

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## From the Lions Den

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

Our deeds determine us ... as much as we determine our deeds.

### Golf Day

The Lions will be conducting a charity golf day at the Grampians Golf Course, Dunkeld on Sunday 1 May 2022.

Proceeds from the day will go to Lions Diabetes Awareness Foundation.



Some statistics about Diabetes:

- If we were to compare Diabetes and COVID's prevalence and impact, you might be surprised to learn that Diabetes is more prevalent in our communities, it accounts for more hospitalisations than COVID-19 and is responsible for more deaths.
- In Australia: 232,765 Australians have had COVID-19 in 2020/2021. 1.4 million Australians with Diabetes registered as of June 2020.

There will be more details regarding the Golf Day in further newsletters, so if you can please support this worthwhile day. Simon Macgugan is the co-ordinator.

Something you always wanted to know – a rat can last longer than a camel without water.

*Peter Hinchey*

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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

Email: patrick.mugavin@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
Email: george.kuruvila@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Sunday	March 6	8.30am	Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Sunday	March 13		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Sunday	March 20	8.30am	Mass
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Sunday	March 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

### Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

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

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

### Panyyabyr Uniting Church

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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


### WHAT'S ON IN MARCH / APRIL

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
7 DPA meeting 7.30pm Sterling Place	8	9 Newsletter issue 3 distributed	10	11	12 Australian Chamber Choir in Hamilton	13
14 Labour Day Public Holiday	15	16	17	18 Newsletter issue 4 deadline	19	20 RSL Meeting
21	22	23 Newsletter issue 4 distributed	24	25	26	27
28 Red Cross Meeting	29	30	31	1 April Newsletter issue 5 deadline. Last issue for the term.	2	3

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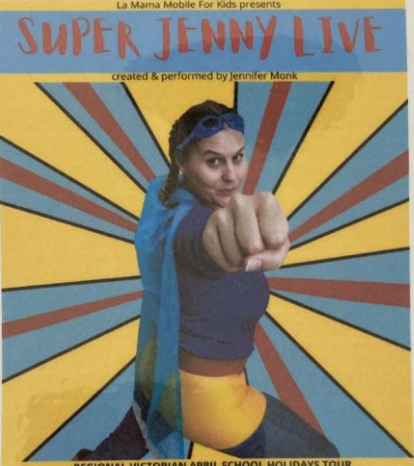
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**Coming to Dunkeld**

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created & performed by Jennifer Monk



REGIONAL VICTORIAN APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TOUR

**APRIL 10 - 22**

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SCAN ME

**SUNDAY APRIL 10** — ideal for preschool & early primary aged children. @ 12 noon & 1.30pm. BYO picnic & rug/seats to Dunkeld Memorial Park. **FREE OUTDOOR EVENT!**

Hosted by Hamilton Community House Inc. with assistance from Dunkeld Public Lands Committee. Goods, showbags, etc for purchase. NB - Health directives may apply.

## LA MAMA MOBILE FOR KIDS – SUPER JENNY LIVE – SUNDAY 10 APRIL

Jenny Likes to swim with mermaids and fly to other worlds, her best friend is Ned and she loves her nanny, but when someone needs help she becomes Super Jenny.

Jenny helps her friends and family all the time, her Nanny says this makes her Super Jenny. But sometimes even super heroes need help. This pre-school children's entertainment is engaging, fun, and educational, incorporating fine and gross motor skills, Auslan sign language, singing, dancing and musical terms. Super Jenny LIVE explores sustainability, mindfulness, coastal care and encourages creativity, imaginative play and cognitive learning that goes hand in hand to enhance all children's physical and intellectual development.

Created and performed by Jennifer Monk  
 Music and lyrics by Natalie Jeffreys  
 Production and Costume design: Oliver Ross  
 Image by Abigail Wilson at BeScene



### Garden Notes – March

The combination of warm daytime temperatures and cool often dewy nights experienced during March can encourage the development of fungus diseases on some vegetables especially the pumpkin group and also parsnips. Removal and dispersal of damaged leaves and regular light dustings of powdered sulphur will usually control this problem, also avoid overhead watering as this can increase the incidence of diseases especially mildew.

Most potato crops should now be ready for harvest. When digging your potatoes take care not to damage the tubers as their storage life will be considerably reduced. Store clean,

dry, undamaged potatoes in a cool, dark, dry position and they will last for several months.

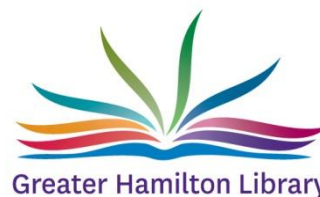
Early plantings of peas and broad beans can now be made in a well-drained area which has been prepared with an application of garden lime and superphosphate or complete fertiliser. Remember that animal manure should not be used on legume crops such as these. Sweet peas can be sown now and will make a very colourful display during the late winter and early spring. Their requirements are the same as legume vegetables and they will need a trellis or fence for support.

