

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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Sunday March 14, 9am -1pm

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If you are a local producer wishing to participate in the Market when we do get it up and running, please contact Margaret Cooper on 0437 181 482.

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Co-Pastor: Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161
Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

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2 nd Week	Sunday	March 14		No service (mass at Glenthompson)
	Wednesday	March 17	6.00pm	Saint Patrick's Day – Mass at 6.00pm followed by an Irish meal
3 rd Week	Sunday	March 21	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	March 28	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

Our next Service will be held on Sunday 28 March 2021 at 4.00pm and will be conducted by Rev Angie Griffin. We would love to have you join us.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

The Mirranatwa Pre- Easter service will be held at the Mirranatwa Uniting Church on Sunday 21 March 2021 at 2.30pm, Rev Angie Griffin will preside.

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

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH / APRIL

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
8 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9	10 Newsletter issue 3 distributed	11	12	13	14 Drinks and Nibbles Sterling Place @ 4pm
15 Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Meeting @ 8pm	16	17 Dunkeld Catholic Women's League Saint Patrick's Celebration Day	18 Open Morning at Dunkeld Consolidated School	19 Newsletter issue 4 deadline	20	21 DRASS Sri Lankan Lunch @ 12pm
22	23	24 Newsletter issue 4 distributed	25	26 OTR Welcome Meeting @ 7pm	27	28 Dunkeld Old Cemetery Plaque Unveiling, Book Launch & Website Launch @ 1.30pm
29	30	31	1 APRIL Term 1 ends	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3	4 EASTER SUNDAY
5 EASTER MONDAY	6	7	8	9	10	11



Drinks & Nibbles
 Sunday afternoon event
 14 March 2021, 4.00pm

Let's Get together!

Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre Committee look forward to meeting with Dunkeld & district residents, old & new over drinks & nibbles

Please RSVP: info@sterlingplace.com.au

By 10 March 2021

All welcome



This is a COVID-Safe event

DRASS – Harmony Day 2021



Sunday 21 March is Harmony Day. You are invited to participate in a lunch to reflect on this day at Dunkeld Memorial Park. At 12 noon the festivities begin.

DRASS are catering to a Sri Lankan theme as part of the annual Feast For Freedom held by the ASRC (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre). You can pay to attend by choosing a nominal amount and clicking on

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Monday 15 March at 8.00pm

Thank you to all the Life Members and for the donations received in 2020.

2021 Annual Memberships are now due for renewal.

The fee is \$10.00. Bank details: BSB 633 000, Account: 1439 33281.

All welcome!



DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

TWO EXCITING MUSEUM EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY!!

1. DUNKELD OLD CEMETERY PLAQUE UNVEILING, BOOK LAUNCH AND WEBSITE LAUNCH

We have rescheduled this event, which had to be cancelled last year due to Covid restrictions. It will take place at the cemetery on **Sunday 28 March at 1.30pm**. The plaque lists the names of all the people buried in the cemetery.

The book, *The Old Dunkeld Cemetery 1855-1905*, is a history of the cemetery and the individuals buried there. It has been for sale for a year and has sold very well (great lockdown reading!). There are limited copies left.

This event will be followed at 3.00pm by the Museum's official website launch, at the Museum.

All are welcome to attend. For catering purposes, please RSVP via email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com or phone Kay 0439 992 250.

2. GUEST SPEAKER EVENING Who remembers 'the town that never was' Henham?

It's a fascinating story that will be the subject of our guest speaker evening on Thursday 22 April, 7.30pm. We will have a number of locals who will share their knowledge and memories of this failed settlement at Mirranatwa.

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Monday closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday – Saturday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

In-between lunch and dinner service light snacks are available from 2.30pm - 5.00pm

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RED CROSS NEWS

March is **Red Cross Calling** month. However there will be no door to door calling. Three **raffles** will be drawn and

books are at **Sturgeon View Cafe; General Store; Post Office and Bendigo Bank**. Members will also sell tickets in the main street. **Collection Boxes** are at the **Dunkeld Pharmacy, Koopman's and Kelly's**. Thank you to these businesses for their generosity and help. Also thank you to members **Bek Kay and Brenda Cullinane** for preparing such beautiful prizes and to **members** for donating so many items for the baskets.



This past week, the Dunkeld Branch has been involved in an **on-line survey** and also a **phone Interview**. Questions covered the branch's activities over the past years, our strengths and membership; monies raised and ideas for the future. Times have changed dramatically in the past decade and COVID has interrupted everything.

