

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## Drinks & Nibbles

Sunday afternoon event

14 March 2021 – 4.00pm

Let's Get together!

Sterling Place, Dunkeld  
Community Centre Committee

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## CHURCH TIMES

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Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

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4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Sunday	February 28	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1st Week	Sunday	March 7	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	March 14		No service (mass at Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	March 21	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	March 28	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

### Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

### Panyyabyr Uniting Church

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

### WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY / MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
22	23	24 Newsletter issue 2 distributed	25	26	27	28
1 MARCH	2	3	4	5 Newsletter issue 3 deadline	6	7
8 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9	10 Newsletter issue 3 distributed	11	12	13	Farmers Market @ 9am Drinks and Nibbles Sterling Place @ 4pm
15	16 Red Cross Zone Meeting	17	18	19 Newsletter issue 4 deadline	20	21
22 Red Cross Meeting	23	24 Newsletter issue 4 distributed	25	26 OTR Welcome meeting @ 7pm	27	28

## Farmers Market coming to Dunkeld

The first Dunkeld Farmers Market is to be held on **Sunday 14 March, 9.00am - 1.00pm** at the Grampians Food Co site on Mahoney's Lane.

The idea is to introduce a Dunkeld Market to be held once a month for locals as well as for tourists visiting or passing through. Our first market is a "trial" run and will focus on ethically and sustainably produced food from the South West Region.

The market will include locally produced food from Grampians Food Co alongside local wine, meat, eggs, olive products, teas, bread and a range of homemade food products together with some produce from a little further afield. A coffee van and gourmet pizzas from the on-site pizza oven will be available.

### Invitation to potential Stall Holders

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**OFF THE RAILS**

Off the Rails Dunkeld @ the old train station  
**WANTING NEW MEMBERS.**  
 Committee and general public welcome meeting  
 Friday 26 February at 7.00pm.

Come along and join your local art space.  
 What activities you would like to participate in OR  
 would you like to run a workshop?  
 Members wanted.

**SOME WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID**

A time to keep silent and a time to speak.

I'm very new to this Facebook thing. Less than 12 months old.

One of the terrifying things is the speed with which information is spread around the world. Quite literally, it is an international forum.

So you have to be really, really careful before putting anything up there or out there, especially when it is the Parish Facebook page. Once it's out there... sure you can take it down again, but it has already been seen by... how many people? And is it ever *really* gone, like forever?

But this same caution also needs to be exercised in my daily words. Once something is spoken out-loud and in the company of one other person it is out there and cannot be retrieved. You can't get it back, alter it, change it, polish it. Sometimes all there is, is regret and shame.

So I am trying to adopt a new strategy. Before engaging with others, I ask myself these sorts of questions. "Do I really need to say this today?" "Could it wait until tomorrow?" "Do I really need to send this email now?" "Is it not possible that there is a better choice of words?" "How will the recipient read this?"

There is a flip side to this. "Can I ever put off showing love?" Tonight is too late to write the card, make the phone call, reach out in whatever way is going to be appropriate.

I have been to enough funerals now to know that we are given a finite amount of time and opportunities to make the world a better place. Now is the time to keep silent and now is the time to reach out. It's just a matter of knowing which is appropriate, but the time is always now.

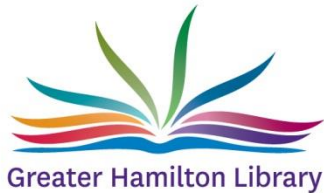
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## DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS YET AGAIN!** Our opening times are... Sunday 1.00pm–5.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm–4.00pm.

**WEBSITE:** Visit our website! [dunkeldmuseum.org.au](http://dunkeldmuseum.org.au) It's a fantastic, user-friendly and you never know what you might discover about Dunkeld and district, and you can join up to become a member, as our latest ... two ex-Dunkeld residents, John and Dianne Gale did ... Welcome John and Dianne.

The Museum will be open again next Sunday ... It has been a very popular place to be for people researching their family history. Our researcher Heather Funk has been busy finding information on the Marney, Dickie and Wigmore families, and next Thursday we will have a visit from a lady researching Napier Waller.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new annual members John and Dianne Gale.