The flowering period of many flower crops e.g. dahlia and roses will be extended if you carry out 'dead heading' i.e. the removal of spent flowers. One reader has asked about the meaning of the word 'biuret' as found on the analysis list on some fertiliser packages. Biuret is an impurity which is in the urea component of nitrogen fertilisers and as long as the reading is 2.5% or less, it will not cause any problems. Over 2.5% there is a risk of leaf burn on some soft leaf plants.

Don't forget to regularly water your fruit trees even after harvest as this is when next season's fruit buds are formed.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123



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## **GRAMPIANS GOLF CLUB, DUNKELD**

### **Scraps from the Scrapes - March 2022**

Christmas, New Year, School Holidays and Summer have come and gone and everyone is back in town from Robe or Port Fairy!

However, a hardy band of members and guests have been enjoying the relatively mild season, with lots of social golf and our regular summer competition "The Warbro". The Warbro winner is the player with the best total of 3 stableford scores.

This year's winner is Tony Roe with Lindy Hayes as runner-up! Tony's win is testimony to some innovative changes and additions to the course, aimed at allowing players of all ages and abilities who would like to take up the game, or continue to play, without being daunted by the course. I am sure Tony won't mind me mentioning that he is well into his '70s. We all find it difficult to hit over the blasted jex at some stage!

Introducing the Orange Tee!! The orange tees mean most of the holes are shortened and are therefore ideal for players who are starting out in the game or are challenged by the full-length course and therefore not enjoying their game as much. Thanks to Peter and Lindy Hayes who did the research and leg work to install the orange tees in consultation with Golf Australia.

The introduction of the Orange Tees is entirely consistent with Golf Australia's theme of "A GAME FOR LIFE AND FUN FOR ALL". Shortened holes retain their par rating, with the player's handicap being adjusted to account for the hole's relative difficulty.

Our new season of both Tuesday and Saturday competitions kicked off in the last week, with the Week One Saturday winner – guess who – Tony Roe! Also, the first Tuesday Comp winner was Lindy Hayes. Winning form is good form!

Over the coming weeks we look forward to the return of our Lawn Bowlers, Cricketers and Tennis Players after their summer season distractions. A reminder that both Tuesday and Saturday competitions are open to both Ladies and Gents, as well as visitors from other clubs.

During the summer, our committee member Craig "Willow" Williamson, has reported introducing the game and the course to a number of families and youngsters, with the hope that they will continue to show an interest in the game and also share in the fun that the game can be, especially in our pristine surroundings.

At our next committee meeting, the Golf Australia Development Manager for Western Victoria will be talking to us about various programs which Golf Australia supports and also the resources which clubs are able to access to assist the management of their clubs and facilities.

A big thank you to the members who attended the first working bee of the year last Sunday 27 February. The

Clubhouse and surrounds received a complete makeover in preparation for an upcoming function and there was some really great heavy work on the course clearing fallen trees and debris. The barbecue lunch was well deserved!

Remember, you don't have to be a member to play the course at any time. We have an Honour Box green fee system. We are extending through March the offer for an adult and junior playing together for a gold coin donation, not the usual green fee. Good Hitting!

From the Membership Committee – Kerren Collins, Lindy Hayes, Peter Besgrove



### RED CROSS NEWS:

The **February** meeting was small and the **Raffle** was won by Iris Field.

The **March meeting** will be in the Henry Leech

RSL Room on **Monday 28 March** at 2.00pm.

March is **Red Cross Calling** month (now called *ACT for Humanity*.) The Dunkeld Branch will be holding a **Hamper Raffle** and also place several **collection boxes** in willing stores in the town. Members are asked to leave an item for the raffle in the basket inside the door of the **Bendigo Bank**. We thank the Bank staff for allowing us to do this.

**Appeals** running at the moment include the **Afghan Appeal** and now the **Flood Appeal in Queensland and New South Wales** and of course, the **Appeal for Ukraine**. Direct support is being given towards evacuation and immediate relief to **flood victims**. Then there will be long term support for recovery, which unfortunately may take years.

For **Ukraine**, funds go directly to **Red Cross** and **Red Crescent** in that area, for immediate help with sanitation, accommodation and restoring families.

**Bush Fire Recovery** work continues. During the **COVID pandemic**, Red Cross issued 40,000 **food parcels** and 24,000 well-being **support calls** have been made.

*Iris Field, Secretary*

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### DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** Opening times 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 website, and you never know what you might discover about Dunkeld and district.

#### MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER FOR MARCH

Sun 6 March Joyce Gordon, David Gordon

Sun 13 March David Baker

Sun 20 March Bill & Fay Gordon, Kay Leyshon

Sun 27 March Simon Armytage, Jenny Crawford, Pauline Crawford

- Welcome new life member Geoff Montgomery. Geoff was very interested in researching the history of his property in Dunkeld, which we are helping him with.
- On Tuesday 5 April the Alvis National Car Rally will be visiting the Museum. If you are interested in old cars etc keep the date free and come in for a chat. We can expect about fifty visitors on this day.

- James Affleck's book "Settling amongst the red gums in the shadow of Mount Sturgeon" has finally gone to the printers. We now look forward to the launch of the book on 10 April at Sterling Place, Dunkeld. It will be a great chance to catch up with Soldier Settlement friend and stories. Jams will be available on the day to sign individual copies of his book.
- Barry Crawford has printed up information about his father Keith, outlining his experiences during WW2 when the Japanese bombed Darwin. These stories keep rolling in and will be included in our forthcoming book documenting the lives and experiences of our men and women who served in WW2. We will focus on those named on the new WW2 plaque at the Dunkeld New Cemetery.

We are well and truly out of workspace and display area at the museum and have invited Jake Kelly, Architect to discuss some possible options and to discuss the development of a masterplan so we can work on some future adjustments and additions to the building. This would involve some serious fundraising events to finance any additions or structures.

## DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

The Dunkeld Public Lands Committee held its Triennial Meeting on Tuesday 1 March. Councillor Mary-Ann Brown chaired the meeting, with Shire CEO Tony Doyle also in attendance, to meet the new committee. He thanked everyone for their time and commitment to the DPLC. He spoke on ideas etc re applying for Grants, progress regarding the Memorial Park - new walking tracks, solar lighting and new benches and seating upgrade. The Shire is still in consultation regarding these works, due to lack of tradespeople during these busy times.

The Shire is hoping to have a new crossing from Memorial Park to the information Centre within the next few weeks. We are also waiting on Wannon Water for the installation of the new water drinking fountain in the Park.

Thank you to Gary Wall who has offered to paint the small playhouse in the park.

We would like to welcome our three new members to the committee, Jason Linskens, Andrew Peters and Paul Carrazzo. They join Barry Lowe, Herman Jansen, Ian Macgugan, John Smith, Joy Darroch, Simon Macgugan, Neil Duckmanton, Wendy Trotter-Prust and myself. Brian Mathews has retired after many years of service, and we thank him for his contribution to the committee.

A special thanks to Wendy for her diligence as our Secretary/Treasurer.

*Frank Raymond*  
Chairperson  
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## Grampians Cricket Club

As we edge closer to the business end of the 2021-2022 cricket season

it seems a good time to make special mention of the hardworking coaches we have at the Grampians Cricket Club. These very generous people give up their time and willingly share their expertise with our junior players and we very much appreciate their efforts. A big thank you to Ally Gordon and Buck Peters (U12s); Will Collins (U14s); Mark Lazzari (U15s); Craig Templeton (U16s) and Willo and Marni Luhrs (A Grade Women). Well Done!

### Learn to Play Cricket

The Club is running a Learn to Play cricket program for children in Grades Prep to 3.

Where: Dunkeld Consolidated School (Dunkeld Turf wicket)

Date: Tuesday 8 March (for four weeks)

Time: 4:00pm to 4:40pm

Cost: \$30.00

You can register your interest to Sarah Alderman on 0407 729 201.

### Meanwhile in the regular competition...

Under 12 Cubs played the Pumas on the turf on the 23 February. The Cubs won the toss and chose to bat first. Hugo Prentice top scored with 20 retired and next best was Isaac Robbins who made 12. For the Pumas Ben Peters, Jack Oldfield Mann and Alex Bird all took a wicket each. In reply, Ben Peters made 28 not out and Alex Bird made 24 runs. Hugh Prentice took 1 for 5 off 2 overs. With Lachie Gordon and Seamus McDonald working together to affect a runout.

On 2 March the Cubs took on Saint Andrew's White at home. The Cubs won the toss and elected to bat first. Hugh Prentice top scored with 23 not out and Edward Alderman and Mitch Gordon both retired with 18 runs each. Edward Alderman and Charles Prentice bowled two good overs each and restricted the St Andrews batters' ability to score.

The Cubs meet Pigeon Ponds on 9 March in the second last match of the competition.

Under 12 Pumas took on College Blue at the Hamilton Recreation Reserve. College Blue won the toss and batted first. Ben Peters, Freddie Jury, Lachie Oldfield Mann and Jack Oldfield Mann all took a wicket each. Freddie's figures were 1 for 6 off 2 overs. Darcy Potter made 19 off 11 balls that included 3 boundaries and retired not out. Both Alex Bird and Ben Peters made 11 runs not out.

