

# Dunkeld & District Newsletter



Sponsored by Lions Club

Distributed fortnightly on Wednesday (except during School Holidays)  
Printed at the Dunkeld Consolidated School – E&OE

Issue No: 06/2022 Date: Wednesday 4 May 2022



## RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service



A large crowd of people quietly gathered at this year's Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Monday 25 April 2022 to pay their respects and to pause and reflect on the sacrifice made by so many Australians. RSL President, Mr Terry Noble, led the commemorative service in the cold grey dawn at the Dunkeld Cenotaph with the Requiem, 'Australian Nurses at War in Vietnam':

*Colleen Mealy (Lieutenant) from Port Augusta, South Australia worked as an Australian Army Nurse in Vietnam. Colleen discovered one day that she was deployed to Vietnam in a most unusual way: listening to the ABC as she always did, heard her name mentioned on the radio, that she and three other nurses were being sent to Vietnam. This was a total shock to her, so she immediately raced to*

*the Matron's office and said, 'I have just heard that I am to go to Vietnam', the Matron's reply was simply, 'It's a secret Colleen.' And she replied, 'Well not anymore it's not.'*

*Very soon after she was in Saigon and being greeted also in a very different way. After staying overnight, and up very early the following morning she was off to Vun Tau, only to experience dirt, dust and mayhem. Colleen was one of the first of three more to arrive was now serving in the 8<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance in Vun Tau.*

*Dusk and dawn were the worst time for casualties, and they knew when casualties were to come from the siren that would sound out and the sound of choppers arriving delivering the many young soldiers who suffered severe injuries, some without limbs.*

*Despite all this agony and devastation, the young casualties always had a smile to thank these brave nurses and many times would display what was Australia's well-known attitude of 'I'll be right mate even though I have lost a leg, it just means that I won't be dancing when I get bank, not for a while anyway.'*

*These young boys were the courage that kept the nurses going and Colleen would often say ... It changed our life, but I don't know where I would be today if I had not been part of Australia's fighting force.*

*We thank you and we honour our brave Nurses. Lest We Forget.*

Guest speaker, Mr Dave Tyson, Community Ambulance Officer with Ambulance Victoria spoke fondly about a veteran, Mr Stan Parkes, that he met when he was a young Ambulance Officer. Stan had been a Light Horseman during World War 1. And that initial meeting fuelled Dave's interest in the Australian Light Horse. Dave and his wife, Leonie, host the Australian Light Horse Heritage Collection here in Dunkeld.

Dunkeld Consolidated School Captains, Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman, participated in the service with Ben reciting The Ode and Charlotte raising the Australian flag to the masthead while Reveille was being played.

Commemorative wreaths were laid at the base of the soldier's memorial by various community groups and schools including the RSL Sub-Branch, Legacy, Dunkeld Consolidated School, Southern Grampians Shire Council, Hamilton schools and families and community members. Mr Stuart McDonald from Warrayure kindly brought in a 1941 Chevrolet truck and 1940 Bren Gun Carrier which added to the occasion and created a lot of interest from young and old alike.

The Dunkeld & District Lions Club members generously provided a complimentary barbecue breakfast and hot beverages, for the large crowd, at the conclusion of the service. The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to sincerely thank the general community for their wonderful support especially the Dunkeld & District Lions Club and the Dunkeld Consolidated School. Thank you to our local business houses who kindly permitted us to sell our ANZAC Appeal badges and merchandise including Dunkeld General Store, Kelly's Merchandise, Sturgeon View, Dunkeld Old Bakery, Dunkeld and District Community Bank and Dunkeld Post Office.



The purpose of the Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter is to share information about activities, events, projects and services in our local district and surrounds, including historical information. It is not a platform for political or public argument. The newsletter is supported by local business advertising. The Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter reserves the right to accept or reject any submissions at its discretion without notification.

