

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday	February 26	7.00pm	Mass
1 st Week	Sunday	March 1	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	March 8		(no service – mass at Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	March 15	8.30am	Mass
	Tuesday	March 17	7.00pm	Mass followed by an Irish meal
4 th Week	Sunday	March 22	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5 th Week	Sunday	March 29	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican and Uniting Churches - Sundays at 5.00pm

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WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY / MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
24 Red Cross Meeting @ 2.00pm	25	26 Newsletter issue 2 distributed	27	28	29	1 MARCH
2	3	4	5	6	7 Deadline for Newsletter issue 3	8
9	10	11 Newsletter issue 3 distributed	12	13	14	15
16 Printmaking Workshop @10.00am	17 St Patrick's Day celebration – mass and Irish meal	18	19	20	21 Deadline for Newsletter issue 4	22

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Edna and Ian McFarlane Memorial Day
Tuesday 17 March
- The Stuart Darroch Day
Saturday 21 March

PENNANT

Division 4: Our wonderful band of bowlers who make up Div 4 have had a great year losing only two matches to finish on top of the ladder.

On 15 February, they played the first final at Grangeburn defeating Casterton by 11 shots, with all players putting in strong contributions. They now have a week off and will the Grand Final on Saturday 29 February.

Well done tea, all the best for the big one!

Division 1: Our squad played well all year to finish third on the ladder, which enabled us to play Portland in the knock-out final at Macarthur. Sadly, we could not come away with a win despite a top effort from Gus winning again and Cat being narrowly defeated.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Championships were held in December, well done to all who competed. There were some terrific games of a very high standard, Terry McDonnell defeated Peter McLean 25 / 23 in the highlight of the first round.

Round two saw Dan Mc defeat Terry Mc 25 / 14, Fiddler defeat Gary 27 / 23 and Cat defeat Tony 25 / 21.

Round three saw Gus defeat Dan 25 / 14, Cat defeat Fiddler 25 / 22, which left Gus and Cat to play the final. In a good battle Gus reigned supreme 26 / 16.

THE DUNKELD OPEN PAIRS held on Wednesday 19 February 2020

This annual prestigious board event was play with a full field of sixteen teams from the local area plus Dunkeld teams. The weather of squalls and changing wind speeds made play interesting, however the standard of play was not diminished.

After four games of twelve ends, the two teams of Troy Greed and Darren Gordon and Lake Bolac's Grant Gibson and Brian McMahon, finished with four wins each, into the play-off of four ends and the Bolac boys were victorious.

Congratulations to all who played. Again, a big thanks to our ladies, who catered wonderfully (as usual).

This event was once again sponsored by Mattiske & Henderson of Hamilton and Terry McDonnell Hamilton Used Cars, we thank both sponsors for their ongoing support.

TWILIGHT BOWLS

Again, we had another very successful twilight bowls season, very well conducted by Monty, Peter Mc and Christine.

We have been blessed with excellent sponsorship from the local traders these being – Café 109, Kelly's Hardware, Dunkeld General Store, Ray Keilar, Koopmans and the local Dunkeld Pharmacy. The club is most indebted to these sponsors.

Weekly Results:

Week 1 Sandy, Roz and Matt 4 plus 16
Week 2 The Kelly Stars – Jake, Bailey and Tarryne
4 plus 17

Week 3 Magnus, Matt and Sandy 4 plus 9

Week 4 The Cricketers – Ryan, Zac and Matt L 4 plus 23

The Overall Winners:

First The Nomads – Kathie, Barry and Bob 12 plus 38
Second Tickle My Bowls – Jack, Will and Dave 11 plus 18

A big thanks to all who played and assisted in making another successful event. A special thank you to Uncle Brian, head chef, providing the barbecue and to Gary for manning the bar, ensuring no dehydration occurred.

FOOTY TIPPING

The club will again this year provide a tipping competition. Entry will be as per last year - \$45.00, all takings will be paid at year's end.