### UPGRADED DISPLAY LIGHTING PROJECT

We are most grateful to the Southern Grampians Shire Council Greater Grants Program for their contribution enabling us to upgrade our display lighting ... Thank you SGSC, we have now completed this Project.

### NEW ACQUISITIONS

Last week, one of our valued Life Members brought in a very treasured object...The Foundation Stone that was laid at "The Henham" (Mirranatwa) to mark the start of the new Chalet that was to be built at the Henham Settlement... "Henham" was dubbed "the town that never was". The

Foundation Day, when the first stone was laid for the proposed Chalet, was held on 11 April 1931. The Chalet was never built and the township never eventuated. The whole project was nothing but a scam! People have been searching the area for years trying to locate this stone, obviously, they were searching in the wrong place!

Do Barr donated a quaint little camisole circa 1895 that belonged to her grandmother ... thanks, Do.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- We plan to have a General Meeting on Thursday 25 February at 7.30pm at the Museum. Hope to see you all there, we have a few things to discuss, including the WW2 Plaque for the new cemetery and a couple of grants we intend to put in an application for.
- Unveiling of Old Cemetery Plaque and launch of "Old Dunkeld Cemetery 1855-1905" book will be on Sunday 21 March 2021 at the Old Cemetery. The website will be launched the same day at the Museum, (that is if we are not "Covid" locked down again!).

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## Mutterings from Father David Oulton

### Rights vs Responsibilities

For a little while I was a school chaplain. It was a stimulating time and I learnt far more than the students.

One of the few lessons that 'worked' was the lesson about when and where it is safe to smoke. This was obviously a long time ago.

Is it OK to smoke alone in a cardboard box on a beach where no one is around for 5 kilometres? Alright, well how about we ditch the cardboard box... still OK...? Now what if there was someone else on the beach who was 50 metres away... still OK?

Always there was someone who came up with the real aim of the lesson and would quip ... "Yes, but if I choose to smoke, if I choose to put gunk into my lungs, if I choose to pay eye-wateringly high amounts of tax for these addictive drugs, then that's my right. It is my right to do A, B, C and 3.5 as often as I like and where I like". Or the flip side, "It's my right *not* to do Q.2 and by-law z if I don't feel like it". And that's when the real discussion began. Responsibilities versus my rights. 'Responsibilities' always look outwards to others, while 'rights' look inward to oneself.

The awkwardness of this COVID age is that it is so heinously easy to be consumed with my rights and what I want, that my responsibilities to others evaporates.

A classic example is when I take communion to our shut-ins. It isn't my right to do this, it is my responsibility. And when my focus is right, this little task along with all my other responsibilities are continuously suffused with joy. Let's have the patience and foresight to think about what are our responsibilities to others. This is always our primary mission.

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As a Board, we are very pleased to have delivered on the three aims of our initial Prospectus to the Dunkeld, Peshurst & Cavendish communities— to "deliver social and economic benefits to our region, as well as the prospect of positive returns to shareholders" – over the last 10 years we have provided more than \$250,000 in grants to the Dunkeld, Peshurst, Cavendish and surrounding communities, provided a full-service bank to the region and paid 3 dividends to shareholders.



This highlights the benefits of the Community Banking model to Rural areas, in comparison with the Corporate model of the big 4 banks who reduce service to rural area's – as highlighted by the closure of the NAB in Balmoral.

I encourage all individuals and businesses in our region to move their banking to one of the local Community Banks – in order to receive better banking service, and also build financial resilience and independence in our region.

I would like to thank our current Board:- Brendan Kelly, Anthony Page, Jodie Young, Helen Nielson, Sue Morse, Chris Murphy, Sherryn Jennings and Simon Macgugan. I'd like to also make mention of past Directors, in particular Gary Simpson, Founding Chairman; James Schofield and David McLeod. Other past Directors who have made a significant contribution to the Board include:- Glenn Darroch, Angela Field, Dee-Anne Gerring, Tim Sanders, Carly Behncke, Pamela Coates, Scott Olsen, Jillian Lewis, Penny Fraser and Christy Lazzari.

