

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## DUNKELD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Celebration of Saint Patrick: Fair

(Saint Patrick's Day 17 March)

### Sunday 19 March 2023

### 10.00am – 2.00pm

### Saint Patrick's Church Grounds

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## CHURCH TIMES

### Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Sunday	March 5	8.30am	Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Sunday	March 12		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Sunday	March 19	8.30am	Mass
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Sunday	March 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

### Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

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

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

### Panyyabyr Uniting Church

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

### WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	1 March Newsletter issue 2 distributed	2 Mobile Library - Dunkeld	3	4 Magic, Miracles and Mysteries, Australian Chamber Choir at Sterling Place from 3pm	5 Clean Up Australia Day
6	7	8	9 Mobile Library - Mirranatwa	10 Newsletter issue 3 deadline	11	12
13 LABOUR DAY Public Holiday	14	15 Newsletter issue 3 distributed	16 Mobile Library - Dunkeld	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19 Celebration of St Patrick's Fair at St Patrick's Church Grounds 10.00am - 2.00pm
20	21	22	23 Mobile Library - Mirranatwa	24 Newsletter issue 4 deadline	25	26 Picnic & Polo @ Dunkeld Racecourse from 10.00am



### WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR DUNKELD?

Dunkeld Progress Association wants to hear from any community members or business owners regarding action you want taken to improve Dunkeld's services and amenity. We are compiling a list of priorities to submit to council for funding and planning. Please send your ideas via [dunkeld.progress@gmail.com](mailto:dunkeld.progress@gmail.com), tell a committee member or put your ideas in the DPA box inside the Dunkeld Post Office. RSVP Friday 3 March 2023.

Dunkeld Progress Association's three top priorities discussed at the February meeting are:

1. Whole town drainage plan - A whole town plan is needed to avoid an ad-hoc approach to resolving drainage issues in Dunkeld.
2. Urban Design Framework - We have an urgent need to inform and direct appropriate development in our town and would urge a solution to be in the budget for 2023/2024.
3. Parker Street footpath - The proposed footpath would run on one side of Parker Street along its full length from Templeton Street to Armitage Street,

Some points and progress from the February DPA Meeting

- As advised in December, the 40Kph speed limit subcommittee is continuing with the push to install flashing 40kph lights at both ends of the town. A work in progress.
- New SGSC rubbish bin receptacles have been installed with more to come. Ideally a sensor at the bottom signals when they are nearing capacity to be emptied. There are concerns these bins do not have enough capacity to cope with demand. DPA is still working for a better outcome and also the provision of skips.
- Doggie Bags are to be installed at the Park along Sterling Street and outside the Visitor Info Centre.
- DPA congratulates John Smith and David Hampton named as Dunkeld's citizens of the year.
- As promised by SGSC a basketball ring and half court at the far eastern tennis court will be installed.
- Sunday 19 March – community fair in Saint Patrick's Church grounds. Be a stall holder or just come along to support, buy and eat. 10.00am – 2.00pm.
- Australian Chamber Choir will hold a concert in the Hall on 4 March at 3.00pm.

Dunkeld residents and business owners are welcome to attend whether a member or not. Community issues need to be heard so please come along or email [dunkeld.progress@gmail.com](mailto:dunkeld.progress@gmail.com) Membership forms are found at the Dunkeld Post Office.

Next DPA meeting: Monday 3 April at 7.30 pm Dunkeld Community Centre



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\$15 Adults, Kids are free  
Food available or BYO  
Kids entertainment



DUNKELD  
POLO  
*Tournament*

Industry-leading climate control specialists, D&E Air Conditioning were awarded the tender for the new climate control system at the February Council Meeting, and local business Comtek Electrical were awarded the tender for the lighting project.

Gallery staff will commence in March the significant task of relocating thousands of collection items from storage areas within the Gallery to enable works to begin.

The first-floor will be closed at the conclusion of the exhibition "Here and Now" from **Monday 27 February 2023** until works are completed. The ground-floor and mezzanine levels will remain open until **mid-April**, with the current free exhibition 'Icons: Australian Art' extended.

Hamilton Gallery has programmed a series of creative workshops in spaces beyond the gallery walls during the interruption to gallery opening hours.

Residents and visitors can stay up-to-date with programming and reopening information on the Hamilton Gallery website and social media accounts.



