

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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## GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK CLOSED



The Victorian Government is directing all Victorians to stay at home, restricting activities to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Stay home. Protect our health system. Save lives. Currently there are only four reasons to leave your house:

- For food and supplies that you need.
- For exercise.
- For medical care and care giving.
- And for work and education – if necessary.

As a result high-visitation parks (listed below) have been closed. Parks Victoria has also closed all Parks Victoria managed playgrounds, BBQ facilities, water drinking fountains, picnic shelters and tables, rotundas, toilets and viewing platforms until further notice. All Parks Victoria Visitor Information Service Desks and Centres are also closed to the public until further notice.

Parks remain accessible for locals to exercise if physical distancing directions are strictly followed. Other authorities have closed a number of beaches (listed below).

Some beaches remain accessible for exercise if physical distancing directions are strictly followed, but the message is clear – Stay home. Protect our health system. Save lives.

Due to the rapidly changing nature of the situation, Parks Victoria staff will monitor visitation rates with the possibility of further changes to park closures, pending advice from health authorities.

### Currently closed sites

The following closures will apply until further notice:

**Grampians National Park** - entire site is closed until further notice

### Will you be enforcing the closures?

Closures will be enforced. Signs will be in place at all closed locations and patrols will be undertaken. Compliance with this direction is enforceable under section 203 of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 and penalties apply.

Victoria Police can issue on the spot fines of up to \$1,652.00 for individuals and up to \$9,913.00 for businesses who don't follow these directions.

This is an amended version of the article, for the full version to see what other parks are closed please go to the following link: <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/covid-19-update>

## DONATIONS

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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](mailto:hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Please note that the Victorian Catholic Bishops have recently announced the immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, as well as all other gatherings, until further notice.

Liz and Peter Hinchey will endeavour to kindly open Saint Patrick's Catholic Church on a daily basis to allow visitations and prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

For further information please visit the Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border website: [www.westernborder.church/news2](http://www.westernborder.church/news2)

### Dunkeld Anglican and Uniting Churches

### Panyyabyr Uniting Church

### Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Times are unpredictable and we cannot know what the situation will be by then, so it is best to 'be on the side of caution.

Anyone wishing to speak / or meet with Rev Angie Griffin is welcome to contact her regarding a suitable time and place on **0417 367 227**.

### WHAT'S ON IN APRIL / MAY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
April 20	21	22 Newsletter issue 5 distributed	23	24	25 <b>ANZAC Day</b> Lest We Forget	26
27	28	29	30	1 May Deadline for issue 6	2	3
4	5	6 Newsletter issue 6 distributed	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day
11	12	13	14	15 Deadline for issue 7	16	17

## Landcare News

### 1. 'Introduction to Whole Farm Planning'

It is difficult to arrive at a destination if you do not know where you are going or how you are going to get there. Creating a Whole Farm Plan is an opportunity to review long-term goals and decide how can make the most of your time, finances and physical resources, to achieve these goals. A Whole Farm Plan maps out where you are going and how you are going to get there. Of equal importance, in documenting the plan, everyone can work together towards to the same goals.

Ag Vic will present a webinar, 'Introduction to Whole Farm Planning' on **Wednesday 22 April between 10.00am and 11.00 am**.

For more information, contact Tess McDougall on 0409 841 492 or at [tess.mcdougall@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:tess.mcdougall@agriculture.vic.gov.au)

### 2. Finding Nature

Postponed until a better time, but in the meantime - as you go around your daily tasks, take a bit of time to notice what you see, hear and smell around you - as it's a wonderful time of year, (and it does take you away from the worry and stress that the COVID19 can cause) - and then we can compare notes - I would love to hear all about and share what you have around you.