The Pumas will meet College Gold at home on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March in their second last match of the season.

Under 14 Pumas played Day 2 of their match against Tarrington at home and wrapped it up in emphatic fashion. After bowling Tarrington all out for 51 they finished with 9 for

174 at the end of their innings. Myles Alderman made 53 off 60 balls that included 11 boundaries. Hayden Phillips made 44 and Angus Heazlewood 35.

On Saturday 26 February the team met Tahara in Tahara for the first day of their two-day match. Tahara won the toss and sent Grampians into bat. Louis Lazzari's unbeaten 23 was the best of the Puma's. Brodie Phillips opened and made 17 before being caught in the field. Tahara began their innings and at stumps were 1 for 22 after 8 overs. The Pumas bowlers will be hoping to take some early wickets when play resumes on Saturday 5 March.

Under 15 Girls took on Tarrington at Good Shepherd Senior Campus on 22 February. Grampians were sent into bat first. Thanks to an impressive 38 off 28 balls that included 6 boundaries and a 6 by Matilda Potter and Lucy Fraser's 24 from 19 balls they finished with 5 for 99. Tarrington were unable to reach the target and Grampians won by 15 runs. Matilda Potter and Elivia Robbins collected a wicket each.

Unfortunately, their last match of the home and away season against Macarthur was abandoned due to wet weather. The Pumas just missed out on playing in the Grand Final.

Under 16s Team after finishing with 7 for 165 on Day 1 of their match with Casterton, the Pumas returned to Casterton on 22 February to defend their total. With Casterton short one player Grampians had them all out for 93 in the 40<sup>th</sup> over. Lachie Phillips, Charlie Field and Wynn Rentsch took 2 wickets each. Levi Templeton's 1 for 6 off 5 overs included 3 maidens. Tom Kent and Hayden Phillips also finished with a wicket each. Brodie Phillips proved to be a ball magnet taking 3 catches in the field.

In the last match of the home and away season Grampians take on College Gold at the Hamilton College Turf on 8 March. This match will now be a one-dayer as the game had to be abandoned due to wet conditions on 1 March.

C Grade Men met Saint Andrew's Saints at home on the turf on Saturday 19 February. After winning the toss Grampians batted first. Although 5 of the team were able to make a start and get into double figures, they were all out for 95 runs. The C Grade team put up a valiant effort to defend the total with Hayden Phillips and Mick Alderman both collecting 3 wickets each. Rodney Walton took 2 wickets with Saint Andrew's claiming victory by 16 runs in the last over.

The following week, it was another tight loss, this time against Hamilton at Haymes Paint Oval. Fielding first, the Pumas restricted Hamilton to 8-153 with Rodney Walton the best of the bowlers with 2-6. Mick Alderman (2-9) and Hayden Phillips (2-25) also chipped in. Unfortunately, they fell 14 runs short in the chase. Skipper Greg Millard 44 and Angus Heazlewood 32 were the best of the Pumas batters.

They will meet Branxholme at home on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

A Grade Women took on Byaduk on home turf on 18 February. Bowling first the Pumas restricted Byaduk to 3-128 with a wicket each from Ella Jackson and Grace Potter, who also combined in a run out. It was a measured chase with the Pumas getting there in the final over. Ella Jackson scored 37 off just 19 balls and Grace Potter made 32 off 35 to see their team home.

The following Friday they took on Saint Andrews in the final game of the home and away season. Needing a win to make finals, the Pumas fielded first and kept Saint Andrew's to 5-90, with Ella Jackson the best of the bowlers taking 2-26. The Pumas ensured they were finals bound batting through their 16 overs without loss to reach 0-116. Grace Potter and Ella Jackson scored 35 runs each (retired) and Olivia Read (18 not out) and Grace Lee (12 not out) also contributing.

Next week they will take on Macarthur Blue, and if they emerge victorious will play the winner of Macarthur Red and Casterton in the final.

A Grade Men after having the bye on Saturday 19 February travelled to Pigeon Ponds in an away game. Batting first, the Pumas reached 6-234 from their 45 overs thanks to 76 from Captain Will Collins, 55 from Zac Burgess and 44 not out for Tom Polkinghorne. Unfortunately, Pigeon Ponds chased the runs down for the loss of just 2 wickets despite a solid effort of 1-37 off 9 overs from Stefan Burnell.

Pumas will travel to Casterton on 5 March to play Casterton at Island Park Recreation Reserve.

If you haven't already downloaded the My Cricket app give it a go. All games are being scored online by the home team and it is an easy way to keep an eye on the game if you're not able to be there.

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# FUSE ADVISORY



## SCHOOL NEWS

Last week we welcomed two new students to our school, Felix (Year 5) and Banjo (Year 3) Hyland. We welcome them to our school along with their parents, Bridget and Adrian, and hope they enjoy their time living in the district.