Craig Oliver, Chairman  
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# DUNKELD VISITOR HUB AND GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAILHEAD

PROJECT UPDATE | FEBRUARY 2021



## RED CROSS NEWS

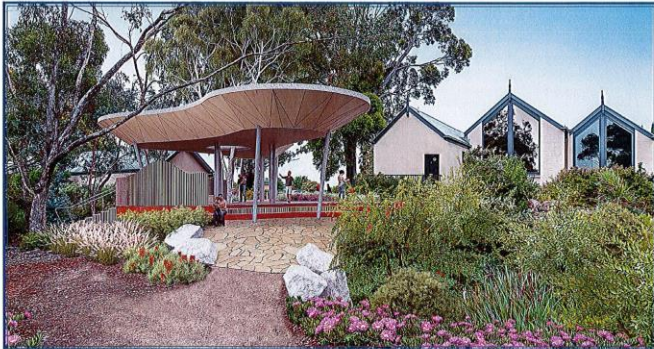
The first meeting for 2021 was small but those members were 'glad to be back.' We are thinking of Helena and Jane with their current health issues.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The detailed design work for Stage One of the Dunkeld Visitor Hub and Grampians Peaks Trailhead has been completed and the construction stage of the project is about to commence.

The project will create a welcoming point of departure and arrival for walkers undertaking the Grampians Peaks Trail from Dunkeld. This stage of the project is to develop the relevant infrastructure, including:

- » Building decking and shelter (The Dunkeld Visitor Hub)
- » Interpretation signage
- » Expanding parking availability
- » Developing connecting trails
- » Developing a safe pedestrian crossing point between the Dunkeld Visitor Centre and Memorial Park
- » Wayfinding signage



The project outcomes will include an improved visitor experience for users of the Grampians Peaks Trail, provision of infrastructure and signage to manage the increased visitation to Dunkeld, improved safety with installation of a pedestrian crossing point, additional parking and an area for the local community to hold pop-up events. The project has been funded with support from Regional Development Victoria and the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

### THE DUNKELD VISITOR HUB

The Dunkeld Visitor Hub will feature:

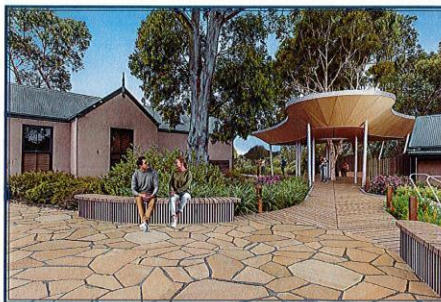
- » Timber decking and a roof shelter
- » Provision for mobile charging points
- » Water dispensing for drink bottles
- » Paved public spaces
- » Power points for pop up events
- » Iconic photo viewing points
- » Interpretive signage
- » Electric car charging points
- » Extensive landscaping

### WILLS STREET PARKING

The development will see 39 formalised carparks constructed along the Memorial Park side of Wills Street. These multipurpose carparks will service the visitor and community providing added spaces close to the tennis courts, bowling club, swimming pool and overflow parking for visitors. A footpath, kerb and channel will be constructed along the length of the development with pedestrian crossings at strategic points.

### DUNKELD MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park will see landscaping works and footpath upgrades, with the aim to create a consistent experience for visitors as they explore the Grampians Peak Trail. The two spaces will be linked by the introduction of a pedestrian crossing point on Parker St. allowing for a safer visitor experience.



If you have any questions regarding these proposed works, please contact Daryl Adamson, Strategic Major Projects Coordinator at the Southern Grampians Shire Council:

Phone: (03) 5573 0237  
Email: daadamson@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

If you wish to collect a physical copy of this project update, they are available at the Dunkeld & Grampians Visitor Information Centre, open 7 days 10am-4pm.

This project is supported by: **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT VICTORIA** Australian Government

**Memberships** are due and **three Raffles** are being prepared for **Red Cross Calling** for the month of March. Donated items are to be left by **5 March** with **Brenda Cullinane** in Martin Street and the raffles will be drawn at the **next meeting on Monday 22 March**. **Collection boxes** will also be in several shops, as there will no longer be any door to door collecting.

The **Zone Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 16 March 2021 in the **Daisy Turner Room** (entry from the back off the lane) and members take their own food for lunch. No catering by Nareeb and Dunkeld.

**Brenda** has made another large batch of colourful **Trauma Teddies**. Some she donated to St Vinnies and there are 12 to send off to Red Cross HQ.

The **Golf Day** in June will now no longer be a Red Cross event. We thank the Grampians Golf Club for the many, many years hosting such a day ... which naturally needs to be shared around with other charities now.