Used stamps are still welcome (thank you **Betty Barker** for your donations) and along with the **Trauma Teddies**, will be passed to HQ reps at the coming **Zone Meeting** at the Daisy Turner Room on Tuesday 16 March. Several members will represent the group at this meeting. There will be an **Emergency Services** meeting on the Friday and **Heather Macgugan** is Dunkeld's Emergency Services person.

Iris Field, Secretary

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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

There were some 1300 fish fingerlings released into the Reservoir last weekend and hopefully in eighteen months' time they will be big enough to start catching. A thank you to Jason Linskens for organising this project and also to the people who have donated money, there has been approximately \$2,000 raised. The cost was \$2,400 so any more donations would be much appreciated.

We hope to get a start on the jetty in the next few weeks. The poles and bearers have arrived and the Sawmill are going to supply the decking boards.

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struggle, we can be transformed into someone even more beautiful, engaging and compassionate.

Perhaps the loveliest thing about struggle is that it connects us one with another. We relate to and understand each other. Relationships are welded in the heat of struggle. The more candid we can be, the more vividly that our pain is expressed and shared, the more compassion it elicits and the more powerful the bond that is forged.

And if all that be true, how come when we seem to have multiples of struggles on so many levels... how come we seem more disengaged, disjointed and disconnected?



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250 Words from Father David Oulton Of Struggle

The idea for these words came from someone else A gent called Brandon Stanton in his book 'Humans'. He writes. 'Everyone has a story because every person has a struggle. The obstacle that has been faced and hopefully overcome.

Struggles are crucial because they're transformative'.

As I read those words they resounded clearly and loudly with me. They resonated and I knew them to be True.

I have never met anyone who hasn't had some kind of struggle and who hasn't been changed by their struggle.

Sometimes the struggle finds us. The unexpected accident, illness or death. Sometimes we inflict the struggle upon ourselves. We make woeful decisions. Our words and actions are poorly chosen or we leave things until it's too late.

But our struggles are not to be shied away from. Nor must we pretend to ourselves and to others that it is not happening and that somehow it doesn't matter.

It matters ... a lot.

Properly and bravely faced our struggles can be conquered. We may not think that we have 'won'. We may feel depleted and deflated. Things may not have turned out the way we had hoped, but so long as we stand firm in the whirlwind of



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Achievement Award
Branch Manager Anna had the honour of



receiving the Past Council Chairman, Eric R Black OAM Achievement Award recently, at an award ceremony held in Colac. Voted upon by our district Lions Club International Past District Governors, Anna was a very worthy recipient, working tirelessly in her role as District Treasurer for three years, while also managing us! Anna has been a Lions Club member for ten years. She continues her Treasurer duties at the Penshurst & District Lions Club and although her period as District Treasurer has ended, she remains a Lions Cabinet member as a mentor. Congratulations Anna!

The milestones keep coming

A birthday celebration for CSO Louise, who not only celebrates her birthday Sunday 7 March, but has also enjoyed five years with us. With everyone in the branch, it was a good chance to start the celebrations early. We all enjoyed a magnificent cake made by CRO Robyn, who has had 'chief cake maker' added to her job description! Happy birthday Louise! 🎂🎁🎉🎊🎈



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SOME MORE WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

A hard word to say

One of the pitfalls of priesthood is that we pray so frequently that we easily gloss over the words without paying any particular mind to what they really mean. The Lord's prayer is a classic example. A minimum of twice a day every day, almost guarantees that the words will become glib and prattle. It's good to get a wake up call every now and then.

It occurred to me the other day that the word 'Our' occurs twice in this famous prayer. Often when I have said 'Give us our day our daily bread' I have actually been praying 'Please Lord, give me what I need to get through the day'. Now that is a particularly valid prayer to offer and offer it I do, on a frequent basis. But I have glossed over and reinterpreted the

word 'our'. It's not about me and my needs. The word 'our' means more than just me, it's a collective ... it involves others.

The same holds true of the very first word in the Lord's prayer which also happens to be... 'Our'. So The Father is not my exclusive property. He never has been and never will be. It's not 'my Father ...' it's 'our Father'. To be reminded of this simple but very crucial thing will take me out of my self-centred arena and lift my vision to a bigger whiteboard. It's our community, our state, our nation and our planet. It's called sharing.

And perhaps if I realised that it isn't just about me and my bread, me and my Father, then the world might actually be a little less hungry, a little bit more nourished and a bit more 'Fathered'. I must try and remember this next time to say the Lord's prayer. It's 'Our'.

GDFNC invites new and returning junior netballers to attend 2021 preseason training

Dates: Thursday nights commencing 25th March
Time: 5 – 6PM
Venue: Dunkeld Recreation Reserve

Fielding teams for 18&Under, 15&Under and 13&Under competitions.