Prep students are also attending their first full week of school. Thank you to their families, for the smooth transition they have had to the school year, as well as completing their assessment days on the previous Wednesdays. Furthermore, thank you to all our families for the wonderful support at our parent/teacher meetings this week.

As part of The Resilience Project partnership program, we have invited our families to the Parent Webinar with Hugh van Cuylenburg on Wednesday 9 March. During this presentation, Hugh will share his experiences and combine

them with practical strategies that can be implemented every day to improve our overall wellbeing. Parents/carers have been forwarded the registration link.

What a wonderful day with our amazing students competing at the SGSSA District Swimming Sports, that we hosted on Friday 25 February. Many thanks for the support of our families and assistance with timekeeping. Again, it cannot go without mention that our swimming coaches, Lea and Jen McArthur, have ensured that we can send twenty-one of our students to the next level of competition. A great result from our School Swimming Program!

The following students qualified for the SSV South West Division Swimming Championships to be held in Hamilton last Friday: Olivia Balkin, Lachie Gordon, Heidi Burger, Nate Elliott, Edward Alderman, Ned Peters, Indi Mibus, Ella Peters, Jack Oldfield Mann, Zoe Trotter, Clementine Blackwell, Phoebe Ross, Elodie Cochran, Gemma Kyle, Max Russell, Charlotte Alderman, Millie McShane, Ben Peters, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Phoebe Lazzari, Charlie Linke.



Our first Student Voice led Fun Friday was held last Friday. Our Student Voice leaders Darcy, Sean, Heidi and Ava, have been busy in their roles already this year, choosing new songs for the bell music, gathering a list of ideas for Fun Fridays, as well as suggesting future events to organise at school.

Our students will attend the Wadjiny Performance on Wednesday 9 March. The performer, Troy Allen, Bundjalung Goori (East Coast), grew up in the Mount Druitt community and his totem is Wadjiny, the platypus. This interactive cultural awareness programme is delivered in a fun and educational learning environment, tying in well with our curriculum topics. He tailors the content to the age of his audience, to be thought provoking and to encourage discussion of his rich and diverse culture.

A gentle reminder that from Tuesday 15 March 2022, parents, carers, and other adult visitors who **volunteer** at school, must have had their third dose of COVID-19 vaccine, or have a valid medical exemption. Parents, carers, and other adult visitors entering school buildings for drop-off/pick-up or attending the office, only need to show evidence of two doses. Parents, carers, and other adult visitors who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements. ***The wearing of masks indoors by all visitors to our school remains.***

Our SAKG program commenced on Friday 4 March. Many thanks to the wonderful Friends of the SAKG program who have volunteered their time to assist in the Kitchen and Garden.

Thank you,

*Ange Field, Acting Principal*

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### House Captains' Report – Swimming Sports

On Friday 18 February we had our House Swimming Sports, it was an exciting day! Everyone did a wonderful job and all students did their very best to participate and complete their

aces. Congratulations to all the age champions and everyone who made it through to the next level.



### Winning Sports House for 2022: Sturgeon 2022 House Swimming Sports Age Champions:

- 8 years        Nellie Wickens and Xavier Macgugan and Jedd Russell (tie)
- 9 years        Zoe Trotter and Archie Cant-McKindlay
- 10 years      Elodie Cochran and Edward Alderman
- 11 years      Gemma Kyle and Lachie Gordon
- 12 years      Ella Peters and Ben Peters

The SGSSA Swimming Sports were held at the Dunkeld swimming pool on Friday 25 February. All the schools did an amazing job. Congratulations to the three students from Branhholme Wallacedale Community School who participated and won the SGSSA Swimming trophy for their school.

*By Indi Mibus, Phoebe Lazzari, Phoebe Ross and Ella Peters*

### SGSSA Swimming Sports on 25 February

Congratulations to Branhholme Wallacedale Community School who were awarded the Aggregate Champion School trophy and to the following Age Champions:

- 9 years:        Matthew Sanderson, Branhholme Wallacedale and Zoe Trotter, Dunkeld
- 10 years:      Edward Alderman and Elodie Cochran, Dunkeld/ Leni Robertson, Tarrington (tie)
- 11 years:      Jack Oldfield Mann, Dunkeld and Gemma Kyle, Dunkeld
- 12/13 years: Angus Knight, Tarrington and Ella Peters, Dunkeld.

The following students competed at the SGSSA Swimming Sports: Ella Peters, Phoebe Ross, Ben Peters, Charlie Linke, Charlotte Alderman, Phoebe Lazzari, Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Max Russell, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Gemma Kyle, Ned Peters, Millie McShane, Zoe Trotter, Edward Alderman, Elodie Cochran, Nate Elliott, Henrietta Patterson, George Heazlewood, Grace Macgugan, Digby Heazlewood, Will Beveridge, Olivia Balkin and George Lomas.



