

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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DUNKELD MUSEUM INVITATION

The Committee of Dunkeld Museum invite you to the

LAUNCH OF THE BOOK

‘SETTLING AMONGST THE RED GUMS IN THE SHADOW OF MOUNT STURGEON’

(The story of the Mount Sturgeon soldier settlers)

By James Affleck

On **SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022 at 2.00pm**

Sterling Place: Dunkeld Community Centre

14 Sterling Street, Dunkeld

Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to:

admin@dunkeldmuseum.org.au

Copies of the book will be available for purchase on the day and can be signed by the author.

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1st Week	Sunday	April 3	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Palm Sunday	April 10		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
	Holy Thursday	April 14	7.00pm	Mass
	Good Friday	April 15	3.00pm	Mass
3rd Week	Sunday	April 17	8.30am	Mass – Easter Sunday
4th Week	Sunday	April 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

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

2nd 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.

Panyabyr Uniting Church

The next Service for the Panyabyr Uniting Church will be held in the Victoria Valley Hall at 2.30pm on Sunday 1 May and conducted by Janet Shalders.

We'll have a shared Afternoon Tea at the conclusion and hope you will be able to join us.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

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

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
4	5	6 Newsletter issue 5 distributed	7	8 Term 1 concludes	9	10 Launch of James Affleck's book at Dunkeld Community Centre 2.00pm
11 No Dingoes Public Meeting @ 7.00pm Dunkeld Community Centre	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16	17 Easter Sunday
18 Easter Monday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Dunkeld RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service 6.30am	26	27	28	29 Newsletter issue 6 deadline	30 Dunkeld Arboretum Working Bee @ 9.00am	1 MAY



Dunkeld Arboretum

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Dunkeld Public Lands Committee

Gary Wall recently painted the cubby house in Memorial Park. A huge thank you to Gary. Gary is not on the committee but saw a need. The cubby looks great and will be well preserved. We need more volunteers like Gary, the DPLC have vast areas to look after so any help is very, very much appreciated.

Dunkeld Caravan Park

The Caravan Park is going gang busters with another record month in March. Thank you, Geoff and Erin, the Caravan Park looks amazing and gets such good reviews. A great asset to our town.

Wendy Trotter-Prust

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RED CROSS

Some familiar faces were at the recent **Zone Meeting** in Hamilton.

The Zone Meeting was well attended and Coordinator Carolyn Ratnik returned to Melbourne with a full car load of groceries donated by branches, and a box of soaps from *Health on Gray*, for the Red Cross Food Pantry. Country branches have donated over 360 bags of groceries which are sorted and packaged by volunteers to give out to refugees.

Of the \$240 million Fire Relief money, 96% has gone out, with 4% remaining for ongoing recovery over three years.

The nearest Red Cross shop (Warrnambool) is always needing donations of men's clothing.

On the Red Cross Telethon over four days, an amount of \$25 million was raised for Flood Relief. Dunkeld Emergency Services volunteer Eda Williamson recently travelled to assist in the flood relief.

Our Red Cross Calling is going 'great guns' with over \$1,000 already banked, owing to generous district people and businesses and Heather Napier's efforts. Our thoughts are with the flood victims, the Afghanis and the wonderful people of Ukraine, who are trying to ward off and survive an horrendous invasion.

We are sending our best wishes to Peter Hinchey for a full recovery and love to Liz and family as they stay by his side.

There will be no April Meeting due to date clashes with Easter and ANZAC Day, but the three-draw Raffle will be drawn in the street on 30 April or 1 May. In the meantime, Treasurer Bek will be selling tickets in the street on Sundays until then.

We thank the members of the Dunkeld RSL for welcoming the Red Cross request to hang a photo of the *Two Dunkeld Angels*, the late Helena Flinn and Joy Clarke. Hopefully this will be done in May.

The next Meeting will be at the Henry Leech RSL Room on Monday 23 May at 2.00pm, where some important matters will be decided.