Those present were happy to continue with current arrangements for the local branch and would like other members to have their say at our **next meeting on 22 March** in the Henry Leech RSL Room.

*Iris Field*  
Secretary



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Acting Principal's Report

To focus on the first few weeks of school, students settled in to their new classrooms with their new teachers with great enthusiasm. Our Learning to Learn Program combined well with swimming and we had a very smooth start to the year. Unfortunately the lockdown period we are experiencing now, has put a dampener on things, but the fantastic news is we are back to school tomorrow, ready to continue the great start to the year we have had.

**Swimming** Our Swimming Program has again been run by Lea and Jen McArthur, as they have for many years now. Their passionate attitude to swimming is second to none and we are incredibly lucky to have them provide their knowledge and expertise each year to our young people. Swimming is such a valuable life lesson and the improvement and confidence we see in each child after this program is amazing. Thank you Lea and Jen, along with their wonderful volunteer teachers and parents.

### COVID-19 Tracing

**Any person who is on-site school grounds for 15 minutes or more is required to sign in at the front office.**

What this means for Dunkeld Consolidated School - Drop off and pick up - We will continue with the same routine developed in 2020 for front of school drop off and pick up. A staff member will meet students in the mornings and deliver to the gate in the afternoons.

Parents and friends are welcome to enter the school for office matters, volunteer purposes and appointments with teachers etc, in which you may park in the car park or on the

roadside past the front entrance. If parents and community members do not have a reason to enter school grounds, we ask that people do not, to avoid the need for signing in and to help with physical distancing and tracing measures, should the instance arise.

If parents are wishing to see a teacher, please place a note in the diary or send a message through Seesaw and they will arrange a time to meet.

### Volunteers

We were thrilled to be able to have family members and friends onsite again for volunteer purposes. All volunteers are required to sign in and out at the front office. More information on how you can volunteer at our school in 2021 will be made available soon. We appreciate our community involvement.

### Building and Grounds Works

There have been some delays in finishing off our new building, due to availability of services and delivery of products over the Christmas period. We hope to see the building finalised over the next month. We also have some grounds works occurring over the coming weeks, with landscaping of the gardens surrounding the buildings and some works in our SAKG garden.

### Open Morning

We will be holding an Open Morning, including morning tea, on Thursday 18 March 2021, to officially welcome all our families back to the school once our building and grounds work are complete. More information and invites to come.

Kind regards, Dee-Anne Gerring

### Class Reports



#### Year Prep/ One Report

We have had the best time at school so far this year! We have learning how to give compliments and receive them. Here is Jackson and Lochie doing a role play with their puppets. One puppet compliments and the other says "Thankyou". We now know what the

word compliment means and we can even say it! This was a lot of fun!

We have also begun working with numbers in Numeracy. Here is a picture of the new Preps making number towers to build a barn for the animals. The year ones are in the background learning to count on, when adding two numbers together.



We are very blessed to have Clare Kennedy helping in our classroom.

We would also like to thank Helen Trahar for assembling all our new furniture. We have a new puppet theatre to help with our speaking and listening and a new Supermarket so we can learn about money all year round as we play and shop! We got a new rug for our floor space that has some cool numbers and shapes on it and we also got some new storage!

To top off one of the best starts to the year we also received a new air conditioner to keep us cool.

### Swimming Report from Year 2/3

My name is Will Griffin-Wilson and I am going to tell you about our swimming so far. We have been learning diving and survival backstroke. We were also learning about our frog legs for our survival backstroke. We have been treading water and



swimming lots of laps of the pool. My favourite part of the pool has been swimming all of the laps!

I can't wait for swimming sports now. Thank you Lea McArthur for teaching us how to do a dive!

By Will Griffin-Wilson

### Assembly

Our first assembly for 2021 was held outdoors on Friday 5 February. Student Leaders and Term 1 Class Captains were presented with their badges.



### Term Class Captains

Congratulations to the below students who have been appointed Term 1 Class Captain for their individual grades. Nellie - Prep/Year 1, Nate - Year 2/3, Yin - Year 4, Phoebe - Year 5, Mia - Year 6.



### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



#### From the Kitchen...Year 4/5

We wish to welcome you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program at Dunkeld Consolidated School for 2021.