### 3. Landcare Grants

Each year, projects that have been completed are eligible for an audit from the GHGMA. Tony Lithgow has asked to visit seven sites of our projects this year - picked at random - to talk to the landowners to find out how the process worked for them, what worked well, what didn't, and to check the project itself. *Due to the COVID19 restrictions, Tony will chat to those involved, over the phone.*

***Do you have an idea for a Landcare project? Plan now and please let me know so we can write it up!***

### 4. GHGMA Capacity Building Grants

Our thanks once again goes to the GHGMA for their very generous support, as we have been successful in obtaining funding to help support the cost of several people doing their ACUP and 1080 accreditation (to work with our Grampians Ark fox control program), and also for the running of a new Bird Course - to be run by ecologist Greg Kerr - in Cavendish. Of course both these have been postponed until a later date! So stay tuned.

### 5. Fox Cages

The Panyyabyr Landcare Group has bought ten fox cages, to use within the Grampians Ark program. This form of control is ideal for those living within the Grampians Ark program boundary, but not laying baits. Iris Field has begun using one, and already has caught two foxes to date (within one week!). Using a specialised technique, she has collected a small skin sample from them, so the tissue can be sampled by Parks Vic staff, to determine DNA information, and help them build up their knowledge of the predators within and surrounding the Park. She also has the material to present to DELWP when they re-open, to claim the fox bounty.

### 6. Grampians Ark Fox Control - Autumn Pulse

Residents, landowners and visitors please be aware that our fox baiting pulse finished on Monday 6 April 2020. Those participating, please remove your untaken baits, and dispose

of them correctly, then please let me know of your bait take, as this is the real evidence we have on how successful the program is.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to know more about these items, or anything else Landcare related.

Cheers! Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235 0428 749 235  
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**DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS**

**Grant Success!**

The Museum has been successful in its submission to the SGSC Greater Grants program. This grant will enable the Museum to employ the skills of Julie Kincade to design and create a new website for the Museum and also to set up a facility for electronic payment of admission fees and purchases of publications and other merchandise.

**Dunkeld Old Cemetery Book**

Although we had to postpone the book launch, *The Dunkeld Old Cemetery 1855-1905* is available for purchase at the Dunkeld General Store. It's a fascinating insight into the history of our town and the district, through the stories of the people buried there and in lone graves.

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**SUNDAY - 8.00am – 1.00pm\***  
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With a new revised menu, we are confident there is something for everyone to enjoy!

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**Dinner**

*Pizza Varieties	<b>\$17-\$20</b>
*Steak Sandwich & chip	<b>\$17</b>
*Veggie Burger & chips	<b>\$17</b>
*Hamburger w' lot & chips	<b>\$15</b>
*Battered Fish, Chips & salad	<b>\$20</b>
*Chicken Parma, Chips & Salad	<b>\$22</b>
*Pasta Carbonara	<b>\$20</b>
*Lasagne chips & salad	<b>\$20</b>
*Porterhouse Steak, chips and salad (choice of sauce)	<b>\$25</b>
*Chicken Schnitzel w' gravy chips & salad	<b>\$20</b>
*Tennessee Ribs, chips & salad	<b>\$28</b>

**Family Meal Packs (4 ppl)**

*Pizza – 2x pizza's, Garlic Bread & 1.25lt soft drink	<b>\$40</b>
*Battered Fish & chips (4pcs Fish, chips & salad)	<b>\$30</b>
*Chicken Schnitzel (4x Schnitzel, gravy, chips & salad)	<b>\$60</b>
*Chicken Parma (4 x parmas, chips & salad)	<b>\$70</b>
*Lasagne Tray (24hr notice required)	<b>\$30</b>
*Whole Roast Chicken w' roast vegies- (24hr notice required)	<b>\$40</b>
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**\*\*Please note there will be an additional cost if you require larger family packs\*\***

**Thank-you for your continued support we really appreciate it and lets all stay safe**



## 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) 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

**Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch is unable to hold its annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Mr Terry Noble, President, Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park and observe one minute's silence to remember those who have fallen. (During the course of the day if community members are out walking for exercise and are practising social distancing, they may wish to lay a wreath at the cenotaph). In times like these we must never forget what our servicemen and woman did for our freedom, so on the day we should all remember and reflect.

On Saturday 25 April, when the general public is unable to attend the local Dawn Service, the RSL is asking that instead you tune in via radio, social media or television and take a moment to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans and those who are still serving today. The most important thing is that together we remember our pledge as a Nation; Lest We Forget.