## DONATIONS

Southern Grampians Shire Council Grant	\$475
Simon and Goldie Armytage	\$150
John and Rhonda Crawford	\$ 20
Anonymous	\$ 50

We rely on donations to the Community Newsletter to offset all expenses relating to producing it. Please send in your donation to the Dunkeld Consolidated School office where it will be receipted and an acknowledgement made via the Newsletter. A receipt will be provided. **Please make cheques payable to the "Dunkeld Consolidated School."**

## 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

1st Week	Sunday	May 1	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	May 8		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3rd Week	Sunday	May 15	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	May 22	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week	Sunday	May 29	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 Church opposite the Dunkeld 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 MAY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
2	3	4 Newsletter issue 6 distributed	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Deadline for issue 7	14 Skywhales Launch at the school at 7.00am	15
16	17	18 Newsletter issue 7 distributed	19	20	21	22
23 Red Cross Meeting	24	25	26	27 Deadline for issue 8	28	29



**Would you like to attend a Call Push Shock CPR & AED**

Program at Sterling Place Dunkeld Community Centre?

**It's Free!**

Tuesday 10 May 2022 - 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

To book your spot call Debra at Hamilton Community House Inc.

Phone: 5571 9780

Places are limited

**WARRNAMBOOL KOROIT**

**SOUTHERN CROSS FLOOR SANDING & POLISHING**

**SERVICING ALL AREAS**

- ★ NEW OR OLD FLOORS
- ★ COMMERCIAL OR DOMESTIC
- ★ RESTORATION IS OUR SPECIALTY
- ★ DURABLE FINISHES
- ★ NO OBLIGATION, FREE QUOTE
- ★ PROMPT FRIENDLY SERVICE

**TIM BUCKLE**  
**0434 364 895**

558 Koroit Mailors Flat Rd Southern Cross

**COLERAINE CAMPERDOWN PORT FAIRY PORTLAND HAMILTON CASTERTON**

**250 WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID**

**The Wonder of Working Bees**

Recently we had two working bees and they were on the same day and everything. Some of us went to pack up the Book fair, until next year ... and some of us went and polished shiny stuff in the Church ready for Easter. Both were important, both were exciting, and both accomplished rather a lot.

But it is not just the physical activity of a working bee that it is important. It is not just in the doing, but there is a certain sense of satisfaction in looking back and 'seeing where you've been'. The books are all tidied away, the brass is shiny, and a bit of exercise is very good for you.

But look a little deeper, friends. There is certain delicious chemistry that occurs when folk work together on a common project. A cohesive collegiality is formed. It happens invisibly, surreptitiously and at no particular distinguishable moment in time. But by the end of the project, yes dear reader, something has happened, and we are all changed for the better.

This marvellous process happens because of the working together. It happens in and through the conversations. It even happens in the silence when you think that nothing is happening. But actually, it is in the silence that everything is happening.

At the end of both of these working bees we were different people. New friendships had been formed and other friendships had matured and been strengthened. They had become all the more richer and deeper... more flavoursome. In the packed-up space and in the shiny brass we looked at the image in the candlestick and we saw ourselves. We too had become shiny and fresh again. Such is the wonder of working bees.

**TK LANDSCAPING PTY LTD**

- GARDENING • MOWING
- PRUNING • LANDSCAPING
- SPRAYING • HEDGES
- DRIVEWAYS • EDGING
- SLASHING • IRRIGATION
- BLOCK SLASHING • WEEDING
- REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

**Trent Adams - 0428 886 221**

tklandscapingptyltd@outlook.com tklandscapingptyltd

**Dan Tehan MP**  
Member for Wannan

As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.  
190 Gray Street, Hamilton VIC 3300  
Local call 1300 131 692  
dan.tehan.mp@aph.gov.au  
www.dantehan.com.au

Authorised by Dan Tehan, 190 Gray Street Hamilton VIC 3300.

# NEVERLASTING



An exploration of the transience of human life by  
photographer Ian Kemp

At Willaura Modern Railway Station Gallery

OPENING

FRIDAY 13 MAY – FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2022

10.00am - 2.00pm FRIDAY and SATURDAY

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

For further details, special events and updates please  
contact Lois 0428 541 482 or view the Willaura Modern  
Facebook Page

## Dunkeld Memorial Park

We are fortunate to have a great little park in the middle of our small town. It is on land that is called Crown Land (owned by the people of our state.) The park is managed by the Dunkeld Public Land's Committee on behalf of the Government.

For many years, the Shire of Southern Grampians has maintained it to a very good standard. This has been great for our committee because we have no allowance or time to do the work.

Unfortunately, there are some problems occurring with the trees. The magnificent Elm tree is under beetle attack. This can be dealt with but is a costly exercise. Some of the older Ash trees are looking sick and need attention. Our committee has planted some trees, but they will take some time to become shade trees.