Classes will be held on a Friday this year, commencing on 5 March:

<b>Garden:</b> 10.00am – 11.00am	Year 2/3
11.30am – 12.30pm	Prep/Year 1
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Year 4/5/6 Group 1 or 2

**Kitchen:** 11.15am – 2.00pm (Year 4/5/6 students will be split into two groups and will be in either the Kitchen or Garden on a fortnightly basis).

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.

All Friends require a Working With Children Check, applications may be completed online: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

### From The Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

There is nothing like sunny sunflowers to put a smile on your face, glorious fresh fruit, warmed by the sun and eaten straight off the tree, and harvesting massive potatoes from the Boat Bed - congratulations to everyone that had something to do with this fantastic produce - you are all wonderful gardeners!



## The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser.

Kelly's Dunkeld have kindly offered to be a central collection point for used batteries for the Dunkeld Consolidated School (Jason Linskens was instrumental in organising this). Any unwanted car, truck, tractor, boat batteries etc may be dropped off at Kelly's Hardware Store, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld.

Components of used batteries e.g. metals, acids and plastics are reclaimed, recycled and put back into the manufacturing process to build more batteries and household products, 98% of the battery is recycled.

If you require any assistance with the pick-up of your used batteries, please contact Simon Ross on 0408 984 499.

Thank you for your support!

### Piccaninny by Marion Colton

Needing the rejuvenation of the bush, I set out for the Piccaninny, together with a packed lunch and a sketch book.

Entering from the Grampians Tourist Road, I wandered leisurely along the sandy track noting how fresh and vibrant the vegetation looked after the recent rains. New, slender leaves issued from grass trees, usually bunched together in the centre before spraying out; soft, new, pale green leaves tipped the branches of eucalypts, contrasting with the darker native ones.

Heaths were forming new flower buds, while the Flame Heath dangled its red flowers amongst its whorls of leaves. In scattered locations, a pink or white flowered *Epacris impressa* announced its presence in a background of greens and greys. An odd *Hibbertia* was still flowering; nestling beside a rock, or a nearby trunk the brilliant, shocking pink flowers of *Pelargonium rodneyanum* demanded attention. Interestingly, the leaves had disappeared on most of these plants and only the striking flower heads or their see heads remained upheld by the stalks.

I passed a squat pea bush with a tiny yellow flower and picked a small specimen, withdrawing to a shady spot under a tree on the slope in order to sketch it. It had a terminal cluster of six bright, lemon-yellow flowers; their linear leaves encircled the flower head and spiralled in groups of four around the hairy stem at regular intervals. The leaves were rough and hairy, their upper surfaces olive-green with paler

undersides. Each leaf terminated in a minute pungent tip and was a dull, fluffy white where it joined the axil of the stem. The latter was a silvery, grey-green, covered with tiny hairs. It seems to be similar to the description of *Pultenaea tenuifolia*, yet this is said to flower in Spring but maybe it's an unusual season. These small shrubs didn't appear as I gained height but reappeared profusely on the descent as I approached Victoria Valley Road. There, they were denser, peeping out below the Austral Bracken and they appeared to have single blooms amongst the foliage as well as terminal clusters.

Correas are among my favourite plants and also are a favourite with honeyeaters. Now flowering, their lovely, long orange-red tubes flared into pointed, pale green tips edged with a soft lemon. Long filaments dangling dull yellow anthers extended beyond the flower. The flowers are held in a dull, greyish-brown, cup-shaped calyx, which is supported by a rough grey-green stem or branchlet, sometimes rust coloured. Its leaves are an elongated, oval shape, often in pairs, their upper surfaces a dark blue-green, the upper surfaces silver-green edged by the recessed edges of the upper leaves.

I passed several Slaty She-oaks, *Casuarina muellerana*, with their attractive, up-curved, segmented branchlets. There was much new growth and many displayed the female flowers, little red tufts on short pedicels. Sometimes only female flowers were present on a shrub. Occasionally there were both golden-brown male flowers at the tips of branchlets as well as female flowers more centrally placed. They have very irregular, knobby, often pointed, mature cones on short pedicels.