## Special Assembly – Friday 25 February

### Honour Certificates

School Values Honour:

**Year 5/6:** Ava Balkin

**Year 4/5:** Yin Vass, Jim Herrmann, Edward Alderman

**Year 2/3:** Jackson O'keeffe, Angus Jones

**Prep/Year 1:** Redmond Stuart-Betheras, Tilly Alderman

### School Captains' Report

This week in assembly our Class Captains presented their reports: Darcy Potter - Year 5/6, Millie McShane -Year 4/5, Olivia Balkin - Year 2/3, Ruby Mibus – Prep/Year 1. Our House Captains, Indi Mibus and Phoebe Lazzari from Wannan and Phoebe Ross and Ella Peters from Sturgeon, all reported on the swimming sports and presented the following students with Sportsmanship certificates for



*“Demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout our carnival. You are an excellent role model, and we are proud to see you demonstrating the ‘Play Is The Way’ values.”*

**8 years:** Lochie Bird, George Phillips and Sybil Patterson

**9 years:** Angus Jones and Chloe Skermer

**10 years:** Jim Herrmann and Elodie Cochran

**11 years:** Patrick Lomas and Yin Vass

**12/13 years:** Sean Bird and Charlotte Alderman

Mrs Field thanked Mrs Holly Herrmann for the many volunteer hours spent organising our stunning library and presented her with a gift voucher and a potted plant. Assembly was short due to some of our amazing swimmers that were heading off to participate in the next level of swimming sports.



### Stephanie Alexander Garden Program (SAKG)

We wish to welcome you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program at Dunkeld Consolidated School for 2022, with our Kitchen and Garden classes commencing on Friday 4 March.



Students who have a Kitchen class on a Friday do not need to bring lunch on this day as they will harvest, prepare and share in the Kitchen and finish with lunch at the end of their class (as previously advised, there is a \$4.00 charge for each Kitchen class).

SAKG Friends require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and COVID-19 full vaccination status (including third dose).

If you would like to help as an SAKG Friend (volunteer), or know of someone who may be interested, could you please contact the school on 5577 2384 or email: [dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au)

### 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 continued support!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council would also like to thank Mr Nathan Hinkley and Mr Terry Schultz, Grampians Tyre Service, Hamilton for their generous support of our Used Batteries Fundraising project.



### Remedial Myofascial Clinic

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### Remembering Northern Australia from eighty years ago

Some 80 years ago, Australia faced the uncertainty of a Japanese invasion and was totally ill-prepared. The Bombing of Darwin occurred on 19 February 1942, carried out by the Japanese Naval Task Force that had previously bombed Pearl Harbour. Significant loss of life (including civilian personnel) was inflicted on this and subsequent raids and Darwin was to endure 64 enemy raids throughout 1942 until November 1943.

On 3 March 1942, Broome was raided by fighters which inflicted severe losses on aircraft in the harbor, engaged in the evacuation of refugees from the conflict in Java, with at least 88 civilians and military personnel being killed. In the following months air attacks were made on many towns in northern Australia including Wyndham, Port

Hedland and Derby in Western Australia, Darwin and Katherine in the Northern Territory, Townsville and Mossman in Queensland, and Horn Island in the Torres Strait. Some of our Dunkeld boys were in Northern Australia during this time and are remembered for their service.



Keith Crawford aged 22 years when he enlisted on 17 March 1941 with the 8<sup>th</sup> Militia Battalion (CMF), and had just arrived in Darwin on the 15 February 1942, just days before the initial raid. He was with HQ Coy, 8<sup>th</sup> Bn in Darwin throughout the Japanese raids on Darwin in 1942, before returning to the safety of Melbourne in September 1942.

With the general mobilization, Malcolm Templeton enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF on 26 July 1942 at the HQ, Central Australia Line of

Communication Area, based in Alice Springs, NT with the 148<sup>th</sup> Australian General Transport. These Companies were issued with a manifest listing the stores that had to be transported and then the various Australian General Transport Companies detailed platoons to carry out the operation.