## GALLERY UPGRADES PAVE WAY FOR INTERNATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT EXHIBITIONS

Hamilton Gallery will soon commence vital climate control and lighting upgrades which will enable the Gallery to develop and host nationally significant exhibitions.

These upgrades will also safeguard the unique collection for years to come and importantly will be utilised within the New Hamilton Gallery development.

Hamilton Gallery Director, Joshua White said these upgrades will allow the Gallery to meet industry standards.

"Without reliable conditions, the Gallery is limited in loaning artworks and touring shows from other institutions, particularly from major galleries such as the National Gallery of Victoria and the National Gallery of Australia," said Mr White.

"We are currently working on major exhibitions of international significance; the first occurring over summer 2023/2024 once works are complete.

"Hosting these exhibitions is an important step in attaining support and funding for the New Hamilton Gallery," concluded Mr White.

The Gallery was successful in attaining \$549,678 in state government funding to address fluctuating temperature, humidity, and lux (brightness) last year.



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Dinner 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday – Saturday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

Open Tuesday to Thursday at 10.00am  
morning tea groups welcome

Open Friday Saturday and Sunday at 8.30am  
for breakfast

**Tuesday - Parma Night selection of delicious toppings \$20 with a free can of soft drink**

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**Thursday - Burger Night freshly homemade burgers \$18**

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- . Pizza Bundle – 2 x pizzas garlic bread & 1.25L soft drink \$45
- . Fish & Chip Bundle - 4 x pieces of fish chips & salad \$35
- . Chicken Parmas – 4 x parmas chips & salad \$80
- . Chicken Schnitzels – 4 x schnitzels chips gravy & salad \$70

## .DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY MEALS BEVERAGES & ALCOHOL

- . Gluten free Vegan and Vegetarian options available

**.Beer Wine Mixed Spirits available**

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

- . Free home Delivery available from 5.30pm to 8.00pm Tuesday to Sunday in Dunkeld town boundary only, minimum spend \$20.00.

**Takeaway orders or bookings 5577 2288.**

## JOIN THE CLEAN THIS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Southern Grampians residents are invited to get involved with local clean-up activities around the region this Clean Up Australia Day.

Council is once again partnering with the Hamilton Rotary Club and are encouraging community members to help reduce discarded waste.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor David Robertson said it would be great to increase the numbers from last year's successful event and encourages young and old to come down and lend a hand.

"This year will see us focus our attention at Lake Hamilton to collect rubbish along the lakeside before it makes its way into the water system," said Cr Robertson.

"We will meet at the Brumley Park BBQ area between 10:00am – 12:00pm where Council will supply residents with necessary equipment which will be followed by a free BBQ.

"It's incredibly important that we all understand the impact leaving small amounts of rubbish has on our environmental health and how that sort of behaviour impacts on the overall sustainability of so many ecosystems within the Southern Grampians.

"It doesn't take a lot of effort - by working together and all doing our bit we can ensure that we keep our region clean. This work is not something that should be done annually, but by taking the time to appropriately dispose of your rubbish or picking up something on the ground rather than walking over it makes a big impact to the overall appearance of our townships.

"So if you have a bit of time next Friday, contact Council to register, pop down to the Lake and let's help one another to keep Southern Grampians pristine," said Cr Robertson.

Traditionally celebrated annually on the first Sunday in March, this year residents are invited to take part on **Friday 3 March 2023 from 10:00am – 12:00pm** which will be followed by a free BBQ supported by Council and the Hamilton Rotary Club.

"Grab your mates, co-workers and family members and head down to Lake Hamilton to help get cleaning," concluded Cr Robertson.

Results from the 2022 National Rubbish Report as compiled from Clean Up Australia volunteers recorded that plastics account for 63% of the rubbish items removed from our parks, schools, bushland, creeks, beaches and roadways, which was a 17% increase from 2021.

Residents are encouraged to register by contacting Council Customer Service Team on 5573 0444 or by email at [council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)

## 250 WORDS FATHER DAVID

All those things we never said.

There is a book called "All those things we never said." The basic plot is this.

Days before her wedding, Julia Walsh is blindsided twice: once by the sudden death of her estranged father...and again when he appears on her doorstep after his funeral, ready to make amends, right his past mistakes, and prevent her from making new ones.

Surprised, to say the least, Julia reluctantly agrees to a spontaneous road trip with her father to make up for lost time. They have six days and six days only. An astonishing secret is revealed from the past and their trip becomes a whirlwind journey of rediscovery. We learn that even the smallest gestures we take for granted have the power to change us forever.