It was growing hotter and I sought another shady rock somewhere near the summit, to sketch some of the species above, while absorbing the peace and beauty of the bush. In the near distance, I noticed the sky blue petals of the delicate Tall Bluebell, *Wahlenbergia stricta*. It grew in small groups under the trees and between the boulders. It looked so fragile on its threadlike stems, yet to survive in this area it must have amazing strength.

I love the play of colours, sun and shad on the bulbous rocky outcrops. I also love exploring their cracks and crevices, looking at the mosses, lichens and small plants growing there. One such plant was the pretty Necklace Fern, *Asplenium flabellifolium*, peeping and tumbling out of many fissures.

Wandering amongst the outcrops I came across several plants of a species I had not seen before. It consisted of soft, green, hairy, deeply lobed leaves in the form of rosettes. Their upper half was broad and deeply lobed reducing into a narrow stemlike structure with a rounded based. A central vein ran throughout. Occasionally a short stem emerged from the centre bearing the remains of a dead flower. The stem was shorter than the basal leaves. I was curious to know what the flower looked like and as I edged around an outcrop of rocks I was fortunate to find one solitary flower. It was white, daisy like, with wide, soft petals that curved downwards from the yellow centre. The calyx and stem were hairy and grey-green in colour and a few small leaves, partially lobed, alternated up the lower half of the stem. It only grew in this small area around the outcrops. I've searched my books for its identity. It seems closest to a *Minuria* species. Perhaps one of you can enlighten me?



## From the Lions Den



Because of the virus everything is still quiet with the Lions, but hopefully things will be settled down so that we can hold our Golf day and assist at the ANZAC Day celebrations. Time will tell.

### Relationships 2

Kids, you have to love them.

A true story about a husband and wife who had a yelling match over some disagreement. After a heated argument witnessed by their daughter, the wife went outside and sat on a chair and had a cry.

Their two year old daughter, sat beside the mother and said, "I love you Mum", and put her arms around her mother. Mum said, "I love you too honey."

The daughter rested her head on her Mum's shoulder and said, "I wish you could love my Daddy too." "But I do love your Daddy, we just had a disagreement."

With that the daughter smiled, got up and walked away. "Where are you going?" asked Mum. "I'm going to tell Daddy you love him".

It would have to end well because everyone knows that a father is just putty in the hands of his daughter. (As it should be).

*Peter Hinchey*

## Dunkeld Bowling Club News

### Upcoming Events:

1. The Dunkeld Open Pairs – Thursday 25 February 2021 – sponsored by Terry McDonnell Car Sales and Mattiske & Henderson of Hamilton.
2. The McFarlane Memorial Day – Tuesday 16 March 2021 – sponsored by Cathryn and Craig McFarlane.
3. B Grade Championships to be held on Sunday 21 and 28 February 2021.

### Pennant

**Division 2:** Our Dunkeld team in Division 2, playing in the Warrnambool region have acquitted themselves very well having moved into a higher standard of bowls. After twelve rounds they have seven wins and five losses with all the losses marginal.

Due to the virus restrictions, no play was held on 13 February which possibly has made it harder to gain second place on the ladder and it was a home game. This week at home and a must win to get second chance.

The Division 2 team has worked hard, enjoying the challenge and have had very good numbers at training and we wish them all the best.

**Division 3:** Has stayed in the Far Western Division, this year we only played seven home and away games. After graduating from Division 4 we found the competition a little harder, though not winning a game, we were extremely competitive with many games lost by a small margin. Despite the losses all players enjoyed the season and ALL players were played.

A thank you for Simon Macgugan for filling in (we all hope he will be a regular next year showing great form) and to Neil Scott for gaining and driving the bus for our Portland trips.

The general opinion was the bus trip home was better than the bowls!! Something to look forward to next year.

### Twilight Bowls

Once again, we have held a twilight bowls event spread over four weeks. Sadly, the first week got washed out but some aspiring bowlers still turned up and enjoyed the social life of the regular "Friday nighters". Not only do we have the Dunkeld teams but also Alison and the girls from Cavendish along with a Peshurst team, more Kelly's workers joining in.

A beautiful night on Friday 12 February saw with a great turn out of fun bowlers who really enjoyed themselves. There will be one more round then the final.

