians Shire Council for a grant of \$2,500 towards the cost of production for our upcoming WW2 book "Our Soldier Boys and Girls".

At this meeting we also made the decision to install a glass sliding front door to make the front reception area more user friendly for our volunteers. (*No more freezing when it's cold and blowing your hair off when it's windy!*). The present security door will remain in place when the museum is closed.

There are four more names to be added to the WW2 plaque at the cemetery. Another stone will be placed in front of the large plaque to accommodate these additions.

Thank you to all our volunteers, members and helpers who have contributed to keeping the museum up and running during 2022.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Museum Committee



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## SCRAPS from the SCRAPES – Holiday Time

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas!"

Or more precisely, a white ball Christmas! I dream of little white balls lying in the middle of our lush green fairways, with just a gentle 6 or 7 iron pitch and run to the immaculately groomed scrapes. A ferret birdie, a win on the hole and another 2 units!! Then I wake and am actually under a yakka just past that bloody big gum tree on the right of 14<sup>th</sup>!!

With the school holidays on us, the Club would like to see families on the course through December and January, so for a gold coin donation, an adult and a child can play a round. There are clubs and buggies for hire and an honesty box system for green fees.

Members and guests are reminded that the annual Turkey Run will be held next Friday 16 December. A leisurely 9 holes (tee off by about 4.00pm) followed by a barbecue, firing up about 6.00pm. Have a hit or just come out for some Christmas cheer.

The Ross Four ball has reached a climax, with the father and son team of Bailey and Andrew Borgy to face the experienced (some would say cagey) pairing of Smith and Sheahan in the final.

Relaxed summer competitions for members and visitors continue on Tuesday and Saturday. Unlike some courses which are closed for the summer, Grampians is fortunate to be benefitting from investments in irrigation and infrastructure and continues to operate through the summer.

With a golfer in the family there is no shortage of ideas for gifts. There are certain members for whom a restocking of their ball supply would be greatly appreciated.

May you find the ideal gift under the tree but no great surprise in your stocking!

To all members and the wider Dunkeld community, have a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

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Tourist: "I was surprised that in London it was \$1,000.00."

Priest: "I am Irish, I am not surprised at all."

Tourist: "New York, Father, it is \$1,500.00 to make a call to paradise and of course you are not sure who you will talk to if Saint Peter is busy."

Priest: "New York, now how does the song go, Hey, hey, Saint Peter, before you ring your bell, just been down in New York town, done my time in hell, it really feels like hell – so I am not surprised."

Tourist: "Father, here it is only \$1.50 to call paradise, why?"

Priest: "In the Western District of Victoria it really is only a local call to paradise."

(Let us appreciate what we have been given, it really is a blessing – except for the roads).

From the Lions have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

*Peter Hinchey*



### 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:

Alone by the millions, isolation crisis threatens millions.

Over 20 percent of Germans over the age of 70 are in regular contact with only one person – or nobody. One in four receives a visit less than once a month from friends and acquaintances, and nearly one in ten is not visited anymore. Many old people have no-one who still address them by their first name or asks them how they are doing. So, this Christmas how about we all reach out to someone because the figures would be much the same in Australia.

#### A nice Lions story

The first Lions Diabetic Alert Dog was delivered free-of-charge by Australian Lions Hearing Dogs on 17 October in Adelaide. "I think Sal has definitely bonded with me. I'm like her Mum and she is like my daughter. Sal has actually picked up my hypos (low blood glucose levels) since day one. Our first week together she had alerted me to four hypo events. This happened while I was cooking and while we were out a café, she knew her priorities even with all the smells of food around her."

#### The Golden Phone

A French tourist called in at the Catholic Church in Koroit, saw the golden phone (direct line to paradise) and told the priest that she had seen such phones in many churches in the world, but she was surprised at the difference in price at the various locations.



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Mirranatwa: 9 and 23 February

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### 12 Months of Health coaching

#### Gym or Pool membership assistance available

Did you know the DVA provides a free 12-month health and fitness program that can be delivered to returned Veterans and peacekeepers with operational service and those covered by the ADF firefighters scheme anywhere in the country. The program is flexible and able to accommodate participants living in metropolitan areas, regional or remote areas, those still working or retired, studying or with other time constraints. Run on behalf of the DVA by Corporate Health Management the program aims to help you increase your physical health and wellbeing through practical exercise support and 12 months of health coaching and advice on healthy lifestyle choices provided by one of our team of highly qualified allied health professionals.