The book sounds great!

But it raises some pretty obvious questions.

What if we had just six days to spend with the deceased person we were estranged from. What would you say to them and what do you think they might say to you? Or... what if you had an opportunity to encounter the person who you are estranged from but who in fact has not died, is perfectly fit and healthy, and unexpectedly turned up on your doorstep. Would you slam the door in their face? Yell mightily or...

What are the things you wish you had said and what is it that you might have listened to? The blurb from the book hints that little things that have slipped our attention and gone unnoticed might actually be the largest, most profound, life changing events in our life.

Looking back over the years, or even just last week... What might I have missed? How might I change someone's life and fill our nemesis and ourselves with fresh hope for the future?



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**Thursday March 30, 2023**

**10am to 2pm**

<https://carerconnect.com.au/carers-connect-support-services-roadshow>



## Mobile Library

Will be visiting DUNKELD every

Thursday fortnight

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Glenelg Highway alongside pool

Dunkeld: 2, 16 and 30 March

Mirranatwa: 9 and 23 March

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tues, wed, thurs -  
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fri - 7.30-5  
sat 7.30-12ish..

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## Garden Notes – March

One benefit of a damp spring and a mild summer is that agapanthus have flowered very well this year.

These very hardy plants with blue or white flowers make a great display. However, they can very easily become an environment weed. Therefore, when flowers are finished, you should carefully remove spent flower heads, place them into plastic bags and put them into your red lid rubbish bin (not the green lid bin), this means that the seed heads will be deeply buried in land fill and not cause any future problems.

March is the traditional time to plant sweet peas so that you can enjoy a very colourful display during spring. They require an open sunny position, a fence or trellis for support, soil well prepared with an application of garden lime and a complete fertiliser. Note that they do not like animal manure as they are classified as a legume. Main vegetable plantings for March are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, parsnips, turnips, silver beet, celery and early plantings of peas and broad beans.

The flowering period of many flower crops especially Dahlias and roses will be extended if you “dead head” them i.e. remove spent flowers. Most potato crops should now be ready for harvest. When digging your crop, take care not to damage the tubers as their storage life will be considerably reduced. Store clean, dry, undamaged potatoes in a cool, dark, dry position, they will keep for several months.

The combination of warm daytime temperatures and cool often dewy nights experienced in March can encourage mildew (a white powdery deposit on leaves and general decline of the plant) to appear on some vegetables especially parsnips and the pumpkin group. Removal of damaged leaves and avoidance of overhead watering will usually control this program.

Autumn leaves will soon start to fall, please do not waste this very valuable garden resource by throwing them away.

Happy gardening!

*Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### School

What a busy start we have had to the new school year! Our assessment day ran smoothly, with almost all Year 1 to 6 students having completed the assessment. Our Prep students are visiting Mrs Gilbert on Wednesdays to complete the mandatory English Online Interview required by DET, along with the Mathematics Online Interview that all Dunkeld students complete.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our familiar and new Prep families:

Henry Armytage - Andrea and Nick Armytage  
Esther Beveridge - Cody and Alister Beveridge  
Charlotte Blackwell - Rebecca Crozier-Durham and Charles Blackwell  
Sam Blackwell - Rachel and Edward Blackwell  
Nixon Elliott - Renae Jones, Luke Elliott  
Billy Gaylard - Hayley Glover  
Toby Hyland - Bridget and Adrian Hyland  
Egeria Jones - Pauline Porter and Michael Jones  
Layla Macgugan - Rebecca and Andrew Macgugan  
Phoebe Patterson - Louise and Lachy Patterson  
Isabella Petropoulos - Elizabeth Astbury and Nicholas Petropoulos  
Van Russell - Lea McArthur, Malcolm Russell  
Ned Skermer - Jessica and John Skermer  
Penelope Wickens - Kate and Robin Wickens  
Annabel Wilson - Alyce and Chris Wilson

We also welcome back Nixon (Year 1) and Dempsey (Year 3) Gerring to our school community.