Those wishing to enter may put names on the list at the bar or contact Gary Wall on 0488 715 705.

Ladies News

Pennant: Friday pennant concluded prior to Christmas, the Dunkeld Ladies just missed the Finals this year, but it was considered a good effort as they only have five lady members. Thanks to Paul, Matt, John Mcl, Peter, Neil, Brian and John F who filled the gaps each week.

The Annual Triples Tournament was conducted by the Ladies Committee on 11 December with Christmas being the theme. Teams came from Hamilton, Grangeburn, Macarthur, Peshurst, Coleraine, Portland RSL, Koroit and Balmoral Clubs. Special thanks to Geoff at "DUNKELD OLD BAKERY" for the Gift Vouchers presented to Winners and Runners Up. The "ROYAL MAIL HOTEL" donated two bottles of fine wine for the raffle which also had homemade pudding and cake as prizes.

Club Championship: was won by Heather McIntyre, Runner Up - Beryl Lowe. Heather later represented Dunkeld Club at Far Western District Champion of Champions level and succeeded in making it through to the Final, but was beaten by rep from Portland RSL – Kim Overall.

Heather also competed in the Far Western District Section of State Singles, once again reaching the Final and going down to Elma Astbury of Hamilton in a tight contest.

Christine Scott and Heather participated in District State Pairs and Heather combined with Balmoral Ladies in State Triples Competition.

Recently three of our ladies Anne Colmo, Christine and Heather played in tournaments at Peshurst and Coleraine. They did very well to win three of four games but each time finishing in third place after a count back. But did get the "Best Afternoon Team" at Coleraine.

Ladies 21 Up Event has reached the Final stage with Elizabeth Duckmanton to play Heather McIntyre. It must be noted that Elizabeth played Beryl Lowe in a marathon game in the first round.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer



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Saturday 14
March

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12.00pm – 1.30pm Glenelg Highway alongside pool

Dunkeld: 6 and 20 February

Mirranatwa: 13 and 27 February

3.30pm - 4.30pm

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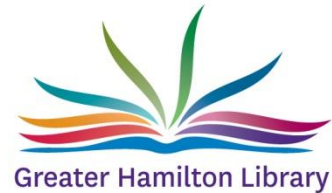
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Dunkeld Sawmill

Our willing group of workers have spent many hours getting the sawmill back together. Time had made many things unsafe, so we have replaced the breakdown saw, repaired the bench, replaced old timber with concrete, replaced the rusty trolley and installed a new winch for the trolley.

A well-attended working bee last week cleaned the building; there are still many things to do before our Open Day. It will be held on Sunday 26 April. It is our aim to have the sawmill fully operational for demonstrations then.

John Smith



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From the Lions Den



Lions are still supporting the victims of the bushfires and drought that has hit Australia recently and this will continue for the next several months. Locally not all that much has happened in the club but we are in the process of planning the next International Night in conjunction with the Dunkeld Consolidated School. I will put more details in the next newsletter but the food we are having this year is from one of the Middle Eastern countries.

Spare a thought for the demise of the Holden car

Just after it was announced that Holden would no longer exist, Lion Noel Mibus decided to take his top of the range Holden SS (bright red colour that actually makes the car go five kilometres faster) for a nostalgic drive. He drove through the beautiful countryside, passed through a few towns and enjoyed the glances of admiration, or envy, that people gave as he passed by. He was still in the 60kph zone of one town and was forced to stop at road works.

He stopped in the right hand lane and a 1974 Mini Moke (for those who don't remember them, they looked like a cross between a cut down Jeep and a Moon Buggy - fairly slow), pulled up beside him in the left lane. Because they were going to wait for about 15 minutes both drivers switched off the motors and the Moke driver leaned through Noel's car window. The man said all the right things about how good Noel's car was until the flagman prepared to wave them on. The Moke man then said the words that all Holden drivers hate, "I'm a Ford man myself", followed by the most hated sentence that can be said, "I own a 1969 GT Falcon."

