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DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE SANTA TOWN RUN

Santa will visit the streets of Dunkeld on Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December 2024, 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 Santa knows that grandchildren are visiting.*

Many thanks to the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade, Alan and Kerri Jones, Cee Blackwell, Riana of the Corrugated Cottage, Santa and helpers, and to those who make this community event possible.



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ANTIQUUE MUSTER AT DEVON PARK

1485 Blackwood-Dunkeld Rd, Dunkeld, Victoria

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024... TIME: 10.00am to 4.00pm

ENTRY: \$10 (kids free) VALUATIONS \$10 per item

ONSITE VALUERS – will give you a valuation on your items on the day

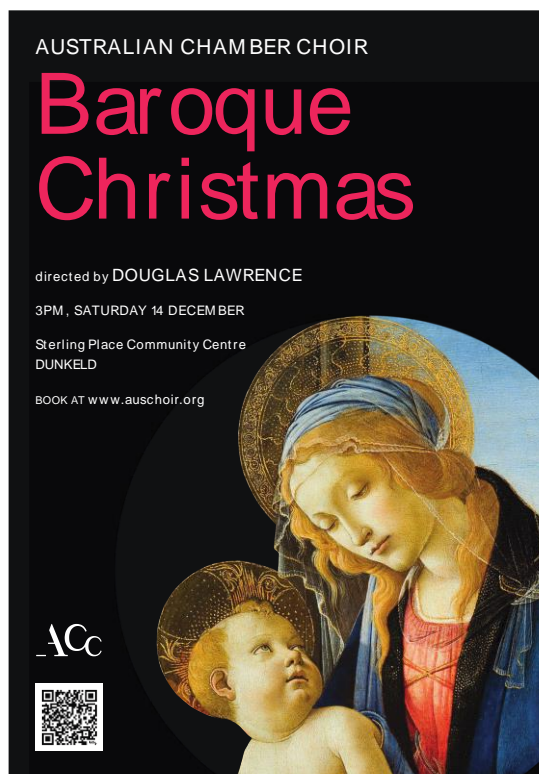
A number of professional valuers will be onsite to appraise your most treasured items. Have something you think may be valuable? Bring it along!

This event is brought to you by the Dunkeld Museum Inc

(All proceeds to the Dunkeld Museum)

Keep the date free - Saturday 7 December 2024 – 10.00am to 4.00pm

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



Baroque Christmas to charm Dunkeld

Fresh from their triumphant 2024 European tour, the Australian Chamber Choir will return to Dunkeld this December for the sixth incarnation of their hugely popular “Baroque Christmas” program, again directed by their indefatigable conductor, Douglas Lawrence.

Often a sell-out performance, this year’s Christmas concert on 14 December will feature a range of Baroque gems from both famous and lesser-known composers.

Setting the scene with “Advent in the British Isles” will be works by Tomkins and Byrd, together with “Gabriel’s Message” by the late director of the Choir of Kings College Cambridge, Sir David Willcocks.

Motets from Josquin des Prez and two settings of “O Magnum Mysterium” by Gabrieli and Victoria will follow, and then an eight-voice setting of the famous “in dulci jubilo” melody by Samuel Scheidt.

One surprise is the “Triste Noel” by well-known Australian writer Henry Handel Richardson, who also became an accomplished composer following studies at the Leipzig Conservatorium.

The concert ends in triumph with two Christmas chorales, one by Johann Sebastian Bach and another by the relatively unknown but brilliant German composer Adam Gumpelzhaimer (1559-1625), which features what conductor Douglas Lawrence has described as “one of the earliest examples of jazz rhythms”.

This concert is one not to be missed, and provides a wonderful lead-up to the Christmas season of goodwill, something sorely needed in our troubled world.

Once again, Dunkeld’s Royal Mail Hotel is supporting the Choir’s 2024 season, and offers dining and accommodation packages in conjunction with the concert.