The supportive and committed staff for this year:

Prep: Mrs Anne Gilbert and Mrs Alyce Wilson  
Year 1/2: Ms Dee-Anne Raymond and Mrs Jackie McShane  
Year 3/4: Miss Sarah Gordon  
Year 4/5: Mrs Jackie Mibus  
Year 6: Mrs Naomie Phillips  
Tutor Learning: Mrs Alyce Wilson  
Education Support: Ms Helen Trahar  
SAKG Program: Mrs Lisa McIntyre and Ms Bev Hampton  
Business Manager: Mrs Terrie Nicholson  
DET ICT Technician: Mr Pratik Rathod  
MARC Library: Mrs Bree Porter

**Swimming Program:** I think it goes without saying that on behalf of the school community we are most grateful for the amazing swimming program that is put together by Jen and Lea McArthur, with wonderful assistance from Jackie McShane, Casey Trotter and Kate Wickens. Our House Swimming Sports were a wonderful day and the improvement and willingness to participate was our best year yet. Well done kids! We still have swimming events taking place and I wish these competitors all the best.

**NAPLAN:** Year 3 and 5 students will commence NAPLAN from 15 to 27 March. Our Tutor, Mrs Alyce Wilson, will be working with our students to familiarise them with the written (Year 3 Writing) and online testing procedures.

**Staff Professional Learning:** This semester our teaching staff are engaging with various Professional Learning modules and meetings. Naomie Phillips and I are completing the formal Professional Learning Community (PLC) training in line with the DET directive, while Dee-Anne Raymond and I are completing a Wimmera South-West Region Numeracy



# Pregnancy scanning

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Learning Community, focusing on improving numeracy student outcomes for our region.

**SAKG Program:** Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program commences on Friday 3 March. Rosters for our volunteers/friend will be sent home soon and we look forward to welcoming many new Friends of the SAKG program.

**School Council:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our retiring councillors, Mark Lazzari (October 2015 – December 2022) and Simon Ross (March 2018 – December 2022). Their dedication to our school has been wonderful and in particular during my time as Acting Principal, to complete our new roundabout, ensuring the safety of our children and families. Thank you, Mark and Simon!

In Term Two, we will be beginning electives every fortnight on Fridays. We have a large list of elective ideas and again we are encouraging Dunkeld community members to be involved, sharing their skills with our students. Some of the elective choices that have been discussed are billycart making, knitting, photography, painting/drawing lessons, cooking, chess, just to name a few. **If you have a skill and would like to be involved, please contact the school.**

*Ange Field, Principal*

### School Highlights

#### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2023



Congratulations to the following students on their appointments for 2023:

- **School Captains:** Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane
- **Wannon House Captains:** Milly McShane and Jack Oldfield Mann
- **Sturgeon House Captains:** Gemma Kyle and Lachie Gordon
- **SAKG Captains:** Felix Hyland and Patrick Lomas
- **Student Representative Council:** Yin Vass, Clementine Blackwell, Alex Bird, Mac Jackson, Charles Prentice, Kai Roads, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Max Russell, Korey Rennie, Ned Peters and Freddie Jury.

#### 2023 Class Captains – Term 1



Van – Prep



Poppy – Year 1/2



George – Year 3/4



Elodie -Year4/5



Lachie – Year 6

#### Welcome to our wonderful 2023 Prep Class



What a start to 2023! The excitement was abundant as students were welcomed back for the commencement of 2023 school year. Our new Prep students enthusiastically arrived to start their first day of school. There were a few nerves, but also many big smiles as the year began. We were delighted to see happy faces and hear laughter throughout the day. Friends were together again. Students chatted and played and the possibility of budding new friendships were obvious. Students were excited to be together and classes were back into routine for 2023 school year.

#### SWIMMING SPORTS



Our School Swimming Program commenced on Monday 6 February and finished on Friday 17 February with our House Swimming Sports. It was a great day at the pool and all students got to display what they had achieved over the two-week program. It was an amazing sunny day and everyone did a great job completing their laps with a smile on their faces! Prep and Year 1 students presented a water display and activities. They were wonderful. All the competitors did an incredible job and congratulations to Sturgeon for being the 2023 winners! Our swimming program would not be possible without Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur's time and effort that they generously provide to us and our swimming program. A big thank you to Lea, Jen and their helpers and also our teachers.