Season commences Saturday April 17

All enquires to Ally Gordon (0429 900 747) or gdfncnettynews@gmail.com

From the Lions Den



It was decided at the last business meeting that the Lions Golf Day will go ahead. It will be held on Sunday the 11 April at 12.30pm. For any further details contact Simon Macgugan. The money raised for Lions will be going to a Lions Charity.

It was also decided that if the ANZAC Day Service is held that we will again supply the breakfast. The service last year was cancelled due to the virus, we can only hope that this year we will be able to assist the RSL at a service to honour our servicemen and women.

Relationships

A reporter once asked the famous American singer, Marian Anderson, to name the greatest moment in her life. She could have talked about the private concerts she gave at the White House, or her command performance for British royalty. Instead she said, 'The

greatest moment in my life was the day when I was able to go home and tell my mother that she wouldn't have to take in washing anymore.'

Peter Hinchey



Garden Notes – March

March is a good time to plant winter and spring vegetables such as cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, silver beet, celery, turnips and swedes also early plantings of peas, broad beans and onions.

When harvesting pumpkins, handle them carefully as they are easily damaged, which will significantly reduce storage life.

New lawn areas can be sown during March to take advantage of soil temperatures still warm after summer.

Autumn bulb plantings are now underway using favourites such as daffodils, hyacinth, tulips, freesias, anemone, ranunculus and many others. They require an open, sunny position, soil which is well drained and has had compost or well decayed animal manure added. A good layer of organic mulch over the soil will retain warmth and help to suppress weed growth. They can also be planted into pots using a good quality potting mix.

Some apple varieties will be ready to harvest into late March - early April time slot. The best guides to maturity are skin colour, colour of seed, ease of harvest and most reliable of all – taste. Your fruit should not just be pulled from the tree but carefully picked leaving the stem intact. For long term storage, only use the best quality fruit placing it carefully into cool dark and dry storage areas.

With all of your fruit trees, remember that next season's fruit buds are being formed immediately after this season's harvest so make sure that your trees do not dry out and become stressed.

March is a good time to plant winter and spring flowering annuals and perennials. The soil is still quite warm meaning that your plants will get away to a good start especially if your planting area is properly prepared by digging in manure or compost.

As temperatures drop, you should ease up on the watering of your indoor plants and make sure that drainage trays are kept empty, thus avoiding water logging the main cause of indoor plant troubles. If you plan to repot your indoor plants before the winter use only a top quality potting mix.

Order your winter roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals from your nursery as soon as possible.

Finally the usual reminder about not burning or dumping autumn leaves, instead compost them or use them as much around other plants.

Happy gardening!
Stephen Hughs, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

Dunkeld Bowling Club News

Upcoming Events:

1. The Edna and Ian McFarlane Mixed Triples – Tuesday 16 March 2021.
2. The Stuart Darroch Triples – Saturday 20 March 2021.

The Mattiske & Henderson and Terry McDonnell Used Cars Pairs

On Thursday 25 February 2021, the Dunkeld Championship Pairs were played in great weather and on a rink once again well presented by Geoff Hinchliffe.

After four games of 12 ends there were six groups with three wins each. These then went on to a series of play offs until the two teams left went into the final.

With good bowling on display the team of Troy Greed and Darren Gordon prevailed over the gallant runners-up, Stephen Field and Simon Cullinane.

Well done to all who played and a major 'Thank You' to our two loyal sponsors.

Pennant:

Division 2: Continues to march on with a convincing win against City White at Dunkeld on 20 February 2021. In a tight and exciting game our boys won all three rinks and were overall winners by eight shots.

To Mortlake on 27 February 2021 to play the first final against Warrnambool Blue, once again a great match with the game being tight all day, however, Dunkeld took control in the last few ends to record a 23 shot win and winning all three rinks.

Congratulations boys, the form is coming good at the right end of the season. This Saturday 6 March 2021, we travel to Warrnambool RSL for the next final.

Twilight Bowls

On Friday 26 February 2021, we played the last round of the ever popular Twilight Bowls. Again, a good number of bowlers took to the rinks to enjoy a fun night of bowling. This event will again take place next year, our thanks are extended to all who bowled, to Monty, Peter and Christine for conducting the event and making everybody welcome.

To Brian Mathews, Head Chef, all bowlers appreciated the four-course meal; sausages, onions, zucchini and bread.

And lastly again, we must recognise and thank our wonderful sponsors these being:

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

Ladies News

Heather McIntyre and Chick Trotman played the Association Pairs and came away victorious, congratulations ladies. Now they are off to Bendigo shortly to represent our Association in the Regional Championships, we wish them all the best.