Baroque Christmas, Australian Chamber Choir

directed by Douglas Lawrence

Saturday 14 December 2024 at 3.00pm

Dunkeld Community Centre (“Sterling Place”)

Information and booking: www.auschoir.org or phone 0452 531 750

CHURCH SERVICES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

Website: www.westernborder.church

2 nd Week	Sunday	December 8	No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	December 15 8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	December 22 9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
	Tuesday	December 24 6.00pm	Christmas Mass
5 th Week	Sunday	December 29	No mass or service (Mass in Penshurst)

Dunkeld Uniting / Anglican Congregation Church Service Times

Sunday 8 December	UNITING 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre	Jim Hewett
Sunday 15 December	ANGLICAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE at SAINT MARY'S	5.00pm Father David Oulton
Sunday 22 December	UNITING 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre	Jenny Clarke
Sunday 29 December	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 5 January	ANGLICAN 5.00pm at SAINT MARY'S	Father David Oulton
Sunday 12 January	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 19 January	ANGLICAN 5.00pm at SAINT MARY'S	Father David Oulton
Sunday 26 January	NO SERVICE	

All very welcome - Inquiries contact Heather Macgugan heathermac.4@bigpond.com 0400 952 716



WHAT'S ON NOVEMBER / DECEMBER - PLEASE CHECK THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER AND USE BELOW TO FILL IN THE DATES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO YOU						
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DUNKELD MUSEUM

OPEN FOR BUSINESS:

Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and
Thursday 1.00pm -4.00pm.

(Other times by appointment).

WEBSITE: Visit our website!

dunkeldmuseum.org.au

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sunday 8 Dec Patsy Waller and Di Duckmanton

Sunday 15 Dec Greg Gardner and Joyce Gordon

ACQUISITIONS:

Thank you to Ray Keilar and Heather Funk for donating Dunkeld Racing Club books and information. We are gradually filling the spaces pertaining to missing race books. Thank you to all who have contributed to snippets about Devon Park, helping us to build a history profile for display at the Antiques Muster on Saturday.

DON'T FORGET: Antiques Muster at Devon Park on Saturday 7 December 10.00am – 4.00pm. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help on the day. We are all geared up and waiting to see what people come along with to be valued, it should be a great day out ... providing the weather is kind to us!

CHRISTMAS TRADING: The Committee has decided to have a break over the Christmas period and will close on Sunday 22 December 2024 and reopen on Sunday 19 January 2025, with a working bee and get-together.

Joyce Gordon, Secretary



RED CROSS NEWS

Every year brings changes. Dunkeld Branch will officially be combined with Nareeb Nareeb by 2025, and will continue to have its own 'Red Cross

Calling' and accept local donations, which will still be deposited at the Post Office and go directly to Red Cross HQ. A recent donation of \$100.00 has been earmarked for Australian Disaster Recovery. Funds from combined events will go into the NAB Red Cross account.

The Christmas lunch is rapidly approaching, being on Thursday 12 December at Beggs' home *Nareeb Nareeb*, at 12:30pm. Members are to meet at the Dunkeld Community Centre to pool cars. We will leave there at 12 noon. Please bring an item or two for the Hamilton Christmas Food Bank and contact Frankie or myself if coming, for catering purposes.

Iris Field: 5574 0202

Frankie Beggs: 0409 778 238



MIRRANATWA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The usual Annual Christmas Party will be at the Mirranatwa Hall on Saturday 21 December from 6.30pm. Everyone is invited to bring a dessert and / or a salad to share and to BYO drinks and meat.



Santa is expected to appear during the evening.

Inquiries: Jen Crawford: 0407 142 047.

250 Words from Father David

Retreat - the great misnomer

Every year the Anglican clergy of our diocese gather for retreat. There is no truth in the ugly rumour that we actually nick off to the Melbourne Cup and bet on slow horses.

So, what do we do?

We gather for a rather noisy meal on Monday night. We catch up with each other, share our triumphs and our disappointments, chatter about our families and share a delicious meal.

On Tuesday morning the Great Silence begins. We say nothing unless we are gathering for worship which happens four times a day. There is a retreat conductor who offers two addresses a day and is available for consultation about everything and anything. Sometimes it's good to have a fresh perspective from a complete outsider.