Iris Field, Secretary



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A message from The Dunkeld Fire Brigade

Local landowners and residents would have noticed that Serra Group and Dunkeld Fire Brigade has not conducted any roadside burns this year for the first time ever.

The brigade advises that this is not due to inactivity on its part. Rather it is due to the extraordinary restrictions which have been imposed by the CFA on roadside fire prevention making it virtually impossible for brigades to carry out this important task, in fact some brigades have decided it is all too hard and have ceased the practice altogether.

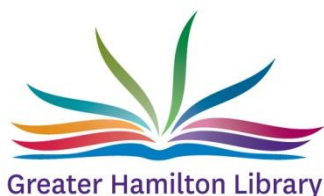
It is widely recognised that break burning on roadsides is an essential activity to help protect local communities from fire. It also provides the most valuable training opportunity for volunteer fire fighters, whether the CFA still shares this view or not is an open question.

This district is fortunate to have so far dodged a bullet this season with the end of the fire danger in sight.

However, the roadside fuels are still there and we cannot expect future seasons to be the same.

The brigade urges those who are concerned about this issue to contact CFA Assistant Chief Officer, Richard Bourke on 5551 1500 or email r.bourke@cfa.vic.gov.au and our local member for parliament.

Simon Armytage – Serra Group Officer
Robert Funk – Captain, Dunkeld Fire Brigade



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DUNKELD MUSEUM MEDIA RELEASE

Dunkeld Museum is pleased to announce the launch of **Settling**

Among the Red Gums in the Shadow of Mount Sturgeon, by James Affleck. This book records the accounts of all of the soldier settlers who were part of the Mount Sturgeon Soldier Settlement Scheme which started after World War II and documents the contributions of these families to Dunkeld and district. It highlights the joys and the challenges experienced by these families as they sought to build a life at the foothills of Mount Sturgeon.

The book came about as a result of a conversation between Helen Dixon (nee Macgugan), a member of one of the soldier settler families, Heather Macgugan and James Affleck, the author of a number of books documenting some of the history of communities in Western Victoria. James's most recent book was 'From Tents and Tin Huts to Timber Houses and Tiger Snakes'.

'**Settling Among the Red Gums in the Shadow of Mount Sturgeon**' will be launched at Sterling Place: Dunkeld Community Centre on Sunday 10 April at 2.00pm.

'**Settling Among the Red Gums in the Shadow of Mount Sturgeon**' is available for purchase at the launch or through the Dunkeld Museum's website – <https://dunkeldmuseum.org.au>.

For more details, contact Joyce Gordon, Secretary, Dunkeld Museum phone 0428 749 236 or admin@dunkeldmuseum.org.au

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SCHOOL NEWS

As we move towards the end of term, COVID-19 is something we are learning to live with and adjust to as we go. Many thanks to the families that have been or may be impacted and find themselves adhering to the DHHS and DET Operational Guidelines as emailed earlier this week, with regards to isolating as a close contact or confirmed case.

Our Student Voice Leaders (Sean Bird, Ava Balkin, Heidi Burger and Darcy Potter) planned an exciting Fun Friday for last week, the last one for the term. It was Crazy/Funky Hair Day, where students came to school with fun and creative hairstyles. Students also wore casual clothes, bringing a gold coin donation to support the Leukemia Foundation. The Fun Friday activity included dancing games and a disco in the hall.



Many of our Year 6 students attended Transition Days at Good Shepherd College on Friday 25 March, and Baimbridge College on Tuesday 22 March. A wonderful opportunity to visit the schools and explore all they have to offer, before deciding on 2023 enrolment.

On Tuesday 29 March the SGSSA Athletics Sports were held at Pedrina Park. The following schools make up the SGSSA (Southern Grampians School Sports Association) – Tarrington Lutheran School, Cavendish Primary School, Branxholme Primary School, Macarthur Primary School, Saint Joseph's Primary School (Penshurst) and Dunkeld Consolidated School. It is always a great day with our smaller rural schools coming together. Thank you to our parent helper Louise Patterson for volunteering to supervise the 9-year girls age group, and assisting across the day with various activities, her expertise was appreciated. Thank you to Paul Mibus for collecting our shade marquee. I know that some students could not attend the sports due to isolating at home, and I certainly feel for these students who missed this opportunity and encourage them to focus on the next opportunity that comes their way.