**#STANDTO this Anzac Day:** At 6.00am, as the Last Post is played during the ANZAC Day Dawn Service (televised and streamed from the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne) walk outside, stand in your yard, driveway or on your balcony and observe a minute of silence in respect of our veterans. For more information please visit the official RSL Victoria Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/rslvic/>

**The Ode of Remembrance:** We have all heard "The Ode" recited many times and the poem is worth quoting in full. The poem was first published in The Times on 21 September 1914. It is written by Laurence Binyon, who was a stretcher-bearer in France in WW1. Born in England in 1869, he died in 1943. He was a poet, a keeper of paintings and drawings of the British Museum and he was an authority on Oriental Art.

### For the Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children  
England mourns for her dead across the sea,  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow,  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.**

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again,  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home,  
They have no lot in our labour of the daytime,  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires and hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the night.

As the stars shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.

**2020 ANZAC Appeal Online:** The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch is encouraging the public to donate to the ANZAC Appeal online this year as restrictions around non-essential travel tighten in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble, said, "Australian's have been purchasing ANZAC badges from RSL volunteers in the lead up to ANZAC Day for almost a century. Buying and proudly wearing an ANZAC Appeal badge is as much an ANZAC tradition as attending a Dawn Service."

"If this was a normal year, volunteers from our Sub-Branch would be out and selling ANZAC badges right now in support of the annual ANZAC Appeal. However, 2020 is not a normal year, and Victorians need to stay home to help limit the spread of COVID-19."

"Our RSL is doing its bit, and our volunteers will not be fundraising this year. Instead, we are asking our community to support the ANZAC Appeal by making an online donation at [www.anzacappeal.com.au](http://www.anzacappeal.com.au) It's very safe and secure, and it's easy to do in just three simple steps. Money raised through the online appeal will go where it always has – to fund vital services for veterans and families," Mr Noble said.

RSL Victoria State President, Dr Robert Webster OAM, said that COVID-19 had increased the need for the RSL to raise funds to support veterans and families.

Dr Webster said, "Many veterans are doing it especially tough. They're struggling with social isolation, physical and mental health problems. The longer this pandemic goes on, the more acute the needs of our veterans become."

"Please show your support for those veterans who have made sacrifices for us and donate to the ANZAC Appeal via [www.anzacappeal.com.au](http://www.anzacappeal.com.au) this ANZAC Day," Dr Webster said.



### Tarrington Walking Track Works Begin

Tarrington residents will soon have reason to celebrate as Southern Grampians Shire Council commence installation works on the extended Tarrington walking track this week.

The extended section will run 1.4 kilometres, beginning at intersection of Hamilton Highway and Walkenhurst Road.

The walking track will move east along Walkenhorst Road to Tarrington-Strathkellar Road, then move south to the Hamilton Highway.

The project was initiated by the Tarrington community during last year's Council budget submission process. The project was approved for completion in the 2019/2020 financial year by Council, through a formal resolution upon adoption of the budget.

Providing additional continuous footpaths throughout the township improves access and safety for pedestrians, as well as providing better opportunities for exercise such as walking prams and riding bikes.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Chris Sharples said this project was identified as a priority for Tarrington.

"Residents from Tarrington came to us with this project last year and told us it was a very important one for their community. We are pleased to be getting on with the job and providing improved accessibility for the community", Cr Sharples said.

Preliminary works, including tree-pruning, stump-removal and marking-out of the track have taken place over the fortnight in preparation for the start of the track installation work this week.

The new section of the track will be constructed with a compacted crushed rock base and covered in a bluestone dust, creating a similar surface to that of the Lake Hamilton Walking Track. The extension will link up to the existing Tarrington Walking Track.

Works are expected to be completed within three weeks, subject to weather conditions. Users of the already established walking track that runs from Hamilton will not be impacted by these works.

For more information about this project, please contact the Shire Council on 5573 0444.

water and personal care products to 1,100 families; continuing with fire relief commitments.