The man got back into his Moke, Noel punched 60 into the speedo and hit the Turbo Charger for maximum acceleration. The moment the flagman waved them on, Noel hit the accelerator and the SS rocketed to 60 kph in 1.5 seconds, leaving a cloud of dust and smoke behind. As he neared the 80 zone Noel was horrified to see the Moke was bearing down on him at a fast speed, so he punched 80 into the speed control and hit the turbo again. He was thrown back in the seat with the force of the acceleration, again leaving a cloud of smoke and dust.

But as the dust cleared he saw the Moke bearing down on him. As he neared the 100 zone, Noel punched in 100, hit the turbo, and shot to 100 in a second. Noel was thinking that will have fixed you ole son but instead again saw the Moke bearing down on him, but this time the driver was flashing his lights. Noel stopped and the Moke pulled in on his left side again, and as Noel wound down the window the Moke man yelled, "Mate, can I undo my braces from your rear vision mirror before you take off again."

Go Ford!

Peter Hinchey

without them. Ideas can be put forward and discussed. This usually leads to great improvements. It is time to ask yourselves – am I a member of this community and can I help shape its future. Please think about this request and put yourself in a position to help make Dunkeld and district a better place.

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Dunkeld Progress Association

Unfortunately we are having difficulty forming a working committee. The Progress Association is the committee with a voice direct to the Shire Council. Small towns with active Progress Associations tend to thrive.

Many of us sit back and criticise, but our voice is not heard by those who make decisions. It is up to all residents who are interested in the future of Dunkeld to get off their butts and have a say in the future. Many things are planned to happen in Dunkeld in the near future. It will be too late to have a say after they have happened.

No-one enjoys committee meetings, especially if you are an office bearer. However, small communities do not thrive

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Landcare News

To all residents, landowners and visitors, - please note that:
Grampians Ark Fox Control Program

The autumn baiting pulse began on - Monday 3 February 2020 - Monday 6 April 2020.

Participants can collect their baits from Kelly's in Dunkeld. You do not need to pay for them, as the cost is generously covered by our funding supporters, the GHGMA Our Catchment Our Communities, and the Biodiversity On Ground Action Grant.

If you do not wish to bait, but would like to participate in this landscape scaled program, we are offering the opportunity to use cage and soft jaw traps. Please contact me ASAP for further information, as we are going to place an order for these, and we need to know what demand there is for them.

We all know that the Autumn Pulse is the most successful, so I hope all participants are able to be involved. This is a very successful program, which has been running as "Grampians Ark" since 2010, but also for many years before that. I know many of you have participated for years - your long service is well overdue!!

Because we have some many people working on this at the same time, we can reduce the number of baits in the landscape to 1 bait per 100 hectares, and it is still highly effective as a control measure. And that is the secret to keeping the program as safe as we can - minimal baits laid, the baits go out at the same time, are removed at the same time, and we aim to let everyone know what is happening and when.

Please remember to keep a record of the dates, the number you laid, and the number that were taken.

This program not only reduces the number of lamb deaths due to fox predation and helps protect your domestic egg layers! , it also importantly plays a huge role in protecting the native wildlife we have living around us. Those out working to reduce fox numbers are not only helping themselves, but also helping their neighbours, their local community and (in the case of helping to protect the brush tail rock wallabies) the global environment! Big picture stuff.

Please see the email below that Mike Stevens (Parks Vic) has sent around:

Dear All,

We are super excited to announce four new rock wallabies have been found at the Moora Moora Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby site. In addition, two new males were recently released at the site in our bid to improve the breeding potential and genetics at the site. The total known population is now sitting at 9 animals; 6 females and 3 males. The new animals were found as part of a University of Adelaide Honours Student research project using 'Next Generation Gene Sequencing' where 200 scats were collected and DNA was extracted from the mucous coating around fresh scats to identify animals to species, gender and parentage.