This pattern goes on all day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The evening meal on Thursday is again a very chatty event because the next morning, straight after church, we scatter off back to our parishes and families. From Warracknabeal to Portland, to Coleraine to Ballan and every God box in between.

While some of my colleagues find the silence hard going, I have always relished the deliciousness of the quiet. However, there is a sense in which 'Retreat' is misnamed.

It is true that we geographically retreat, but with all that quiet, other things, nasty little bombs of truth, come exploding to the surface and we are left with no place to go, nowhere to hide, nothing to do but confront them. Some of them are easy, because well they're history, or it's way above our pay grade and there is nothing we can do. But they're

others There is nowhere to retreat from these ugly little blighters. This is the most difficult and valuable thing about the experience we misname retreat.

Father David Oulton
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250 Words from Father David

Gatlin: The parable of the broken matchstick.

This is one of those many conversations that happened a long time ago in a place far, far away. Not quite in another galaxy, but pretty close. It was towards the end of a rather long lunch and it was just the two of us sitting there with nothing much to say and yet there was everything to say.

“Well Gatlin, how are you?” There was a silence so I postured again “How are you really?” There was a longer silence and then, because the pub was pretty well empty, the ugly truth came reeling, stumbling out.

There was a heavy catalogue of troubles which in and of themselves were not significant or insurmountable but having accumulated over time were now completely overwhelming. All the little things had piled on top of each other and now, in his own words, Gatlin was like a broken matchstick.

There was a time when Gatlin was fiery, passionate and effervescent with his enthusiasm. Gatlin’s entrance into a room lit up the atmosphere with warmth and joy. People were attracted to my colleague.

Now however, Gatlin’s description was entirely accurate. You can’t light a fire with a broken matchstick. It’s good for ... well it’s good for nothing and should be flicked away along with the dead batteries and shaggy toothbrushes.

I often wondered what became of Gatlin. I steered my friend towards their GP and last I heard Gatlin was OK. But that last report was a couple of decades ago.

I think of Gatlin every R U OK day. I think what might have happened if I had not asked ‘How are you *really*?’ I am hopeful that Gatlin is OK and grateful that Gatlin’s example warns me not to finish up as a broken matchstick.

Father David Oulton

OFF THE RAILS DUNKELD

NEWS

Mini Refurb at OTR Dunkeld

Thanks to a generous Grant from VicTrack, OTR Dunkeld has had some minor face work!

The external doors and windows of Dunkeld’s Historic Railway Station have received some harsh treatment on their north/northwest facing exterior from our changeable weather. This has resulted in some issues with wood around windowsills and doors. Local painter, Peter Helm, bunked down in his Dunkeld home for a couple of weeks and helped us to fill gaps, fix windows and finish it all off with a fine paint job. Thanks so much Peter for your professional and meticulous work!

Ange and Paul from Grampians Garden Supplies helped us fix our car park which had seen more than one visitor bogged during wetter seasons! We now have a brand-new carpark that goes all the way to the road and some lovely little olive trees in pots to boot! I can see a “Preserving Olives” workshop on our horizon! Any olive experts most welcome! Thanks so much to Peter, Ange, Paul, VicTrack and everyone on the OTR Dunkeld Committee who helped us get the grant and do this important repair work to keep the old Dunkeld Railway Station in great nick.



PETER HELM PAINTING – 0429 399 228



Santa’s Workshop sparkled again this year

Santa’s Workshop was held again this year, on Sunday 24 November.

Wonderful company, lots of laughs, loads of energy and some beautiful gifts and decorations created! Santa’s Workshop was an absolute delight this year thanks to the amazing elves that attended! Thank you all so much for a fabulous afternoon full of heart and community.



COMING UP AT OTR Dunkeld Order your Christmas Seafood for delivery to Dunkeld now!

Dunkeld and surrounds residents, pre-order your Christmas Seafood now!!!

Off The Boat Port Fairy will be at Bazaar Bizarre, Dunkeld's Christmas Market from 1.00pm – 4.00pm, Sunday 15 December.

They are now taking pre-orders for all of your Christmas Seafood needs which will be ready for pick up at OTR Dunkeld, on the day.