Our first School Council meeting was held last week, with Richard McShane returning as President. I thank Richard for taking on this role and look forward to the projects that lie ahead. We have received a shade sail grant for the outdoor learning space to be placed in front of the mural wall. Last year's students planned and designed a space with a vote to decide the final design, which was created by Libby Herrmann. The space will reflect our local indigenous culture. The School Council are also discussing the drop-off/pick-up zone at school, with a focus on student and family safety, with the discussion revolving around Dickie Street and the possibility to upgrade and utilise this entrance more effectively.

Great Victorian Bike Ride passed through Dunkeld on Friday 1 April. The students had the opportunity to wave and welcome the cyclists into our beautiful town. They also made a 'welcome sign' for the front fence.

Next Tuesday 5 April the Alvis Car Club will be arriving at school and parking their cars on the small school oval. The children will have the opportunity to walk around and look at the wonderful vintage cars on display. Our Year 6 students will assist with the lunch provided, which is also an SAKG fundraiser. Many thanks to those who have assisted with this event.

Thank you to all families for the wonderful support of our Easter Egg Raffle for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 6 April.

Term Two starts on Tuesday 26 April as ANZAC Day is the Monday. A reminder that the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch

Dawn Service will be held at 6:30am, and will take place at the Cenotaph, with students and families encouraged to attend. Our School Captains have been invited to attend this community service.

When the holidays arrive this Friday, stay safe, and have a lovely Easter!

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Prep and Year 1 Harmony Week Presentation

During Harmony Week, the Prep/Year 1 students read a book titled 'Whoever You Are' by Mem Fox and discovered that there are many different people in our world who may not look the same or speak the same language but inside they are just like us. They too play, laugh and cry. Their joys are the same, and love is the same. Pain is the same, and blood is the same. Smiles are the same, and hearts are the same – wherever they are, wherever you are, wherever we are, all over the world.' The Prep/Year 1 students decorated people templates to show the differences in cultural dress, skin colour and hair colour all around the world. These were presented at assembly. The Preps also read out their own sentences describing themselves in terms of hair colour, eye colour and skin colour with the last sentence stating, 'I am me!' We celebrated the concepts of diversity and harmony all week.



Year 2/3 – Writer's Workshop – How to Feed Chickens

The students in Year 2/3 have been working on a range of text types in Writer's Workshop including Procedure Writing and Narratives. Year 3 have completed good copies of their procedure about 'How to take care of the Chooks at school.'

Fun Friday – Student Voice Review



For Fun Friday on 18 March, we did some Harmony Day inspired drawings, where we picked a culture, researched this culture and used a template to draw the traditional clothing that they wear in these countries. *By Heidi Burger and Sean*

Bird, Student Voice Captains

National Ride2School Day

National Ride2School Day was held on Friday 25 March. Students, staff and parents participated. Well done to all for their efforts.



Gen Health Visit

Ingrid McDonald from Gen Health, Hamilton visited our school on Monday 21 March and conducted complimentary Foot Screenings for all the Prep students.

School Assembly on Friday 25 March 2022

Honour Certificates

School Values and Academic Honour Certificates were presented to the following students:

- **Prep/Year 1:** Maxi Bubbs and Annabelle Beveridge.
- **Year 4/5:** Elodie Cochran and Isla Oldfield Mann.
- **Year 5/6:** Charlotte Alderman, Ben Peters and Ella Peters.