Some links to recent media articles are here:

- *Wallabies Rocky Road to Recovery, Herald Sun ([link here](#)), extract also attached to email.*
- *Rock wallabies bounce back in Grampians, Wimmera Mail Times ([link here](#))*
- *Poo better believe it, Stawell Times News ([link here](#))....my favourite headline!*

A deserved and massive thank you and congratulations is in order not only to the research team but to our Grampians Ark Co-ordinator Derek Sandow for a power of work setting / checking / feeding / swabbing / hiking in-and-out to check camera monitoring stations and forensically search and check for scats at the site....not to mention being on the front-line of defence for fox control at the site. Also, our project partner Landcare Groups in the southern Grampians contributing to landscape-scale, cross tenure fox control – thank you!

Kind regards,

Mike Stevens

Team Leader, Environment and Heritage

Gariwerd Area

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Parks Victoria

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Derek Sandow (Grampians Ark Coordinator for Parks Vic in the Grampians Gariwerd National Park) is wondering if anyone is interested in collecting tissue samples from the foxes they collect. The process is very simple - a small section is cut from the ear and placed into a small vial of ethanol (which is supplied to those interested). Then just fill out the date, location and your name, and place the vial in the fridge, and let me know so I can collect it. DNA is retrieved from the sample, and this information will help researchers learn more about our local fox population.

Please let me know if you'd like to participate in this.

Women On Farms - Integrated Weed Management workshops

Workshop 3 2020: Wednesday 11 March – Hamilton Region

Thursday 12 March – Lake Bolac Region

Workshop 4 2020: Wednesday 6 May – Hamilton Region

Thursday 7 May – Lake Bolac Region

TIME: 9.30am - Registration, 9.45am - Start

2.30pm - Finish Lunch provided

RSVP ESSENTIAL by 6 March for location

details contact:

Michelle McClure SFS

0488 600 692 mmclure@sfs.org.au



As a woman involved in an agricultural business, you and your neighbours are invited to participate in a series of four workshops on Integrated Weed Management (IWM) The Integrated Weed Management workshops are an advanced training opportunity.

You will learn:

- a hands-on, skills-based, strategic approach to manage weeds in cropping and grazing systems
- how to develop an IWM plan for a paddock
- management strategies related to increasing competition for sub-clover persistence
- summer weeds - feed value and tactics
- assessing your current pasture

We will build on your knowledge gained from Workshops 1 and 2. New participants are WELCOME!

The day will include presentations, group discussion and time out in the paddock. Make sure you bring your questions, sunscreen and gum boots.

Agricultural Chemical User Course - Expression of Interest please!

There are some people keen on joining our Grampians Ark program, and that is fantastic.

If you would like to, and wish to lay 1080 baits to reduce the fox population, then you need to have completed an Agricultural Chemical Users Course, with 1080 endorsement.

We have been investigating running a course through South-West TAFE in Hamilton, and we need to find out (approximately) how many people are interested.

The cost is approximately \$525.00 per person, but if we get over ten people interested, we may be able to reduce that cost.

Of course, dates and times are not yet determined, but when you reply to indicate interest, please also let me know of dates and times that suit you best.

Please let me know as soon as possible.

Wetland Photo Competition

Please follow this link:

<https://www.ghcma.vic.gov.au/event/wetland-photo-competition/>

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- In my paddock
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Lisa McIntyre

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Dunkeld Lands Public Committee

Caravan Park: The Shire have sealed the road in front of the Office to reduce dust levels. It looks very good, Thank you to the Shire and also to Baz Lowe and Neil Duckmanton for preparing the site. We are in the process of putting a twin Shower/Toilet on the North side of Salt Creek subject to planning permits. Also extending BBQ area on Camp kitchen.

We hope to do some more cleaning up along Salt Creek in the coming weeks after fire restrictions have been lifted.