For orders, please contact Off the Boat Port Fairy, via text 0427 528 169 and they will process your order. Please include your name, "Dunkeld Christmas Market" and the date 15 December.

You can also purchase freshly caught seafood on the day!



<https://www.facebook.com/offtheboatportfairy>



Dunkeld Christmas Market – Bizarre Bazaar Sunday 15 December 2024 1.00pm – 4.00pm

- Free kids activities
- Food Vans
- Drinks
- Seafood
- Music
- Raffle
- Lucky Dip
- Market Stalls



HIRE OTR Dunkeld

Got an idea you'd like to run with to use this lovely space? Want to run a workshop, a class, share some skills, host a community event, or just hang with your club in a cool space?

The rental market is still completely affordable at OTR!

Feel free to contact us on otrdunkeld@gmail.com or call 0405 385 359.

ABOUT US

Off The Rails Dunkeld is a voluntary, community-run Not-For-Profit Organisation, dedicated to facilitating arts, educational, creative, and cultural opportunities for locals and the wider community in the beautiful heritage Dunkeld Railway Station.

Community spaces play a crucial role in providing residents with a sense of belonging and identity. They offer a place for people to connect, socialise and engage in activities, fostering a sense of community spirit and shared purpose. This space is for everyone, so if you want to get involved let us know, or just come along!

We would like to thank the people of Dunkeld, and surrounds, for their support in 2024.

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE MEDIA RELEASES



Celebrating International Day of People with Disability in the Southern Grampians

Southern Grampians Shire Council is excited to announce a series of events to mark the International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD), celebrated worldwide on 3 December 2024.

This day shines a spotlight on the achievements and contributions of people with disabilities while promoting a more inclusive community for everyone. Council invites the community to come together, celebrate, and recognise the diversity and strength within our region.

Starting at 9:00am on Sunday 24 November, talented local artist Jesse Shannahan will begin work on a collaborative mural beside the Greater Hamilton Library. Residents are invited to join Jesse by painting or spraying a heart on the mural, symbolising support and love for our community members living with disabilities. The project is a unique way for all residents to get involved, share their artistic flair, and be part of a piece that truly represents the spirit of unity and inclusion.

On Tuesday 10 December, Party with the Ponies returns to the Hamilton Racecourse, an event that has become a beloved fixture on the Southern Grampians calendar. Open to the broader community, this event will welcome disability and community groups from across the region, including Hamilton, Ararat, Terang, Portland, Warracknabeal, Warrnambool, and Millicent. Starting at 11:00am, the day promises something for everyone, with an animal nursery, face painting, crazy hair, giant ball games, parachute games, and roving entertainment. The highlight of the event is the much-loved Fashions on the Field.

Other events will be popping up across the Shire at the Greater Hamilton Library and the Hamilton Gallery to mark the occasion. Keep your eyes on our social media for updates.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle expressed his enthusiasm for the program, saying: "Council is partnering with Hamilton Community House, the Hamilton Racing Club, and other groups to support and celebrate the people in our community who are living with disabilities.

"We encourage everyone to join in the celebration of IDPwD and to appreciate the incredible contributions of people with disabilities to our Shire," he continued. "This day is a reminder of the importance of accessibility, equality, and inclusivity, and it invites all of us to play a part in creating a welcoming and supportive Shire for everyone." For more details on these events, please contact us at 5573 0444 or visit our website to sign up for our [newsletter](#) and receive regular updates on projects and initiatives across the Shire.

New Mayor Elected for Southern Grampians Shire Council

Southern Grampians Shire Council elected Cr Dennis Heslin unopposed as Mayor for 2024/2025 at last night's Statutory Meeting.

Mayor Heslin acknowledged the privilege and honour it is to be elected to represent the Southern Grampians community.

"This really is a privilege and honour and is a seat that I never thought I would have the opportunity to sit in," said Cr Heslin. "I will enjoy the challenge which is to serve this community and I would like to thank those who thought that I was worthy of this position.

"There have been seven Councillors who have been elected to represent the Shire and I think have already demonstrated throughout this process their desire to be open and work together to achieve positive outcomes for residents while holding respect for one another and the role that Council has.