#### AGE CHAMPIONS

Age Group	Girls	Boys
8 Years	Indigo Roads	Bobby Blackwell
9 Years	Nellie Wickens	Xavier Macgugan and Jude Rush
10 Years	Grace Macgugan	Banjo Hyland
11 Years	Elodie Cochran	Edward Alderman
12/13 Years	Gemma Kyle	Lachie Gordon

Twenty-eight students have qualified for the SGSSA Swimming Sports, which will be hosted by the Dunkeld Consolidated School and held at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool on Friday 24 February:  
*Clementine Blackwell, Felix Hyland, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Kai Roads, Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachie Gordon, Millie McShane, Gemma Kyle, Ned Peters, Hamish Rush, Nate Elliott, Jim Herrmann, Henrietta Patterson, Elodie Cochran, Zoe Trotter, Isla Oldfield Mann, Edward Alderman, Olivia Balkin, Audrey Black, Grace Macgugan, Jet Roads, Will Beveridge, Banjo Hyland, George Lomas, Nellie Wickens, Jed Russell, Jude Rush, Xavier Macgugan.*

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

### Garden (SAKG) Program



We wish to welcome you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program at Dunkeld Consolidated School for 2023! All students will participate in growing and harvesting produce in our Garden classes and Year 4 to Year 6 students will participate in preparing and sharing lunch together in our Kitchen classes. Prep to Year 3 students will have an introduction to Kitchen classes throughout the year.

Each year we rely on many people our – 'Friends of the SAKG' – to help make our Kitchen Garden program a success in our quest to provide good food education to our students.

**We invite you to become a "Friend of the SAKG" and be on the roster to help us on a Friday in the Kitchen and/or the Garden.**

You do not need to be an expert in anything; you only need to have a passion for providing good food education to children with assistance, guidance and support provided. All that is required is a Working With Children Check, applications may be completed online: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

The Kitchen and Garden Rosters are currently being finalised, but if you have not had a chance to submit your preference forms could you please contact the school Admin office on 5577 2384.

We look forward to planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing with you and seeing our many 'Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program' once again, and welcoming new 'Friends of the SAKG' from our school families and community.

If you require any further information about the work of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, please visit [www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au](http://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au)

### From the Garden ...

#### SAKG Captains' Report by Patrick Lomas and Felix Hyland

We have been selling extra eggs that we have collected from the chooks. Kitchen and Garden classes start on Friday 3 March and we would be delighted to have lots of parent/community helpers come in and help, become one of the 'Friends' of the program.



#### Chook Roster over the Summer Break

**A Big Thank You** to everyone that helped look after the chooks over the summer break. It was very much appreciated.

### 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.

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.

### From the Lions Den

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



So great is the strength we possess in our unity. Mary MacKillop 1874.

### A nice Lions Story

Lugarno (N5 Region) Lion Elvio Munzone heard of a young non-verbal autistic boy doing it tough. Lions raised \$22,000.00 to provide the boy, Thomas, with 48 weeks of early intervention education. For the first time young Thomas was able to maintain eye contact, embrace others, play and laugh. His social behaviour completely changed with no more non-stop screaming and biting and punching of other children.

Thomas' Columbian born parents could not afford the therapy and were not covered by NDIS so a bigger Lions Club, Manly, are now the managers of the project.

Thomas' first words were "mamma", "daddy" and "wee". Well done everyone involved, especially Thomas.

### Is someone out of step, or am I just a grumpy old man?

Just after the two Police officers and civilians were gunned down in an ambush and the Australian community was asking how this could happen in Australia, I went into a shop in Hamilton to get some lunch. They proudly have named one of their pies Ned Kelly, after the best-known murderer of Police in Australia. I went to another shop.

Peter Hinchey



### 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 2023 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.

**Ararat RSL Sub-Branch:** The Ararat RSL is hosting two presentations and a workshop in March that will be of benefit to everyone – these events are open to the community to learn more about these important issues.

- Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide:
  - Tuesday 21 March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.
  - Presentation at the Ararat RSL Function Room by Karla Randle, a DAVLS lawyer to talk about helping veterans and their families/carers in making a submission to the Royal Commission (Victoria).
  - Also, on Tuesday 21 March from 6.30pm onwards at the Ararat Astor Cinema there will be a panel presentation with invited guest speakers on the Royal Commission and a viewing of a new movie called 'Living'.
- Monday and Tuesday 27 and 28 March – two-day ASIST suicide prevention workshop run by Open Arms Veterans & Family Counselling services.