Frank Raymond, DPL Committee



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Wed 26th February – Piccaninny car park, Halls Gap Rd, 6 – 7PM
Wed 4th March - Dunkeld Rec Reserve, 6:15 – 7:15PM

Team selection to be held over three weeks:

Wed 11th March

Thurs 19th March

Thurs 26th March

*Players must attend at least 2 selection nights

Junior players

Thursday nights commencing 26th March

Time: 5 – 6PM

Venue: Dunkeld Rec Reserve

17&U and 15&U players welcome to attend senior preseason training

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Friday 3rd April - OPENING GALA
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Saturday 4th April MAIN FESTIVAL DAY 10-5pm
Sunday 5th April - ART- 9am-12noon

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Annual Dinner Success

Board members and staff enjoyed a lovely evening recently at their yearly gathering, this year held at Tosca Browns in Hamilton. Chairman of the Board, Craig Oliver thanked everyone for a wonderful year, with a further congratulatory speech from Regional Manager Jason Chuck. Branch Manager Anna, also expressed her thanks for the past year, culminating in our 'Branch of The year' award. The dinner was also a final farewell and thank you to



outgoing Board member, James Scholfield and his wife Kaye. James has given many years of service to the Board and we thank him for his contribution.



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SCHOOL NEWS

From Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal

Schooling is well underway now, with all students settling in to their new classrooms with their new teachers. It has certainly been a busy, yet rewarding start to the year, with many events occurring over the past few weeks.

Thank you to the many families who attended the Welcome Breakfast and Information Sessions. It was fantastic to see the majority of our families come along for a lovely morning get together and be able to hear about what is ahead for your children at school this year. We hope you all feel informed and more importantly, a part of your child / children's education. A special thank you to the Dunkeld and District Lions Club for their early morning start in cooking all the adults some delicious bacon and egg sandwiches, CK Catering for the scrumptious muffins and fruit for the children and our wonderful P & F Association for helping with the set up and clean up. It was greatly appreciated so early in the term.



Our Swimming Program has been taking place over the past two weeks, with our sports being held last Friday in 'trying' conditions. Lea and Jen McArthur have run the swimming program for many years now and to say the standard keeps getting better and better every year is an understatement. We are incredibly lucky to have these women, along with some wonderful parents and volunteers teach our children such a valuable life lesson. Thank you! Our swimming sports

were obviously cut short with lightning arriving and the fastest evacuation from a sporting event I've ever seen! We bussed children who missed out on their last individual events, to the pool last Friday afternoon to complete the program and allow for a true overall and individual result. Therefore, no Assembly was held last Friday and we will instead hold one this week on Thursday 27 February at 9.00am to announce the results of our swimming sports. Please also take note that many races were held in heats, so although your child might have won their particular race, the times were taken for both heats and an overall result collated for the full age group.

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

Teachers enjoyed meeting the parents of their students and learning more about their child. We thank you for taking the time again to invest in your child's / children's education and creating strong partnerships between home and school.

TERM 1 CLASS CAPTAINS 2020

Congratulations to the below students who have been appointed Term 1 Class Captain for their individual grades.



Annie – Prep/Year 1



Zoe – Year 1/2



Lachie – Year 3



Cadence Year 4/5



Maxi – Year 5/6

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday 14 February 2020 the spectacular Dunkeld Consolidated Swimming Sports were held. Everyone tried their best and had a fun and enjoyable day. The winner of the sports is still to be determined. We would like to thank Lea and Jen McArthur for helping us refine our stroke technique over the past two weeks during swimming lessons. The remaining races were held on Friday 21 February at the Dunkeld Memorial Swimming Pool (results yet to be finalised).



George, Grace, Angus and Lucy (Sturgeon and Wannan House Captains)

MUSIC PROGRAM

This year we are very excited to have Mrs Heather Macgugan and Mr Jody Stephens working with teaching staff to deliver our Music Program. Mrs Macgugan will be working with Prep to Year 2, fortnightly for each class. Jody will be working weekly with Year 3 to 6 students. We look forward to having these wonderfully talented musicians teaching our students.