"Between us all who are representing this Shire I would suggest that we will be two things and that is available and able.

"We have a lot of experience between the group and we will certainly be calling on those who have come before us and those from the wider community to draw upon a diverse set of skills.

"I am extremely grateful and looking forward to the year ahead," said Cr Heslin.

Council made the decision not elect a deputy mayor but to share the role of supporting Mayor between the Councillors. "We feel that by making this decision we are indicating to the community that we are committed to embracing this role together and will support one another. We may not always agree but we are one and the same, and will support Council's role throughout our term in office.

"We will be sharing our collective knowledge and will be positioning people where their skills lie." Council determined the upcoming schedule of meetings for 2025 which will be made available via the Council website. Councillors were also appointed as representatives of Council for the following committees:

- Audit and Risk Committee – Cr Henry, Cr Calvano
- Planning Committee – Cr Rainsford, Cr Manning
- Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Advisory Committee – Cr Campbell, Cr Rainsford
- CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Committee – Cr Heslin, Cr Henry, Cr Campbell
- Hamilton Showgrounds Advisory Committee – Cr Rainsford, Cr Barber
- Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group – Cr Heslin, Cr Manning
- MAV Delegate – Cr Rainsford, Proxy Cr Calvano
- South West Victoria Alliance – Cr Heslin, Cr Manning
- Rural Councils Victoria – Cr Heslin, Proxy Cr Henry
- Barwon South West Waste & Resource Recovery Group – Cr Henry, Cr Manning
- Green Triangle Action Group – Cr Campbell, Proxy Cr Calvano

- Rail Freight Alliance – Cr Rainsford, Proxy Cr Barber
- Ansett Museum Board – Cr Barber, Proxy Cr Rainsford

Council thanked retiring Councillors for their hard work and commitment to the Southern Grampians community.

"Council gives thanks to the outgoing Mayor David Robertson and Councillors for their commitment, dedication and for all their hard work across their Council term," concluded Cr Heslin.

Councillor Helen Henry acknowledged the privilege of learning from more experienced outgoing Councillors and paid homage to the late, former Councillor Greg McAdam who passed during 2023.

Council will meet for the first meeting of their four-year term on Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 5:30pm. Community are invited to attend either in person at the Council Chamber or join via the Facebook livestream.

Love Your Local this Christmas Season

As Christmas fast approaches, Southern Grampians Shire Council is inviting residents to spread holiday cheer close to home by shopping local for gifts this season.

With a vast range of stores offering everything from handcrafted goods to one-of-a-kind finds, the Shire's main streets are set to shine, ready to fulfill everyone's holiday wish list.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO, Tony Doyle encourages residents to love their local this Christmas. "Shopping locally doesn't just make gift-giving easier and faster; importantly it puts money back into our local economy. Every dollar spent in our local stores helps sustain jobs, supports local families, and enriches our main streets with the kind of unique charm that chain stores just can't replicate.

"We're very fortunate with the range and variety of retail options we have available to us in the Southern Grampians. Many of these are family-owned or run by people we know. Supporting these shops and services this festive season keeps local families fed, keeps kids in our schools and volunteers on our teams. Many of these businesses proudly support the community through sponsorships and other ventures so it's really important that we return that goodwill back to those businesses."

Southern Grampians Shire is blessed with a unique retail landscape, including delightful book and toy shops, chic clothing boutiques, and specialty gift stores. The shire also boasts a wide variety of health, beauty and fitness services, great restaurants and cafes, bars and wineries. "The gift options when you shop locally are endless. This year, we're asking everyone to 'Love your Local' and setting the challenge to buy all your gifts locally - it could make an enormous difference to our community," concluded Mr. Doyle.

Planning for Christmas festivities in the Shire is in the final stages, and residents can look forward to cheerful window displays, late-night shopping, the St Mary's Parade and the Christmas Busking Competition to enliven streets this holiday season.

Keep an eye on our socials, go to www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or sign up to our [newsletter](#) to stay up to date with everything planned for the 2024 holiday season.

"Remember, the cheer goes further when you shop local. Support your town, uplift your



community and spread a little extra magic right here at home,” concluded Mr Doyle.