*“Our platoon of approximately 30 trucks left the Alice every 11 days. We were on the track for 8 days and had 3 days in Alice on our return. Convoys left each morning at 6am and 7am – and we did in excess of 60 trips on the track whilst we were there. Troops for the North were on the 7am convoy. Overnight staging camps were Barrow, Banka Banka, Elliott and Larrimah.”*

*“Day one was that of loading, weighing, assembling and generally preparing for the movement the next day... Names of all personnel travelling in any convoy had to be known to HQ prior to departure... The NCO in charge travelled in the front vehicle ... A breakdown vehicle carrying two mechanics was at the rear and was responsible for ensuring all drivers and their stores were kept moving ... Speed was set at 20 mph ... (Troops in transit) ... Were loaded on Day two and it was a case of climb aboard – gear and all, and make yourself comfortable for the long, hard ride of 612 miles (985 kms) ... Many drivers lashed their wire stretcher beds to the vehicle in a manner that made it easy for sleeping at any time and some did actually sleep whilst their off-sider was driving (there being two drivers to each truck).”*

*“The Barrow Creek staging camp was situated about one mile off the road to the right. All convoys had to halt (on the main road) whilst the NCO or Officer-in-charge moved ahead to report that ‘Convoy No XXX has arrived’ and reply ‘Bring your vehicles in, refuel at petrol point, line up along bay No X, mess at XXXX hours, mess hut No X...you are first (second or third) convoy out tomorrow’ ... The mess huts were large tin sheds surrounded by fly proof wire. To enter one had to push through hessian strips used in an effort to keep out flies. A recreation hut was available and there was a small hospital hut. As the lighting relied on a power plant it was generally poor. However, as troops and drivers were quite tired it was usual to climb into bed as soon as possible*

*... beds were everywhere ... Hanging on trucks, built into the loads of stores, whilst many were set up on the ground alongside vehicles.”*

Malcolm Templeton was to continue with this unit until 15 April 1946. Today with the revival of caravanning many a ‘grey nomad’ will trek up the

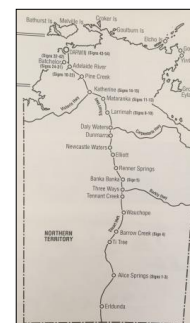


centre on the bitumen and camp at one of the many staging areas established by these Transport Companies.



Floyd Crawford was an eighteen-year-old unemployed farm labourer when he enlisted on 17 September 1941, and was posted for training with the 115 Reserve MT Coy, mustered as a Driver, and then posted to 6 Supply and Personnel Company in February 1942. In April he transferred to the 14 Supply and Personnel Coy and proceeded to Adelaide and ‘up the track’ to Alice Springs and throughout the Northern Territory, working in providing supplies and equipment.

On 23 May 1944, after 770 days of active service, Floyd was discharged at Royal Park.



William Mannix (Bill) Kearns also served during this time. Bill enlisted in January 1943 at Alice Springs, Northern Territory. Discharged in November 1945.

These men played their part to defend the “Top End” of Australia. The four of them are buried or memorialised in the local Dunkeld cemetery, so the bombing of Darwin sure hits home with many local Dunkeld and district families.

Their stories will be covered in more detail in a forthcoming book to be compiled by the Dunkeld Museum documenting the service and lives of WW2 personnel whose names appear on the WW2 plaque at the Dunkeld New Cemetery.

## MUTTERINGS FROM FATHER DAVID

Did you know that books have personalities? Oh yes, dear reader. They stand on shelves spic and span, ordered, ready and hopeful that you will be their new friend. We are to treat them with respect because no book likes to be defaced, devalued or denigrated. Every book has something to tell us. Often they inform us and we learn things. Important things. Sometimes they are just frivolous and want to entertain us. Some books have sorrowful tales to tell, whilst others will want to allure us to places near and far. They lead us on to new adventures.

Our 30th Annual Anglican Book Fair is now open for business in the Hub. The Fair runs through until Easter and you can purchase good quality pre - enjoyed books at a very sensible price. Thanks to the generosity of previous years we are not looking for donations at this early stage. It is surprising what you find and or is it ..who you find. If you listen closely the books will whisper to you. Some will speak to you of feeling neglected, a bit care worn and in need of

attention. Some have looked after themselves and are trim and shiny. Some are like famous people you have heard about. It's an easy decision to pay the poultry price in order to get to know this book better. New friends are made with new books and if we are honest we can never be quite the same again. Our new friend will nudge us along a bit. They will challenge us, surprise us, and yes, sometimes enrage us. But when that verve is distilled and assimilated, we are a little bit wiser and more rounded for having gone through this experience.

Some come and make a new friend.... or two.

## DUNKELD GENERAL STORE

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\*NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS

MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm

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SATURDAY - 7.30am – 4.00pm

SUNDAY - 8.00am – 1.00pm

(Times may vary on Public Holidays)

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 for Thursday arvo pick up

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## DUNKELD BOWLS CLUB

**WINNERS!!!**

Division 1 had a strong 14 shot win over City Gold in Mortlake on Saturday.

Division 5 had a massive 28 shot win over Dennington at Port Fairy also on Saturday.

Both teams now progress straight to the Grand Final which will be in Terang on Saturday 19 March.