Mrs Macgugan has already had a lesson with Prep/Year 1 this week and Jody will begin lessons the week of Monday 2 March. Jody has asked that all students in Years 3 to 6 have their own recorder. Some students may wish to bring one they already have at home, or they will be available for purchase from school.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY AT BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

Each Year 6 student has received an invitation to attend the Baimbridge College Year 6 Transition Day on Tuesday 25 February. Students are encouraged to attend the day even if they might be enrolling at a different Secondary School. The day is a great opportunity to meet new students and experience what a day at Secondary School is like. The day is followed by an Information Session for parents at 6.00pm.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

Welcome back to our Kitchen Garden sessions for 2020. We began with Year 5/6 who during the Learning to Learn program in the first weeks of school discussed "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind". We prepared our healthy lunchbox in Kitchen last week. Thank you to our many Friends who will be *planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing* during Semester One. This program is effective because of your willingness to support us in our delivery. You will have received your roster and further information about the school's program and we look forward to working together to provide good food education to our students.

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

Welcome back to our Garden, and what a beautiful start we have had, with glorious rain gently falling.

Thank you to our wonderful Garden Angels and their families, for caring for our chooks and keeping water up to some treasured plants, over our warm and dry summer. We had some particularly bad, extremely hot days, and knowing they were there close by to check the chooks, was very comforting. Bev Hampton, Ruth Kyle, Fiona King and Kate Brian - you are so generous and professional ... perhaps there's a new business venture there for you?!!!

I really enjoyed our first Garden day last Thursday (20 February). We have had a wonderful response from families and the community, willing to help us as Friends in the Garden. As we can have up to eleven groups of children in one class, to make it work really well, it would be great if we had a Friend for each group. If you have any thoughts of being involved, please get in touch, and I will let you know how it all works, and how rewarding it is to work with these children, all eager to learn about growing and harvesting, and about the world around them.

I hope you will have noticed our beautiful greenhouse sitting on the old basketball court. This was *given* to the school by

the Hamilton North Rotary Club, who also helped prepare the site, with parents and past students helping, and with Andrew Peters installing it. Thank you everyone, and to Terrie, who handled much of the administration. It is nearly ready to use.

SAKG Calendars and Cards

We still have some 2020 SAKG calendars in stock which are available for \$15.00 each and packs of assorted gift cards (five to a pack) at \$5.00 each. Please contact the school office if you wish to purchase any items.

SAKG Kitchen Roster:

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020 – KITCHEN YEAR 4/5	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Connie Lomas, Kaye Wraith, Holly Herrmann, Jackie Mibus, Heather Hampton, Carol Burger
THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020 – KITCHEN YEAR 3	
11.15am – 2.00pm	Connie Lomas, Priscilla Jury, Kaye Wraith, Louise Mann, Cee Blackwell, Ally Gordon

SAKG Garden Roster:

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Year 1/2	Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Jo Lance, Erin Parker, Casey Trotter, Lyndal Smith
12.30pm – 1.30pm Year 3	Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn
2.20pm – 3.20pm Prep/Year 1	Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn, Brian Mathews, Carol Burger, Erin Parker, Margaret Cooper, Stacey Balkin, Kaye Wraith

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020 - GARDEN	
11.30am – 12.30pm Years 1/2 and Year 4/5	Dennis Dawson, Carol Burger, Maranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Stacey Balkin, Paul Callander
12.30pm – 1.30pm Friends in the Garden	Dennis Dawson, Carol Burger, Miranda Ahearn, Priscilla Jury, Paul Callander
2.20pm – 3.20pm Prep/Year 1 and Year 5/6	Dennis Dawson, Carol Burger, Miranda Ahearn, Priscilla Jury, Brian Mathews, Jo Aarons, Casey Trotter, Stacey Balkin, Kaye Wraith, Paul Callander

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2020 Dunkeld Hockey

We are registering expressions of interest for junior hockey players to field our Division 5 Team (7-10 years) and Division 4 Team (under 14 years). Both teams are mixed and play on Saturdays at Pedrina Park during Terms 2 and 3 (excluding holiday period).