Assembly Report

On Friday 25 March, the Student Voice group spoke about Fun Friday for the following week. They mentioned the students would be having a Disco, Funky Hair Day and everyone could wear casual clothes on Friday 1 April. They asked for a gold coin donation on this day to support the Leukaemia Foundation. The Prep and Year 1 students did a Harmony Day presentation about 'being me'. Mrs McShane congratulated everyone who were super-fast swimmers that went through to the next level in swimming. *By Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman, School Captains*

Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships

On Friday 18 March, qualifying students competed in the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham. Included below are comments from some of the competitors:

Elodie Cochran - First I did breaststroke. I placed sixth. After the races I was given a regional jumper and t-shirt.

Zoe Trotter - I did the freestyle relay. My team got fourth. I enjoyed the day.

Gemma Kyle - My first and only event was the freestyle relay and my team got fourth. I had a great time.

Lachie Oldfield Mann - I did breaststroke and placed tenth. I also got a regional jumper.

Jack Oldfield Mann. - I did breaststroke and I placed twelfth. I got a jumper and a cap.

Lachie Gordon - I did butterfly and I came fourth. I got a regional backpack. It was a great day.

By Indi Mibus, Phoebe Lazzari, Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross, House Sports Captains

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Kitchen ...



On Friday 18 March, the Year 4 and 5 students made Potato and Chickpea Curry made from harvested potatoes, zucchini, chickpeas, carrot, coconut milk, onion, garlic, chilli, ginger, tomatoes, vegetable oil, cumin, salt, pepper and other spices. Yvette Fanning said the curry smelt so good

when she was serving it up.

They also made Roti Bread made from milk, butter, egg, plain flour, caster sugar, and salt.

Will said he liked the Roti Bread because it tasted better than other flat breads! Everyone enjoyed sharing the meal together.



Garden ...

In Year 5 and 6 Garden, we introduced ourselves to the Friends of the Garden and we were put into our new groups. We chose names for our groups. Jack Jones was making signs for the garden beds. His group's name is 'Sunny Sunflowers'.

Max Russell was taking the fence off the Kiwi tree so they can plant grapes. His group is named 'The Celery Superstars'.

In Prep and Year 1 Roy Andrew's group was called 'The Blue Butterflies' and his group removed caterpillars from the garden.

In Year 2 and 3 Gardening session, they were looking at how to use tools safely and organising and planting different plants.

Xavier Macgugan pulled out weeds all around the garden. Jed Russell trimmed trees in the orchard with the pruners.

Kitchen ...



On Friday 25 March, the Year 5 and 6 students made Indian and Japanese dishes for Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about treating everyone equal no matter their race, culture, gender and more.

They made Sushi (from Japan), Chickpea and Potato Curry and Roti Bread (from India) and Apple Sponge Cake with ice cream (from England).

Darcy Potter experienced the rich flavours and lovely texture of the Sushi, and he tasted the spiciness of the curry.

The students from Year 5 and 6 said the kitchen was full of different aromas. Indi Mibus said her favourite dish was the Roti Bread because it went well with the curry.

By Ella Peters and Charlie Linke, SAKG Captains



SHEEP DRIVE FUNDRAISER – MAY 2022

School Council are planning to hold a Sheep Drive Fundraiser in May 2022. Donations of livestock from the school and general community will be gratefully received. All livestock must be crutched and be fit to load. Please contact Richard McShane on 0455 932 132 or Simon Ross on 0408 984 499.

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.



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For more information: [Relocation Assistance | Harvest Trail | jobactive JobSearch](#)

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Key learnings include:

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- Understand the key components of a good business plan
- Get your own business plan started
- Create an action plan that will give you the steps you need to work towards starting your business
- Understand where to go for additional information and how to access the many resources available to you as a small business owner.

Date: Monday 4 April 2022

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Martin J Hynes 5 Market Place Hamilton

Book here: [Calendly - Business Victoria](#)

FREE MENTAL WELLBEING ONLINE SUPPORT TOOL FOR SMALL BUSINESS

The Victorian Government is providing free access to an online [tool](#) to support the mental health and wellbeing of small business owners and employees.

Supported by the Black Dog Institute and the University of NSW, Mindarma is an online education program to enhance resilience and protect mental health.