The **Dunkeld Branch** will be in recess until restrictions on meetings are lifted. Meanwhile, the Treasurer is calculating our contribution to the branch's **March Red Cross Calling** and hopefully the amount will be shown in the next newsletter. We do not expect there to be a very large sum this year.

We congratulate member **Glenda Schwarz** and husband **Norm**, on celebrating **60 years of marriage**.

We hope that members are phone-checking on each other and on others, to lessen the feeling of isolation people might be feeling at the moment. Likewise, anyone wanting a chat, feel free to call a Red Cross member. Most importantly, we hope that the district remains **'virus free.'**

*Iris Field, Secretary*

## Some Words from the Anglican Church

Someone of 'mature of years' kindly phoned the other day. They reflected that the millennial generation will speak of 'pre' and 'post Covid19'. They will be able to recollect what life was like before the pandemic, what it was like during and what life is like after.

At the moment we haven't emerged out the other side. We can't look back with any clarity because we are still stuck in the middle of it all.

But one question keeps on bubbling up. What am I learning? I know that I am learning lots about the new rules and I am learning a lot about myself. At 60 I had naively thought that I had it all sown up, stitched up and sorted. But no! I have had to learn geeky things and I have had to learn to be very patient with myself as I slide up and down this relentless learning curve.

This has been an infuriating process, full of mistakes and disappointments. In the long run it will not have done me any harm. Easy to say of course, not so easy to live out.

One day we will emerge from this. Just how and when is a moot point, but emerge we will and we can never be the same again. I imagine that our planet will be a different place, and our society can ever be the same again. Then the trick will be to perceive what is actually left. What are the new rules? What will we have learned about each other and ourselves? What will we keep, what will we try to recapture and claim back for ourselves? What do we throw away?

*Fr David Oulton*



**Dan Tehan MP**  
Member for Wannan

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## RED CROSS NEWS

Although Red Cross is 'cutting costs' and employees are 'sharing the load' the **wider work of Red Cross** is continuing, with support for vulnerable people affected by the Corona Virus. All **Red Cross shops** are closed, our nearest being in Warrnambool.

**Since February**, some tasks include providing psychological support, information and referrals to over 12,000 people in Qld.; checking on the well-being of those in isolation on their return from overseas; delivering relief packages of food,



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### Dunkeld Public Land's Committee

**Sawmill:** Unfortunately our Open Day is not able to go ahead. We are living in trying times, but if we do the right thing it will end quicker. Perhaps we may be able to have a spring Open Day.

**Reservoir:** Work on renewing the wall is progressing well. Rob and his Linc Roads crew are very easy to work with. The old wall was leaking badly because of tree roots and porous material deep down, so something had to be done.

A few people have been upset by the removal of trees. Trees and dam walls do not mix and they should never have been allowed to grow there. Unfortunately too many trees are planted or let grow in inappropriate places. This causes problems and unnecessary expense and work in the future.

Short term pain will be long term gain. There are plenty of trees around the reservoir that remain. When the job has been completed the area below the dam wall will be worth developing into a nice park. Perhaps you have some ideas that will make this a better area than it was before. Put your thinking caps on.

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Chicken Curry Family Pie caraway seeds	\$25
Egg & Bacon family pie	\$18
Vegetarian family quiche	\$18
Pork & Fennel Sausage rolls	\$18
(6 medium) poppy seeds	

### Soup of the day

Small (600ml) with small cob loaf	\$12
Large (950ml) with large cob loaf	\$24


### Freshly Baked Bread (unsliced)

Baguette	\$3.50
White tin loaf	\$5
Grain tin loaf	\$6
Rye loaf	\$6
Fruit loaf	\$10

### Other Essentials

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### From the Lions Den ANZAC Day

Because of the virus there will not be any public service so the Lions will not be supplying breakfast as usually done. Also because of the virus and the social distancing restrictions, the Lions have not been holding any of our scheduled meetings. But a thought for Anzac Day:

The tram bumped and rattled down St Kilda Road in Melbourne. People filled every seat, a man stood in the aisle holding on to one of the overhead handles, swaying with the movement of the tram. He was a handsome man, well dressed in a suit, bowler hat and polished shoes. A young woman sat in a seat in front of the man, her pretty eyes narrowed with something that might have been anger as she looked up at him. On the woman's lap was a newspaper, the front page reporting the rising calls for conscription to help the brave boys fighting on the Western Front. The tram stopped, the young woman stood and took something from her handbag as she moved to get off the tram. She stopped in front of the man and handed him a white feather. There was hatred in her eyes as she snarled, "How dare you, you coward, how dare you", and pushed past him.