Trainings will commence after school towards the end of Term 1 - more details to follow. Please contact Lea for more information or to register interest.

Lea McArthur - 0417 312 089 / email: lea2812@hotmail.com



GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

Walk Victoria's Icons

Grampians Peak Trail - Community Update

Come along to a community information drop in session to receive an update on The Grampians Peak Trail. Join Parks Victoria Staff to learn about the recent progress and to discuss any questions.

Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre

Parker Street, Dunkeld
Wednesday 11 March 2020
4.30pm to 6.30pm

Halls Gap Visitor Information Centre

Grampians Road, Halls Gap
Thursday 12 March 2020
10.00am to 12.00pm

Grampians Store – Pomonal

Ararat Halls Gap, Pomonal
Saturday 14 March 2020
10.00am to 12.00pm

The Wander Inn

Northern Grampians Road, Wartook Valley
Friday 20 March 2020
4.00pm to 6.00pm

There is no need to book, just drop by.





RED CROSS NEWS:

A cheerful group of nine members attended our first meeting for 2020. **Heather Napier** was acting chairperson

while **Helena Flinn** is recovering from surgery in Geelong. We are pleased to know that she will be 'on the mend' and home again soon, which will be such a relief to herself and to Peter.

Greetings were sent from **Olwyn Hogan**, now settled comfortably (but missing her cat) in Maryborough.

Brenda Cullinane arrived with another batch of colourful **Trauma Teddies**, knitted while the gripping tennis matches were being broadcast. They will be handed to policewoman **Kellie McNaughton** for children experiencing trauma.

Our **Red Cross sign** is now on the **Lions Club board** at the entry to the town. We thank the Lions for this recognition.

March is **RED CROSS CALLING** month and the usual **hamper raffle** will be in town. It will be drawn on 31 March at the General Store. Items for the raffle can be brought to the next meeting for **Bek** to assemble.

The day's raffle raised \$18.00 and was won by **Liz Hinchey**.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 23 March** at 2.00pm in the Henry Leech RSL Room.

Iris Field

Student Entries are welcome for the Cavendish Red Gum Festival

Please visit the Cavendish Red Gum Festival website for further information:
www.cavendishredgumfestival.com



Friday 3rd April- 7pm: Opening Gala
Saturday 4th April
MAIN FESTIVAL DAY
Sunday 5th April - Bus Tours and other events

**STUDENT GALLERY
ART, PHOTOGRAPHY &
SCULPTURE
COMPETITIONS**

We invite Students of all ages to join us to
Celebrate Red Gums through the Arts.

Open for Entries NOW

Please visit our website
cavendishredgumfestival.com or call
Susan Bell on 0438 229 444

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

All welcome!

Saint Patrick's Church, Dunkeld
Tuesday 17 March 2020

Mass at 6.00pm followed by an Irish meal

Cost: \$10.00

Raffle

BYO Drinks

RSVP by 14 March please:

Elizabeth Hinchey Mobile: 0458 772 460

Keryn Gordon: Phone or text: 0400 832 256



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 2020 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.

Australia remembers the bombing of Darwin - 19 February

Wednesday 19 February 2020, was the 78th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin by the Japanese in the Second World War, recognising a time when our shores came under direct attack.

The following media article is from The Hon Darren Chester MP, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel:

http://minister.dva.gov.au/media_releases/2020/feb/va018.htm

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel Darren Chester will join the Northern Territory community at services held this morning to commemorate the bombing of Darwin, as well as the sinking of U.S.S. Peary.

"On 19 February 1942, Australia unexpectedly came under attack when Darwin was bombed, with more than 250 people killed, including Australian and Allied forces," Mr Chester said.