Through 10 short, interactive sessions accessible on computer, tablet, or smartphone, users learn mindfulness and other cognitive skills to help deal with work and everyday challenges, including ongoing uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Victorian small businesses can register for free access to Mindarma until 30 June 2022.

To find out more information and other support programs, visit [Free mental wellbeing on the go for small businesses | Business Victoria](#)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program

The Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program offers 25 per cent back on eligible dining and entertainment purchases across the state.

- Customers can claim 25 per cent back on eligible expenses.
- Claims for Dining Program open at 10.00am **on Tuesday 29 March.**
- Claims for Entertainment Program open at 3.00pm **on Tuesday 29 March.**

Each customer can claim up to **\$125 in combined rebates** across the Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program.

More information here: [Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#)

Young Farmer Support

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Grampians Peaks Trail proves popular

The Grampians Walking Track Support Group and Parks Victoria have 'finally' celebrated the long awaited re-opening of the Golton Gorge Picnic area and walking track in Grampians National Park (Gariwerd) this week, after heatwaves and COVID impacts cancelled multiple celebration dates throughout the past two years.

Golton Gorge is an impressive seasonal waterfall located 28km north of Halls Gap on the Mount Difficult Range. An old walking track used to pass up the northern side of the gorge and return on the south, crossing the creek in a number of places and climbing through the gorge to the top of the range. Sadly, the walking track and picnic area were badly damaged in the 2014 Northern Grampians bushfire and were closed shortly after. Challenges with the reinstatement of the northern alignment through the steep sections of the gorge and the need to protect newly discovered cultural heritage, meant a new alignment was required, which at the time was unachievable.

However, community members from both sides of the Grampians ranges rallied together to ensure the popular visitor site was not closed permanently. Passionate locals worked closely with Parks Victoria to design a return walk on the southern side of the gorge.

A proposal was readily accepted by Parks Victoria in late 2016 and planning and approvals were sought for the project to proceed. The Walking Track Support Group attracted the interest of locals and a few bushwalkers from elsewhere, and the project began on ground in June 2018.

After 18 months and 21 working bees of enthusiastic "pick and shovel" work the task was finished. A contractor was engaged to remodel the entrance road and car park, and Parks Victoria had put finishing touches with fencing and signage.

Members of the Grampians Walking Track Support Group, local bushwalking clubs and Parks Victoria Celebrated on Friday with a barbecue lunch, ribbon cutting, plaque unveiling and cake. Members of the group also tool a stroll along the walk to revisit the works they had completed over 18 months ago.

This walk is an attractive addition to the many great

experiences to be had in our National Park, at any time of year, but especially so when there is a good flow of water over the falls. Golton Gorge is located 28 km north of Halls Gap on Mount Zero Road.

Quotes attributable to David Witham President Grampians Walking Track Support Group:

It is a real cause for celebration that a number of motivated members of the community can come together to achieve such a worthy objective. They have forged a new 350m track, largely along a steep hillside then up beside a series of three waterfalls, to a platform with a magnificent outlook at the base of a fourth one.

Quotes attributable to Tammy Schoo, Ranger Team Leader, Parks Victoria:

"After multiple cancellations due to hot weather and COVID restrictions, it is fantastic to finally come together with community to celebrate the passion for this project and reflect on the hard work and many volunteer hours that went into its reconstruction. The walking track group members should feel proud of their efforts and we thank them for their patience in waiting for this special celebration to occur".



NATURE PLAY DAY

Explore, create, play and be inspired by nature

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH
11.00AM - 3.00PM

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- Kite flying
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DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

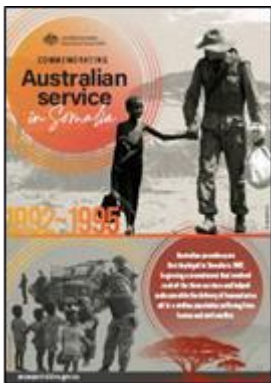
RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2022 is \$40.00 per person.