Lieutenant William Dunstan VC looked at the white feather in his hand. He stared at it mutely for a moment, too stunned to react. He let the feather slip from his fingers, took a deep breath to subdue his anger as he watched the social sign of cowardice drift to the floor. He squared his shoulders, managed an iconic smile and turned his mind to brighter days ahead.

(I suppose the main thing to remember is, that because she was female, she could not be sent to the Western Front).

Peter Hinchey

## Dunkeld Bowling Club News

### The M.A. Templeton Memorial 21 Up

This major and prestigious event was played on Friday 20 March just before the Bowling Club was official closed (due to COVID-19).

A small but highly competitive field took to the rink in some of the best playing conditions we have had for ages.

Round 2 saw Fiddler in superb form beat Cat 22 – 13; Sandy playing very consistently beat Grub 21 – 8; Tony and Prewie had a good battle with Tony 21 – 17 and Terry Mc beat young Matty Cole 21 – 11.

Round 3 Fiddler playing Sandy in a game of high quality not reflected by the score saw Fiddler prevail 21 – 13.

Tony outplayed Terry to win 21 – 11.

Into the final and with Fiddler in great touch defeating Tony 21 – 8. Congratulations Fiddler on a great display of bowling and congrats to all who entered this major event.

### Club Closure

Sadly, we had had to close our club in accordance with government rulings, we hope this situation can be reversed as soon as possible so as normality can return.

In the meantime, the Club wishes all members, their families and all others good health. Keep well, support each other during these times of isolation and hopefully we will all come through unscathed.

We want our kids to be happy and healthy

Join us to..

# Smash Screen Time & Get Kids Moving!

FREE VITRUAL EVENT

Screen time is one of many factors that influence the well-being of our children. Right now, as many families isolate due to COVID-19 the risk of too much screen and too little physical activity is escalated.

Wednesday 22nd April, 8:00-9:00pm  
Via ZOOM Online

Simply follow this link to participate from your smart phone, ipad, tablet, laptop or desktop - <https://zoom.us/j/428353571>

- How much screen time is too much?
- How does excessive screen time affect physical and mental health?
- Practical tips and tricks to manage screen time and encourage physical activity for kids and parents in this tricky time

Registrations are preferred. When registering, let us know your greatest challenges with managing screens and keeping kids active, so we can ensure this session is as relevant as possible

Email: [ebony.jenkins@wdhs.net](mailto:ebony.jenkins@wdhs.net) or ph: 0413 249 377



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Alfred Deakin Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
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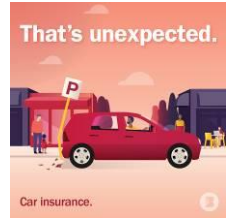


Since 2015 Dr Arundell has been investigating children's sedentary and screen behaviours and consequences. Her research focuses on working with families to develop strategies to better manage screens. As a mum of two, Lauren understands the barriers to keeping technology in its place, and is passionate about empowering families to build healthier homes.

show in the coming year.

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## Art Show Success

Prior to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we were fortunate to sponsor another very successful Penshurst Art and Photography Exhibition. Despite a smaller than usual attendance, organisers were thrilled with the calibre of the art work on display. The Art Show



highlights the creative endeavours of artists in the region. Judges, John Graham and Shane Crumpton (pictured), praised the wonderful exhibits on display. Our sponsorship of \$500 was used to assist with the prize money awarded in various sections. This included best watercolour, best oil and best acrylic.

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## Kangaroos

In reply to Mr John Smith's submission to the 25 March 2020 Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter regarding kangaroos, I would like to thank him for his input. However, it is a shame he did not attend the community meeting on this subject in early March as then he would have been better informed.