#### Am I eligible?

Started 20 years ago for those returned from Vietnam, the Heart Health Program is free and now open to all returned veterans and peacekeepers with operational service and those covered by the ADF Firefighters Scheme who have not previously done the Heart Health Program before. To check your eligibility, visit <http://www.veteranshearthealth.com.au/eligibility/>

#### Individual Heart Health Program – How it works

Each participant receives 12 months of healthy lifestyle coaching from a highly qualified and dedicated allied health professional via fortnightly health coaching calls with information and advice tailored to each individual's health and fitness goals. The health coach will use their extensive knowledge along with health surveys and food diaries to guide you through the program. The program covers a range of topics including:

- setting healthy goals
- nutrition and diet advice
- advice on lowering alcohol consumption
- developing better sleep patterns
- stress management
- managing diabetes
- taking care of your body
- managing your weight
- and maintaining a healthy heart

#### Program Exercise Resource – Exercise how you like to

The program can provide an exercise resource to help participants to exercise the way they like to or provide an opportunity to try something that's different than the usual. Resources can take the form of:

- Assistance with the cost of a gym or pool membership or
- Provide a piece of exercise equipment for use at home or
- Provide assistance with accessing new exercise or training gear

#### Registering Your Interest

Registering your interest or checking eligibility is easy. Simply visit <http://www.veteranshearthealth.com.au/eligibility/> and follow the steps.

Or please call the program phone number **1300 246 262** at any time to speak to one of our team.



The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to wish all our members, supporters and the Dunkeld and district community a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

Please find listed below a summary of recent school events:

- All our students had the opportunity to participate in St John Ambulance's 'First Aid in Schools Program' on Wednesday 30 November.
- A group of Baimbridge College Music students presented a concert for the whole school on Tuesday 6 December.
- Our House Athletics Sports Day was held on Wednesday 7 December and all students participated, had fun, tried their best and displayed great sportsmanship. Sturgeon was the winning sports house on the day. Age Champions were as follows:
  - 6 years & Under: Marli Mibus & Sam Parkinson
  - 7 years: Ruby Mibus & James Cochran
  - 8 years: Michaela Roache & Xavier Macgugan
  - 9 years: Isla Oldfield Mann & Grace Macgugan & Banjo Hyland
  - 10 years: Lucy Rennie & Hamish Rush
  - 11 years: Phoebe Lazzari & Jack Oldfield Mann
  - 12/13 years: Phoebe Ross & Jack Jones
- On Thursday 8 December our students presented a Music Concert. Our Music teachers, Mrs Heather Macgugan (Prep/Year 1) and Mrs Tara Stephens (Years 2 to 6) shared some of what our students have been learning in Music.
- The Billy Tea Bush Band, performed at our spectacular Bush Dance on Friday 9 December. Mick Quarrell and Phil Smurthwaite held dance workshops with our

students throughout the day, which culminated in a Bush Dance for our whole school community in the evening. Good old fashioned family fun! A huge thank you to our generous band of volunteer parents, staff and Year 6 students, who all contributed to the success of this event. A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting this School Council fundraiser!

- On Tuesday 13 December our school held our Orientation Day for 2023 Prep students, with all other students 'stepping up' to their new 2023 year level for the day.
- Our Year 6 Graduation to celebrate the students' Primary School years was held on Wednesday 14 December. Congratulations to all of the Year 6 students, including the following Award recipients – Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarship: Heidi Burger and Darcy Potter; Williams Family Sports Scholarship: Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross; School Council Citizenship Award: Charlotte Alderman and School Council Dux Award: Ben Peters. Thank you to the Year 5 parents for creatively decorating and setting up the deck and surrounds; Izzy's Group for their amazing catering and the Year 5 students who ably assisted as waiters on the night.
- Congratulations to Year 5 students, Ned Peters and Patrick Lomas, who received prizes for their artwork in Kieran and Trevor's Art Bazaar postcard competition.