RSVPs are essential for these events for catering requirements – please contact Lyn Russell on 0408 248 852 or email: lynr.araratrsl@gmail.com

**Australia under attack: Broome - 3 March 1942:** The tiny pearling port of Broome, Western Australia, became a transit stop on the escape route for refugees fleeing the Japanese advance in the Netherlands East Indies. On Tuesday morning, 3 March 1942, ten Japanese aircraft attacked both the airfield there and the flying boats refuelling at anchor on nearby Roebuck Bay. In an attack lasting an hour the Japanese fighters destroyed 16 flying boats on the bay and six aircraft on the ground, and shot down a DC-3 laden with refugees and a Liberator full of wounded US servicemen.



Twenty-three-year-old Pilot Officer Frank Russell was aboard one of the flying boats; soon afterwards he described, "a scene of ghastly devastation! Our flying boats all over the place were sending up huge clouds of black smoke. Burning petrol in sinister patches

floated all over the sea ... All around us there fell a ceaseless stream of tracer bullets. Several of the Dutch Dorniers had been full of women and kids, waiting to take off to ... safety."

As many as 100 people died. The exact number and identities of the refugees killed that morning will never be known.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://www.awm.gov.au/visit/exhibitions/underattack/bombed/broome>



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## Après les inondations

*By Marion Colton*

It has been interesting to resume walking along tracks by the river Wannon after the receded floodwaters and observing their effects upon the terrain and vegetation.

I particularly enjoyed sitting in the shade of an ancient River Red Gum, sipping tea from my flask and endeavouring to sketch the exquisite scene before me; a vast ephemeral lake, the river flats and the tree and bracken-clad slopes rising to the three-domed summit of Wurgarri. A couple of metres behind me, the river, now contained within its banks, curved its way southwards. Everywhere was transformed, presenting new perspectives in formerly familiar territory. The 'lake' formed little bays, of which the edges were bordered with hundreds of golden-green and golden-pink gum leaves, offset by the darkness of the soil beneath the waters.

A lone emu wandered down from the mountain, perhaps to drink, but within a metre of me, changed course and fossicked around the bulbous trunk of a River Red Gum opposite. One huge, lower limb stretched out, curving to the earth and I was immediately aware of how the emu's neck, curving to fossick, mimicked this same shape. Not only that, but both the colour and shape of the emu's body aped that of the bulbous trunk. Nature is so fascinating in its creation of form and colour.

It was so tranquil with perfect reflections in the clear water. A White-faced Heron flew to another River Red Gum entirely surrounded by water. Its huge limbs sprawled and undulated in every direction. The heron alighted on an overhanging branch and perched, motionless, scanning the water for a tasty morsel. Meanwhile another heron of the same species strutted carefully amongst reeds and submerged logs, ever alert for food. At a later time, yet another heron elegantly walked around the reedy shallows right in front of me. I scarcely dared breathe in case I disturbed it. Over in the shadows towards the invisible eastern end of the 'lake', a

pair of Wood ducks swam under overhanging branches and around huge, submerged trunks.

From the water's edge most of the grassy vegetation had been cleared by the floods and an uneven, grey, silty surface extended both on the isthmus between the lake and the rover and on the far, mountainside of the water. Even hardy Carex species appeared dead, yet a few green, strap-like leaves announced that there was still life in them. In many places as I wandered a little way upstream, the floodwaters had formed small pocks in the soil or larger mounds of earth often covered on one side with a tinge of new green moss or algae. Around the base of the trees clear of floodwaters, the soil had been dished, like a trunk in a saucer. The silty soil was mainly bare but scattered with discarded, platinum eucalypt leaves and many white feathers of differing sizes from the plumage of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos. In places huge trees had been unearthed and plunged to the ground, their silvery-grey and creamy-white limbs like giant skeletons, their remaining leaves devoid of colour, suffering from dehydration, but still attached to the canopy. Broken limbs were scattered over the earth.

An unusual, white, prism-shaped cocoon clung to the rough bark of a nearby, huge, living River Red Gum. Common Brown Butterflies fluttered and hovered; a Crane fly landed momentarily on the rough bark at the base of the tree I was sitting under. An occasional Dragonfly speedily zigzagged past. A Soldier Beetle landed on the back of my hand, its tiny feet tickling my skin. A gentle breeze rippled the water catching the sunlight and a flotilla of golden leaves coasted aimlessly along ...

A couple of weeks later, the 'lake' had disappeared leaving a vast area of grey silt, totally devoid of life. Imprinted in it were countless feet of birds and animals. Two tiny puddles were all that remained.

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