Greater Hamilton Library Launches ‘Big Summer Read’ for Young Book Lovers

This summer, the Greater Hamilton Library is set to make reading a core part of holiday fun with the launch of its *Big Summer Read!*

Running from 1 December to 31 January, the program encourages children and teens up to 18 years old to keep up their reading habits all summer long—while earning fantastic prizes along the way.

The *Big Summer Read* is designed to inspire young people to embrace reading over the summer holidays, counteracting the “summer slide” that can impact literacy when school is out.

Each participant who registers with the library receives a reading log to track their progress, and with every book completed, young readers get one step closer to winning exciting rewards. This year, the Greater Hamilton Library is going all out with a range of activities, book-related fun, and an enticing prize draw.

“Our goal is to keep kids and teens engaged in reading all summer while welcoming families into the library,” said Library Services Coordinator, Kelly Pitt-Lancaster. “This program offers a wonderful way for young people to explore new books, discover a love for reading, and fill in those long summer days.”

How it Works:

- **Register** at the Greater Hamilton Library starting 1 December 2024.
- **Track Your Reads:** For every 10 books read, participants earn an entry into the prize draw.
- **Get Rewarded:** Complete a reading log and drop it off for a chance to win. The more you read, the better your odds of winning prizes.

First prize from this draw will be a \$500 Harvey Norman voucher, perfect to pick up a laptop for the school year. Hamilton based sports and sports equipment store, Daktari have very generously donated a \$300 voucher for second place and third place will receive a family pass for the Halls Gap Zoo.

As always, the library will be hosting community sessions and events throughout the summer to keep the whole family engaged and entertained.

So, bring a friend, discover a new favourite book, and make the Greater Hamilton Library your go-to place for summer adventures. Sign up, read, and let the stories take you somewhere magical this summer!

For more details, visit the Greater Hamilton Library or call us at 5573 0444. For up-to-date information about Council led programs, consider signing up to the [Southern Grampians Now newsletter](#).

Help Shape the 2025 – 2026 Council Budget

Southern Grampians Shire Council invites residents to contribute to the 2025/2026 Council Budget, putting out the call for community budget submissions this week. Residents are encouraged to get involved early, to help inform Council on the services that are most important to them.

Residents can participate in the budget engagement process by filling out the online [submission](#) form or completing a paper-based form available at our Brown Street Customer Service Centre.

The engagement process will allow the 2025/26 Annual Budget to be considered by Council for adoption at the June 2026 Council meeting.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin encouraged community members to get involved in the process to share what they felt was important to them and their families.

“Whether you’re a ratepayer or a regular user of council services, the budget and how Council prioritises its spending affects everyone,” said Cr Heslin.

“Last year we received 34 submissions from residents and a number of business cases from Council officers, resulting in budget allocation for a number of important community projects.

“Suggestions from last year that have since been included in our budget include installation of solar lighting around Lake Hamilton, stair replacement at Nigretta Falls, drainage and irrigation work for the Melville Oval playing surface, the purchase and renovation of Glenthompson School, replacement of Pedrina Park cricket nets, and improvements to the Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Trail.

“While there are no guarantees that submissions will be included in the budget, all will be considered and assessed against their alignment to our Council Plan,” concluded Cr Heslin.

The online submission form is live now and can be accessed [on our website](#). Submissions close 10 January 2024. Council is also conducting a short survey about the budget and long-term financial plan, available [here](#). Hard copy forms can be obtained from Council’s customer service centre at 111 Brown Street, Hamilton. Enquiries can be directed to council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or 5573 0444. You can always stay up to date with important Council news by subscribing to our [Enews letter](#).

Join the Conversation - Shape the Future of the New Hamilton Gallery

Southern Grampians Shire Council invites community members to help shape the design of the New Hamilton Gallery (NHG). Concept design engagement sessions for members of the public will take place on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 December 2024.

Internationally renowned architect Angelo Candalepas and Associates has been appointed to undertake stage 1 - concept designs for the New Hamilton Gallery.

Candalepas brings a wealth of expertise and experience and is currently the architect of the National Gallery of Victoria’s new \$1.3B contemporary building.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin encouraged community members to come along.