Frankly, it's rather tiring to see the same old rhetoric dating back to 1830 regurgitated over and over again. It's time to change the conversation in line with the community expectations about animal cruelty and our right to peace.

While Mr Smith has been here for forty years, kangaroos have occupied this land for millions of years without starving to death in the bush.

Interestingly the commercial killing of kangaroos introduced in the early 1980s resulted in the rapid decline of kangaroo numbers so much so that the program had to be stopped. That would have coincided with Mr Smith's arrival here and could explain why there were so few kangaroos around Dunkeld.

The assertion that farmers are paying for the privilege for us to enjoy kangaroos is factually incorrect. According to the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial Evaluation Summary Report (KPFTER), the trial of the commercial killing program cost taxpayers 1.7million dollars. That's a \$1.7million taxpayer subsidy provided to farmers and commercial operators to kill our wildlife. The report also concluded that the industry was neither cost-effective or sustainable.

To date, Dunkeld has only had one kangaroo fence constructed, and that came with \$47,000 state government grant. (Mail-Times).

The issues raised at the recent town meeting are legitimate. It not acceptable to shoot within the town precinct in and around people's businesses and houses. There is no excuse for chopping up kangaroos and dumping them on the edge of town. At the town meeting, Dennis Willey pointed out that there are legitimate reasons to charge these shooters with the reckless use of firearms.

Wildlife is a significant driver of tourism, and this town is privileged to be able to offer visitors the experience of seeing wildlife close by. Also, residents, including Mr Smith, must come to terms with the fact that the continued shooting is causing distress to people who live in our community. The associated anxiety has caused one person who only moved here nine months ago to sell up and leave. It is also very disappointing to see the young joeys whose mothers have been killed left to starve to death.

There are a further three town meetings planned, providing an opportunity for considered community engagement on this issue.

Jane Gibb

References: Mail-Times June 17, 2018, State Government Grant Helps Dunkeld Racecourse.



### From Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal

A new term has begun at Dunkeld Consolidated School with what is a very different look to schooling! Times have certainly changed since my last report! Our school has now moved to 'Remote Learning', where the Victorian State directive is that all students who can learn from home, must learn from home. This is understandably confusing somewhat, as each state is taking a different approach to Education. However, although it is a tough time for all, as we follow our Government and State directives, we are all doing our part to slow the spread of Covid-19.

Some may have noticed the school is still operational some days, as we also provide the opportunity for on-site provision for those families who are unable to work from home and who have no other care options. I thank all our families for the lengths in which they have had to go to, to re-arrange their lives in order to help their children with their schooling from home.

Therefore, we have now entered a new and completely unprecedented era of teaching and learning. One which we never envisaged to happen and will, we hope, be a once in a lifetime occurrence. Our staff have put in countless hours to prepare for remote learning and they continue to give far beyond normal expectations to deliver a comprehensive online program to our families. I thank our staff and commend them on their collaboration, dedication and commitment to our children and school. You are all doing an unbelievable job.

I also applaud our students and parents for the way in which they have embraced online learning. As expected we have had some minor hiccups and technical issues in getting started and will need to continually adjust programs to get to the right 'fit' for families and teachers. However, I believe we are off to a wonderful start under the circumstances. Every school's program will look different, according to their situation, so please avoid comparing school against school, as everyone is simply doing the best they can at this moment.

My message to parents this week was that we need them to support their children, but if things are becoming stressful, just stop and take some time out. Children need their parents to be their teaching support, but more importantly, they need them to be their parents. Now is a time that it is more important than ever to look after our children's and our own mental health. These are extraordinary times, so schooling will be far from normal. I urge everyone to please look after yourselves.

On an operational note, I would like to advise that the School Grounds are now closed to the public at all times, including weekends and after hours. This is under Department of Education and Training Guidelines, where use of playground equipment and recreational activities are not to be taking place on school grounds. School buildings will only open during school hours for Remote Learning on-site access to specific personnel. Our playground equipment is also unable to be used by our students during school hours, under DET directives, due to not having fully enclosed, lockable gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

Stay well. Stay safe. Stay home. Thank you, Dee Gerring

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