"While the original raid on 19 February 1942 was by far the most damaging in terms of loss of life and in its impact on civilian and military infrastructure, some Australians may not know it was the beginning of a bombing campaign on northern Australia that continued for over a year and a half.

"These northern Australian towns, especially Darwin, held military importance and the raids were aimed at reducing Australia's ability to counter the Japanese offensive in the Pacific.

"The 64th, and last, air raid on Darwin occurred on 12 November 1943, and the north of Australia was subject to almost 100 air raids which were directed against targets in Western Australia and Queensland as well as the Northern Territory.

While Australia had been involved in the war on the side of the Allies since 1939, the bombing of Darwin came soon after Japan entered the war and was the first occasion on which the Australian mainland came under attack.

During the first raid on Darwin, the American Destroyer USS Peary was sunk, killing 88 American sailors and wounding 13 — the greatest single loss of life on any ship attacked that day.

“The bombing of Darwin occurred just two months after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and the Americans were our close allies in battle in the Pacific,” Mr Chester said.

“Reports tell the story of members of Peary’s crew returning fire at the Japanese aircraft with heavy machine guns and anti-aircraft weapons, even as their ship was sinking.

“We are forever indebted to these brave American sailors who gave their lives to help protect our nation from attack and they will always be remembered, particularly in Darwin.

“Today, I encourage all Australians to take a moment to reflect on this significant day in our history to remember those who died and honour those who fought to protect our nation and our way of life.”

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and we should never forget the sacrifice of the some 39,000 service men and women who died fighting to protect Australia and its allies and the almost one million men and women who fought in this terrible conflict which spanned more than half a decade.

Of airports


There is something quite unique about airports. From the moment you drive onto the premises and pay an eye watering amount of plastic to park, you know that you are in for a very special time.

For one thing, there is a colourful array of languages, dress and cultures. They swirl around in an otherwise sterile environment. Here, everybody is going about their business of going somewhere. There is no grumpiness (or at least none that I can see). There are people in high vis vests being super polite and helpful. The airport is a little microcosm of our world. I am left wondering why this cooperation and friendliness is not writ large and completely upon our planet. We can do this. We are better than what the TV tells us!

But more potent than that, are the tears of sadness in the departure lounge and the tears of joy in the arrival zone. Now what do those tiny droplets tell you? That people do care, that bonds are being formed, deepened and enriched every day. And barriers between people and races and languages and colours can be demolished. There are other ways to bring peace and calm to a world that seems to flourish on angst and anger, argy and bargy.

Those sliding glass doors are the veil through with some pass and enter another world. This does not mean that they are gone forever. Just because they are no longer visible does not mean they cease to exist. I suspect that the aberration we call “absence” only intensifies and stirs the cocktail that was brewed many years before.

Fr David Oulton



Friday 3rd April - OPENING GALA
in the Red Gum Gallery
Saturday 4th April MAIN FESTIVAL DAY 10-5pm
Sunday 5th April - ART- 9am-12noon

Entry forms available via our website,
at the MUD Gallery Hamilton
or by calling Susan Bell on 0438 229 444

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**CELEBRATING
RED GUMS
THROUGH
THE ARTS
2020**

Entry forms due
6th March

The Red Gum Gallery
Enter works for exhibition and sale, celebrating the Red Gum or Red Gum Environment.

Photography Competition
Adults & Students, Enter your best photos of

- People & Red Gums
- The Red Gum Landscape
- My Red Gum (anything to do with the red gum environment)

Sculpture Walk
Along the banks of the Wannon River. Enter outdoor sculptures made of red gum OR celebrating the red gum environment.
First Prize \$1000
People’s Choice \$500

Student Gallery
Pre-School, Primary & Secondary
Enter a Painting, drawing or other 2 dimensional work celebrating the majestic red gum or red gum environment

Poets’ Breakfast
Enter original works related to our theme OR orate an old favourite!

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