Heather is off to Warrnambool on 7 March 2021 to compete in the Singles, good luck Heather, you are having a great season.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer



SCHOOL NEWS

From the Acting Principal

Operational Guidelines

We are back to the same restrictions as were in place at the beginning of term.

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 are thrilled to be able to have family members and friends onsite again for volunteer purposes. This week we welcome our SAKG volunteers (Friends) this week! We do encourage more volunteers, should anyone have any time to give to this program.

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

We have had cement being poured around the new building this week and are getting closer and closer to being able to have full use of the building.

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 and Farewell to Mrs Jane Higgins

We will now be holding a retirement farewell for Mrs Jane Higgins as well as our Open Morning and morning tea to officially welcome all our families back to the school, on Thursday 18 March 2021, commencing at 9.30am. We also welcome community members who wish to see the changes to our school over time.

Staffing

I wish to inform our school and community, that I have made the decision to step down from the Acting Principal position from the beginning of Term 3 2021.

This is not a decision come to lightly, as I have truly relished the opportunity to lead this great school. Although I have enjoyed my time in the role and am very proud of what we have managed to achieve at Dunkeld in the past two years, I need to take a step back and prioritise time for my young children.

I feel our school is in a great position and set to continue thriving with a new leader. Our School Council will work with the Department of Education in moving forward from Term 3 onwards.

I will continue at Dunkeld Consolidated School in a teaching capacity from Term 3 onwards, which I am very excited about, as I love being with our students.

Mrs Anne Gilbert will be taking a well-earned break for all of Term 3 as Long Service Leave, as will Mrs Ann Howard taking Term 4 off. I will therefore step into these roles in 2021 to provide as little disruption to classes and staffing as possible. I will also be able to provide support and handover to the incoming Leader.

I thank you all for your support and will continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for your children to thrive over the coming months.

Thank you, Dee Gerring

CLASS REPORTS

Prep and Year 1/2 Inquiry

The Prep, Year One and Two students have been learning about families this term during Inquiry. We are learning about the similarities and differences between our families, how families have changed over time and the different family roles. Here are Grace and



Minu's families from Grade 2.

House Swimming Sports Day



On 19 February 2021 Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students all participated in the Dunkeld Consolidated School swimming sports. It was Wannon vs Sturgeon. It was a

warm summer's day great for swimming, but the day started off a bit bad (for me). First I left my swimmers on the bus and then I needed a red polo shirt to represent Wannon. After that we hopped on the bus and drove to the Dunkeld pool. I had decided to do Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle in that order. I swam with Charlie, Ben and Darcy. Darcy had joined in Backstroke and then we all did the rest. We started Butterfly, I came last then we did Backstroke and almost came third but lost, the worst was in Breaststroke I came last and was an extra minute behind them!!! In Freestyle I finally got a ribbon and came third! It was lime-green with gold writing that read 'Third' and it had a spiked bottom. When we were at the pool we were in, out, in and out of the water also it was on, off, on, off with our shirts and hats. I put the ribbon on my shirt but then moved it to my hat. On 24/02/2021 the school announced the winning team from the sports and Sturgeon won and received the trophy. *By Sean Bird, Year 5.*

Fun Friday

Last Friday was our first Fun Friday of the year. We did Tabloid Sports. Some of the activities we did were hula hoops, hockey, soccer and sack races. The year 6 Student Voice group is extremely proud of the effort they put into the activities. Everyone had a spectacular time. We can wait to do another Fun Friday this week! *By Claudia Cochran on behalf of Student Voice.*

House Sports Captains Report

On Friday 19 February we had the House Swimming Sports. We all did a lovely job, and we all tried our very best. Thank you to Lea McArthur, Jen McArthur and Leonie Schurmann for all the hard work they put into the whole two weeks. It was a fun day and the weather was perfect. Well done to both teams and to all the teachers for assisting with the swimming sports.



Congratulations to Sturgeon for winning the House Swimming Sports. Well done to the Age Champions:

- **12/13 Years** Claudia Cochran and Louis Lazzari
- **11 Years** Charlotte Alderman and Charlie Linke
- **10 Years** Phoebe Lazzari and Jack Oldfield Mann
- **9 Years** Elodie Cochran and Edward Alderman



Record broken at the Sports - 12/13 Year Boys:
Sebastian Aarons Surgeon Breaststroke 50m 53.40

Working With Children Check

A reminder that all volunteers at the Dunkeld Consolidated School require a Working with Children Check (WWCC), as per the school's Policy. Volunteers may fill in an online application form via the following website: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ The application is then finalised at a participating Australia Post retail outlet (e.g. Hamilton Post Office). You may participate in child-related activities e.g. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes at our school while your WWCC application is being processed. Volunteers do not have to pay a registration fee for their WWCC; the only cost involved is the cost of the photo, which may be reimbursed by the school.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen and Garden...