- 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.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch's ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held on Monday 25 April 2022, commencing at 6.30am sharp at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. The local community and visitors are most welcome to attend the service. Lest We Forget.



Commemorating Australian Service in Somalia: The 2022 commemorative poster acknowledges the 30th anniversary of the Australian Defence Force deployment to Somalia from 1992 to 1995. This year also marks the 75th anniversary of Australian involvement in peacekeeping operations.



Wartime snapshot
In 1992, the east African nation of Somalia was beset by famine and civil conflict. There was no central authority and armed groups were preventing the delivery of humanitarian aid to a starving population.

A small United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force deployed to Mogadishu, the capital city, in April that year, but it could ensure neither the airport's

security nor the transport and distribution of aid. When the UN expanded its operation, Australia committed a 30-strong tri-service Movement Control Unit whose first members arrived in Somalia in late 1992.

As the situation continued to deteriorate, the United States offered a division of troops to a larger peacekeeping operation. Australia contributed naval vessels and a battalion group whose operations centred around the town of Baidoa. After a 5-month deployment, the Australian battalion left Somalia in May.

In July 1993, the original Movement Control Unit also departed, to be replaced by a second contingent, bolstered with additional Air Force and a small number of Army personnel.

In 1994, with Somalia no closer to resolving its civil conflict and little prospect of improvement in the country's circumstances, the peacekeeping operation came to an end. Most of Australia's last troops left Somalia in November 1994.¹

¹<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/resources/commemorating-australian-service-somalia-poster-2022>

ANZAC Day Schools' Awards: The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is proud to host the ANZAC Day Schools' Awards. This national competition recognises the work of students, teachers and schools to engage with veterans and honour Australia's wartime history.

Theme for 2022 is: *Engaging with veterans: Stories of peacekeeping.*

This aligns with the 75th anniversary of Australian peacekeeping operations on 14 September 2022. Each year, a different theme is chosen to reflect a significant anniversary or aspect of Australia's wartime history.

Preparing your entry:
Use the Anzac Portal and other websites to research Australian peacekeepers and share their stories and experiences such as:

- Create a podcast to share with other year levels.
- Create a museum exhibition design for a gallery walk or virtual tour.
- Create a video chronicling the life and contributions of an Australian peacekeeper.
- Create a website to share student investigations.

Entries should show how students engaged with veterans and include evidence of their learning about Australian peacekeepers.



Entries close at 5.00pm AEST on Thursday 30 June 2022. For more details, please visit anzacportal.dva.gov.au



Garden Notes – April

Hopefully by the time you read these notes, good seasonal rains have arrived. This soil moisture when added to soil, when it is still warm, makes conditions ideal for planting.

No garden should be without a strawberry patch with May to August being the best planting time. They prefer a sunny well-drained position, the soil well dug over with a good dressing of well-rotted (not too fresh) animal manure or blood and bone fertiliser. Strawberry plants should be replaced after the third fruiting season as this is when they begin to decline quite rapidly.

Your peach, apricot and nectarine trees should be sprayed with a copper fungicide when about half of the leaves have fallen – usually early to mid-May. This helps to control fungus diseases which can give trouble later in the year. Also, make sure to pick up and discard any fallen or damaged fruit from under your trees to help to prevent the spread of diseases.

Leaves from deciduous trees will start to fall soon. Please do not waste them by burning or dumping them. They are great as mulch in your garden to reduce weed growth also as a great addition to the compost bin or compost heap. If you do not have a compost bin, fallen leaves can simply be dug into a vacant area of your garden to break down and dramatically improve your soil.

Main vegetable plantings for April are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, broad beans, peas, turnips, and early onions.

There is also a large range of winter and spring flowering annuals and perennials available. If planted in April, they will become well established before the growth slows when cooler temperatures arrive.

April is a good time to sow a new lawn or to patch up an existing one. Careful preparation is the key to success. Also don't attempt to cut new lawns too low on the first few mowings as this can damage young grass.

Happy gardening!
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