Once again, we thank Monty, Peter Mc and Christine for organising and running this event, Uncle Brian for his culinary skills at the barbecue and further to that we recognise our valued sponsors, these being:

**Kelly's Hardware, Bar Bistro 109, Koopman's and the Dunkeld General Store.**

### Ladies News

Social bowls are in full swing each Tuesday at 9.00am, numbers have been good. Any bowlers, members or otherwise who wish to come along are more than welcome.

Heather and Anne entered tournaments at Dartmoor and Grangeburn being placegetters at each.

*Gary Wall, Publicity Officer*

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Hamilton Miniature Railway Group Presents

# Teddy Bear Picnic

Sunday 14th March 2021  
11am - 3.30pm

Pastoral Museum - Hiller lane Hamilton



Bring your Teddy to ride on the trains

**See the special 'Teddy Bear Train'**  
**Listen to the Hamilton Brass Band**  
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**SPECIAL DAY**  
**TRAIN FARE \$12**  
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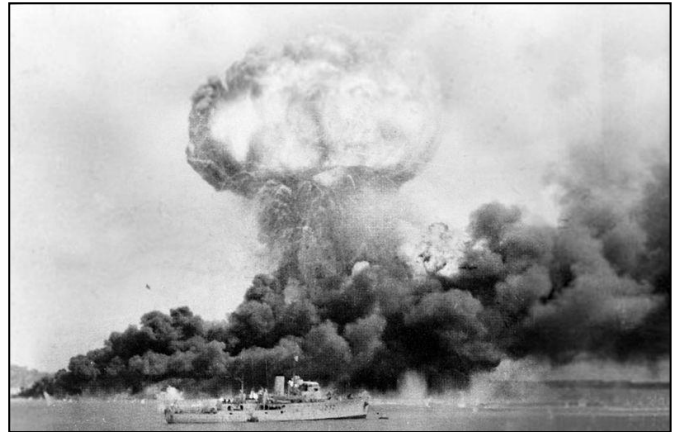
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servicemen as Darwin was attacked over an 18 month period.

The devastation suffered by Territorian families was profound. The evacuees who returned and the wider community came together to rebuild Darwin after the war, and many stories of tragedy and survival have been shared during these years.

No event in history has highlighted the tenacity, resilience, and spirit of those living in the Territory, quite as profoundly as the Bombing of Darwin.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup><https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/community/community-celebrations/bombing-of-darwin-day-commemoration>



## DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal (\$40.00 per person) for 2021 is now due. If you are a

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

**ANZAC Day 2021:** The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch is awaiting advice from ANZAC House regarding whether our sub-branch may hold a Dawn Service this year. As soon as we have further information we shall advise the general community.

**Bombing of Darwin 1942:** A defining moment in Australia's history. In the initial attack at 9.58am on 19 February 1942, 188 enemy aircrafts dropped more bombs over Darwin than were used in the attack on Pearl Harbour.

The attack was the first of at least 64 air raids on the Top End of Australia, which continued until 12 November 1943.

Despite its severity and impact, the Bombing of Darwin and the war fought over Northern Australia is often overshadowed by subsequent events in our nation's history.

Remnants of WWII are still visible at many locations across Darwin, Katherine and Adelaide River. These sites offer visitors a chance to pay homage to both the heroes who fought on the frontline and the Territory's multicultural community affected by the bombing raids. Asian, European and Indigenous people worked alongside the allied



*Dunkeld Consolidated School invites the community to attend a*  
**Retirement Farewell for Mrs Jane Higgins  
and Open Morning on Thursday 18 March 2021**

Dunkeld Consolidated School will hold a special assembly to farewell and thank Mrs Jane Higgins who retired from the Department of Education from the beginning of the 2021 school year. Jane has given many years of service to both Dunkeld Consolidated School and the Glenthompson Campus. The Assembly will take place at 9:30am and be open to all school and community members.

Following the assembly, we invite all visitors to our Open Morning from 10.00am to 11.00am. Our senior students would love to take visitors on a tour of our school, where you are welcome to wander through our classes and grounds between 10.00am and 11.00am, seeing the many changes that have taken place over the years.

**We also invite visitors to stay for morning tea on the deck at 11.00am.**

The school would especially love to see grandparents along with our parents and interested members of the community attend. Parents of pre-school aged children who may be considering joining our school community in the future are also warmly invited to meet us.

COVID-19 procedures and social distancing rules will apply.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*