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:

Garden: 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). Students who have a Kitchen class will not be required to bring lunch.

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

We welcome any new Friends to our SAKG Program, particularly in the Garden as we need more helpers. Please contact the school on 5577 2384 or email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au if you are able to assist or require further information.

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!



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 - 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. Lest We Forget.



Partners in Wellbeing: For some Veterans, COVID-19 has had a significant impact on your mental health and wellbeing. Veterans may feel distressed and overwhelmed by the constant media reports and conflicting information about the situation.

It is natural to feel a range of emotions, such as stress, worry, anxiety or feeling low. Experiencing these feelings does not always mean something is wrong. However, if you are not coping or have been feeling distressed or anxious, help is available through *Partners in Wellbeing* Veterans support service.

The free service offers one-on-one support from a lived experience veteran to help you improve your wellbeing, develop strategies to cope and provide emotional support when and as you need it.

Contact the *Partners in Wellbeing* team in your area by calling **1300 375 330, option 3** to connect you to veterans support. We are available to support you from Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

The Billabong by Marion Colton

*Tiny birds flutter downwards
drinking, bathing in dark waters.
They flutter upwards
fluffing feathers on branches
A pair of Wattle birds join in the dance
Continuous enactment
Nature's ballet.
An immature Crimson Rosella
lands on the bank
waddles leisurely to the water
bathes and shakes
A mature one joins it
flashing crimson and blue.
Mr and Mrs Wattle Bird
display their prowess
diving, soaring
fanning white-tipped tails
on spreading River Red Gums.
Brown butterflies
in garments of orange, yellow, white,
dark brown and black
alight on the dry river bed.*

The second act:
 The little birds have departed.
 Wattle birds and rosellas
 Dive, bathe, soar
 sharing the waters alternately
 displaying their talents.
 Water: the essence of life.

Middy!
 A shady spot in the landslide gully
 A Black Wattle shelters me
 Hop Goodenia flanks me
 Eroded sandstone
 forms miniature jagged ochre cliffs
 A massive boulder
 overhangs the chasm
 Sandy bed strewn with rocks.
 Huge black ants file endlessly
 seeking food, seeking food.
 An old bleached limb
 leans on the bank.
 Distant, lumpy summit
 grey-green and ochre
 clad in trees
 Then ...
 Butterflies, butterflies, butterflies
 and more butterflies
 a continuous trail
 on and on, down the gully
 southwards
 undulating, fluttering
 up and down, over
 boulders, shrubs, my head ...
 only down the gully
 their pathway.
 Where do they come from?
 Where are they going?

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR 2021

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

Please forward your content to Mrs Carol Burger –
 email: carolburger5103@gmail.com
 or phone: 0417 374 673.

Issue Number	Cut-off Date	Distribution Date
3	Friday 5 March	Wed 10 March
4	Friday 19 March	Wed 24 March
5	Friday 16 April	Wed 21 April
6	Friday 30 April	Wed 5 May
7	Friday 14 May	Wed 19 May
8	Friday 28 May	Wed 2 June
9	Friday 11 June	Wed 16 June
10	Friday 9 July	Wed 14 July
11	Friday 23 July	Wed 28 July
12	Friday 6 August	Wed 11 August
13	Friday 20 August	Wed 25 August
14	Friday 3 September	Wed 8 September
15	Friday 1 October	Wed 6 October
16	Friday 15 October	Wed 20 October
17	Friday 29 October	Wed 3 November
18	Friday 12 November	Wed 17 November
19	Friday 26 November	Wed 1 December
20	Friday 10 December LAST ISSUE FOR 2021	Wed 15 December

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DETAILS:
WHERE: GRANGEBURN BOWLING CLUB
WHEN: Wednesdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm.
 March 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.
REGISTER: rollupvic.com.au

MORE INFO:
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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!

Hamilton Miniature Railway Group Presents
Teddy Bear Picnic
 Sunday 14th March 2021
 11am-3.30pm
 Pastoral Museum - Miller lane Hamilton

Bring your Teddy to ride on the trains

See the special 'Teddy Bear Train'
 Listen to the Hamilton Brass Band
 Enjoy the sausage sizzle

SPECIAL DAY TRAIN FARE \$12
 Unlimited + A sausage & Drink or single ride for \$4

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For further information call Jim 0407 951 371

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