“This is one of the most important stages in developing this nationally significant cultural icon,” said Cr Heslin. “The community will have their voice heard by the project architects and can engage directly with them throughout the sessions and truly make an impact on the design.

“These sessions are not just for those who already use our Gallery, but we also want to hear from those that don’t. What would get you through the doors and making the most out of these facilities? What features of other galleries do you love and what would you like to see introduced here?”

"We want you to share your vision and help shape the new Gallery so jump on our website, register for one of our sessions, and leave your mark on the future of the Southern Grampians," said Cr Heslin.

Registration to attend one of the two community sessions, in person with Angelo Candalepas is now open.

Community co-design workshop details:

Day 1: Monday 2 December 2024, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Hamilton Cinema

Day 2: Tuesday 3 December 2024, 2:00pm – 3:30pm, Hamilton Cinema

Additional sessions have also been scheduled for industry groups by direct invite.

The focus of these sessions is to hear directly from residents and local business owners about their vision for the New Gallery.

"These co-design engagement sessions will provide our communities the chance to have their say on what that space might look like, how the space will feel, and ultimately work with the architects come up with a space for community to enjoy," concluded Cr Heslin.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO Tony Doyle also urged people's engagement saying, "This is an intergenerational project that will place the cultural reputation of the Southern Grampian region on a national level, and I strongly encourage the community to take this rare opportunity to have your ideas, thoughts and concepts heard."

Candalepas and his team were awarded the NHG project after a vigorous and competitive tender process. Council received an impressive number of submissions from some of the most highly regarded architectural firms in Australia. After careful evaluation and consideration, Candalepas and Associates were awarded the contract.

This appointment marks an exciting milestone for the NHG with the primary concept designs due for release in March 2025.

Registrations are required due to limited spaces and can be accessed via the link below, the Gallery's social media sites and/or the Council's Facebook page and website at Engage Southern Grampians.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/SouthernGrampiansShireCouncil/ExpressionOfInterest>

DUNKELD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS

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

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Mobile Library

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

Glenelg Highway alongside pool
Dunkeld: 5 December 2024

Mirranatwa: 12 December 2024
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Phone: 5573 0470

www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library

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Hamilton Library
Mobile Library Services Officer
Southern Grampians Shire

From the Lions Den

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If we worry too much about ourselves, we won't have time for others. Mother Teresa

A nice Lions story: Leo of the Year Awards

There were tears of joy on stage for Melbourne's Next Gen's Charlyze Chow (16 years) when she was named 2024 Leo of the Year. Winner of the Public Speaking Award was King Island Leo, Lilly Davis (17 years). Well done to all that were involved.

One of those things you really had to know:

John Parry 1842 – 1887, King Island's heroic rescuer. On 14 July 1866 John was Second Officer on the Netherly when it struck a reef off the West Coast of King Island. The ship was stranded and all but one lifeboat was wrecked. By determination and resourcefulness, he was able to get the 451 survivors onto land. Then with a small group walked for four days to a light house where he commandeered their whale boat and after thirty-six hours reached the mainland where he raised the alarm. All passengers and crew were saved.

The world according to Hinchey:

Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Last Sunday it was my turn to run the Sunday School program at church. One young lad came late which was strange because he is usually there before time, so I enquired if everything was alright, he replied, "No, I was going to go fishing with Dad, but he told me to come to church instead." (His father is one of the people who go by their second Christian name, and I am probably the only person what knows his first name is John. To me he will always be Little Johnnie.

So, I asked if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church, than to go fishing? The boy replied, "Yes, he did. Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

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

Peter Hinchey



Garden Notes – December

Having a fairly dry spring means that roses have flowered very well with few disease problems although it is still a good idea to continue garden hygiene practices by gathering up and properly disposing of any damaged leaves.

Once the main spring flowering period is over, you should spend some time "dead-heading" them i.e. remove the spent flowers by cutting down to a healthy leaf junction. This will ensure plenty of new growth for good summer and autumn flowers.