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### DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

**RSL Membership:** We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2022 is \$40.00 per person. If you are a relative of ex-

service men or women, you can also join the RSL. Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES). By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

**Annual General Meeting:** An Annual General Meeting followed by a general meeting will be held on Sunday 20 March 2022 commencing at 11.00am in the Henry Leech RSL Room. A light finger food lunch and beverages will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. All are welcome to attend. COVID-19 procedures will apply including full vaccination status and social distancing.

**Remembering HMAS Perth and the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Sunda Strait:** Tomorrow (Sunday 27 February 2022), on the 80th anniversary of the loss of HMAS Perth, we honour the extraordinary service and sacrifice of the hundreds of men killed in the Battle of Sunda Strait, while defending Netherlands East Indies (modern day Indonesia) during the Second World War.

HMAS Perth and USS Houston were far outnumbered by the Japanese fleet they encountered on 28 February 1942, while attempting to pass through the narrow and treacherous Sunda Strait, heading to present day Sri Lanka. Both ships were sunk after sustaining numerous torpedo hits and shell impact after midnight on 1 March 1942.

More than 350 Navy personnel, Royal Australian Air Force personnel and canteen staff were killed when HMAS Perth went down. Those who survived were taken as prisoners and a third of them had died in Japanese captivity by the time the war was over.

Fewer than 400 of the 1,000 American sailors and marines on USS Houston escaped their sinking ship, and only around 290 survived the Japanese prisoner of war camps in the years after.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee said the Australian and American crews should be remembered for their bravery and determination in the face of impossible odds.

"Our sailors were heavily outnumbered, running low on ammunition and changing course constantly to avoid attacks from every direction," Minister Gee said.

"They fought gallantly against the superior numbers and firepower of the Japanese flotilla, and managed to inflict considerable damage to a number of enemy ships.

"For those who survived and were taken prisoner, their nightmare would continue as they suffered horrendous conditions in the now infamous Japanese POW camps.

"While the Battle of Sunda Strait was a heavy blow to our nations, the story of HMAS Perth and USS Houston speaks to the longstanding alliance between Australia and the US, and our shared commitment to defending freedom.

"Following the sinking of HMAS Sydney in November 1941, the loss of HMAS Perth and those on board had a significant impact as the threat of Japanese invasion loomed.

"Eighty years on, we remember the courage of all those who served on HMAS Perth and the USS Houston.

"We honour those men who gave their lives and acknowledge the suffering of those taken prisoner.

"And we again reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those who rose to the defence of Australia and our neighbours during the Second World War.

"It is our nation's duty to never, ever forget them."

Visit the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Anzac Portal to learn more about HMAS Perth and the Battle of Sunda Strait  
The Hon Andrew Gee MP, Minister for Veterans' Affairs,  
Minister for Defence Personnel

<sup>1</sup> <https://minister.dva.gov.au/news-and-media/remembering-hmas-perth-and-80th-anniversary-battle-sunda-strait>



### Memory

By Bandsman George Vanselow, RAN

*In Sunda Straits she fought her fight,  
Gainst hopeless odds that fatal night,  
Brave men gave all, so great their worth,  
and glorified the 'Fighting Perth'.*



## BLUE GREEN ALGAE ALERT ISSUED FOR LAKE HAMILTON

Southern Grampians Shire Council would like to advise members of the public to avoid physical contact with water in Lake Hamilton after suspected Blue Green Algae Bloom samples were collected from the Lake on Wednesday 2 March 2022.

Members of the public are urged to avoid physical contact with the water which includes swimming, sail boarding, water skiing and fishing. Landholders and animal owners are also reminded to ensure stock and pets are prevented from drinking the water in the Lake during this time. Recreational land including picnic areas and playgrounds remain open.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Environmental Health Officer Melanie Rhook said the closure of the waterway is a precautionary measure in response to recent samples collected.

"With the appearance of prominent algae scum which is indicative of algae blooms present in samples taken from the spillway area, Council has decided to take a precautionary measure to close the waterway," said Ms Rhook.

"Council operates regular and routine water quality testing at Lake Hamilton to ensure the safety of our community and those partaking in water related activities in the area. It's not uncommon to see algae blooms during the warmer months so the recent temperatures partnered with rain has contributed to ideal conditions for a bloom.

"Warnings signs have now been erected in key locations around Lake Hamilton to alert users of the closure of the waterway. Council will continue to update the community once more information on the sampling is available," concluded Ms Rhook.

Council will continue to monitor Lake Hamilton's water as the health and safety of the community is our priority.

For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Health Department on 5573 0444.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Dunkeld Consolidated School has a computer desk, which is now surplus to requirements (the desk was previously located in our Library space in the BER Building):

Dimensions: 2400mm long x 800mm wide x 700mm high

We invite Expressions of Interest (payment as a donation to the school), which will close on Friday 11 March 2022 at 4.00pm.



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