With increasing summer temperatures and a drying out of your garden, slugs and snails should become less of a problem, however earwigs enjoy warmer, drier conditions and are starting to cause trouble. There are three main ways to control these pests:

1. Removal of any cover in which they hide during daylight e.g. weeds or long grass, piles of timber or firewood. Timber or stone garden edges are favourite hiding places as are timber fences. Pouring very hot water into these areas on a regular basis is a good idea.
2. The insecticide Carbaryl is no longer registered for use on food crops but can still be used on ornamentals with good results.
3. A shallow plastic container e.g. a margarine tub or a takeaway food container can be used as a trap. They can be partly buried on your garden after putting approximately 15-20mm of any cooking oil into them, earwigs are attracted to the oil and once into the container, they cannot escape.

Main vegetable plantings for December are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, beans, lettuce, carrots, parsnips, beetroot and radish.

There are still plenty of flowering annuals available for a good summer and autumn display including petunia, marigold, aster, lobelia, impatiens and portulaca. One reader has asked for further information on watering of potted plants.

There are basically three groups of potted plants with regards to water requirements.

The first group consists of ferns and palms which need to be kept moist but not wet. At the other end of the scale are the cacti and succulent group which need to be kept dry with just an occasional watering. Most other potted plants are between these two extremes and should be well watered as the surface of the potting mix is drying out.

Some early fruit crops e.g. apricot, peach and early maturing nectarine and plum will be ready to harvest very soon, watch out for bird damage and net your trees if this happens or you can hang old CDs or DVDs on strong twine or fishing line so that they move in a breeze, you can also use strips of aluminium foil or plastic shopping bags so that they move in a wind, this will help to deter birds.

It is NOT too early to order from your nursery any roses, fruit trees or deciduous ornamentals which you may require for planting next winter.

Don't forget that nurseries generally have a good range of Christmas gifts for keen gardeners.

Thanks for your interest and support during the year. May you all have a happy and safe Christmas and a great year ahead.

Happy gardening!

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though tragically brief, serves as a powerful reminder of the profound impact of war on Australia's youth.

During the time of World War I, each man in Australia who was of 'military age' (19 - 38 years old) was given the right to decide whether they would enlist and go to war. This decision would affect nearly every family in the country. From Australia's population of around five million people, 416,809 men enlisted in the AIF, of which over 60,000 were killed and 156,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner.

Born on January 3, 1901, in Tocumwal, New South Wales, Martin showed an early interest in the military, joining the cadets at school. Eager to serve his country, Martin sought to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force in 1915. Despite his young age, he was determined to represent his family, after his father was rejected from service due to his age.



Martin faced numerous obstacles in his quest to enlist. At just 14 years and three months old, he was well below the minimum enlistment age of 21. Undeterred, Martin threatened to run away and enlist under a false name if his parents did not grant him permission. His mother reluctantly agreed and provided written permission for him to join the AIF.

After several months of training at Broadmeadows Camp in Victoria, Martin embarked on his journey to war, departing from Melbourne to Egypt aboard the HMAT Berrima on June 28, 1915. From Egypt, Martin and his fellow reinforcements were deployed to Gallipoli, where they faced harsh realities of combat.

During the voyage to Gallipoli, their transport ship was torpedoed by a German submarine. Martin and several others spent hours in the water before being rescued.

Martin served in the trenches of Gallipoli after landing on September 7, 1915. As the war dragged on and Winter approached, the weather began to deteriorate. Martin describes the poor weather on the Gallipoli peninsula in a letter to his parents at the time. After a stretch of heavy rain, Martin contracted typhoid fever in late October. Mere hours after Martin was evacuated to the hospital ship HMHS Glenart Castle, his condition rapidly deteriorated, and Martin passed away from heart failure on October 25, 1915, just three months shy of his 15th birthday. He was buried at sea.



James Martin with his five sisters cApril 1915.

Martin's untimely death highlights the sacrifices made by Australia's youth during the war. Today, James Martin is remembered as the youngest Australian known to have died in World War I, one of 20 Australian soldiers under the age of 18 known to have died in the Great War. His name is inscribed on the Lone Pine Memorial at Gallipoli.¹

¹ <https://www.flagworld.com.au/news/james-martin>



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