We have had a qualified arborist look at the park and sought a plan of attack to help the trees, if possible. We do not want to lose the shade but may have to face difficult decisions in the future. The arborist has recommended that all dead wood be removed and some of the trees have weight bearing limbs shortened. He feels this will be the least intrusive and allow trees to recover. We also need to aerate the lawn area because years of compaction have made water penetration difficult.

At this stage, work will be done in July, allowing the trees a chance to regenerate in spring. The Elm tree will be attended to by a qualified specialist from Melbourne. All this work is costly, but necessary.

John Smith  
DPLC

## STURGEON VIEW

Formerly Café 109

109a Parker Street  
Dunkeld Vic  
Ph: 03 5577-2288

Monday closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday – Saturday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

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

**Tuesday - Parma Night selection of delicious  
toppings \$18**

**Wednesday – Steak Night, cooked to your  
liking and choice of sauces, \$28 when dining in  
with a free pot of beer with your steak**

**Thursday - Burger Night freshly homemade  
burgers \$17**

**Freshly homemade pizzas available daily  
from \$18**

### TAKEAWAY FAMILY PACKS

- . Pizza Bundle – 2 x pizzas garlic bread & 1.25L soft drink \$40
- . Fish & Chip Bundle – 4 x pieces of fish chips & salad \$35
- . Chicken Parmas – 4 x parmas chips & salad \$80
- . Chicken Schnitzels – 4 x schnitzels chips gravy & salad \$70

### .DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY MEALS BEVERAGES & ALCOHOL

- . Gluten free Vegan and Vegetarian options available

### .Beer Wine Mixed Spirits available

- .Coffee tea milkshakes soft drink varieties etc
- .Cakes slices biscuits

. Free home Delivery available from 5.30pm to 8.00pm Tuesday to Sunday in Dunkeld town boundary only minimum spend \$20.00.

**Takeaway orders or bookings 5577 2288**



## Garden Notes – May

Main vegetable plantings for May are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, onions, broad beans and turnips.

May is a good time to prepare winter plantings sites for roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals. An open sunny well-drained position is required. The soil should be well-loosened up and weeds removed. If you can obtain it, a small quantity of well-decayed animal manure added to your planting site will be beneficial.

Hydrangeas should be pruned during May or June. This is a simple job. Remove any dead or weak growth as well as cutting back to above a strong double bud any shoots which produced flowers last season. If you wish to change the colour of your hydrangea flowers, you should start treatment not later than May and continue regularly until flowering. Acid soils produce blue flowers, alkaline soils produce pink while white flowers do not change regardless of the soil in which they are planted. Epsom salts or garden lime will encourage pink blooms whereas iron sulphate or hydrangea blue fertiliser will produce blue blooms.

Citrus trees can be planted now, soil preparation is the same as for other fruit trees, Eureka, Lisbon and Meyer are the popular lemon varieties. Valencia and Washington Navel are the popular orange varieties. Lime, grapefruit, mandarin, cumquat, and tangelo also do well in this area.

If space is limited, most of these varieties are available on dwarf rootstock. May and June are the best times to apply garden lime to lawns and empty vegetable beds. This has many benefits including the breaking up of any surface soil 'crusts' which may have formed during the summer. Many lawn fertilisers will drop the pH below the level preferred by lawn grasses. Lime will restore the balance as well as increasing earthworm activity – a valuable bonus. Moss in lawns can appear at this time, it usually only occurs in badly drained or shady areas and will be a problem until these conditions can be overcome. Sulphate of iron or Moss Killer will give temporary control.

As the planting season is drawing to a close, don't delay in planting your spring flowering bulbs.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

Ros McArthur

Art: studio

landscape,  
still life  
and contemporary  
oil paintings

open 10-4 most days  
or phone 0437 944 582  
225 Mirranatwa Rd Mirranatwa 3294

prints and cards available  
[www.grampiansart.com.au](http://www.grampiansart.com.au)



97 Martin Street, Dunkeld

*Freshly baked artisan bread, baguettes,  
croissants, muffins, quiches, gourmet  
pies, sausage rolls,  
cakes and a delicious menu.*

Thursday	8:30am – 2:00pm
Friday	8:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday	8:30am – 2:00pm
Sunday	8:30am – 2:00pm
Monday	8:30am – 2:00pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed



[www.dunkeldoldbakery.com.au](http://www.dunkeldoldbakery.com.au)

Orders: 0419 108 919

Accommodation: 0447 857 337

Email: [info@dunkeldoldbakery.com.au](mailto:info@dunkeldoldbakery.com.au)

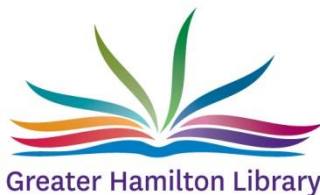
# HUF ELECTRICAL

Servicing Cavendish, Hamilton and Western Victoria

Domestic + Commercial + Industrial

 0409 247 154

 [hufelectrical.com.au](http://hufelectrical.com.au)



Greater Hamilton Library

## Mobile Library

Will be visiting DUNKELD every

Thursday fortnight

12.00 – 1.30pm

Glenelg Highway alongside pool

Dunkeld: 12 and 26 May

Mirranatwa: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

5 and 19 May

Phone: 5573 0470

[www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library)

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

GREATER HAMILTON LIBRARY



**westernAG**

The Best in Agronomic Advice

KNOWLEDGE  
INNOVATION  
RELIABILITY  
COMMITMENT

- Agronomy Services
- Farm Production & Planning Management
- Seed & Fertiliser Supply
- Crop & Pasture Protection Products
- Animal Health & Nutrition
- General Merchandise
- On Farm Deliveries

Western AG's core objective is to provide high quality production advice and to supply competitively priced inputs to assist clients to grow the business profitably.

**Western AG Hamilton** - T: 03 5579 5900

Tim Wilson (Branch Manager) 0429 168 020

Matt Barber (Senior Agronomist) 0488 298 170

Damien Goodman (Agronomist) 0427 159 462

Geordie Elliott (Nutrition & Production) 0438 874 587

Meg Todd (Animal Health ) 0437 772 861

**Western AG Willaura** - T: 03 5354 1585

Glen Gray - 0439 541 036



## DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

### OPEN FOR BUSINESS:

Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and  
Thursday 1.900pm – 4.00pm.

WEBSITE: Visit our website! [dunkeldmuseum.org.au](http://dunkeldmuseum.org.au)

### MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER

Sun 1 May Simon Armytage, Jenny Crawford, Pauline Crawford

Sun 8 May Wally and Carol Allen, David Gordon

Sun 15 May Bill and Fay Gordon, Mary-Ann Brown

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED WITH THE PRODUCTION AND LAUNCH OF THE MOUNT STURGEON SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOOK.

There were 217 people at the launch of the book at Sterling Place on Sunday 10 April. Many of the children of these settlers attended what turned out to be a fantastic gathering and catch up of days gone by. The books have all sold out! If you have missed out on buying one, the next print run will be on our shelves in about ten days.

The books will also be available at the Dunkeld General Store and Bellcourt Books, Hamilton.



Top photo: Some of the Soldier Settlers children grouped together on the steps of the Anglican Church, adjacent to Sterling Place.

Bottom photo: Speakers at the book launch. (A4 sized colour photo available from the Museum \$15.00 each).

### NEW MUSEUM SIGNS

Thanks to the Victorian Government's Outdoor Activation Voucher Program - we now have an impressive new sign at the museum, beautifully crafted by Dean Thomson. The timber slab is from local red gum provided by the Dunkeld Sawmill Group. We also have two new sandwich board signs, one at the Information Centre and one at the Museum entrance.



## James Mooney

### Bricklaying, Rendering & Paving.

Free Quotes

All sized jobs.

A high standard of work guaranteed

Call James today on **0409428500**

ABN: 70 277 115 304



### RED CROSS NEWS

A big Than You to the Dunkeld Post Office, Kelly's and the General Store, for hosting the Raffle and collection boxes for *Red Cross Calling* in April. Thank you to treasurer Bek Kay for selling tickets at weekends outside the shops.

Winners of the Raffle were: Herman Jansen; Betty Lacy and Nick Finnegan. Total proceeds will be listed in the next newsletter.

Also thank you to Mr Williams from Glenthompson, who passed on a quantity of knitting wool from a donor. This is being dispatched to Red Cross in Melbourne for refugees from Ukraine to make articles for people still remaining in their homeland.

We are saddened by the passing of member Brenda, and husband, Con, Cullinane's daughter Carleen, after a long struggle with cancer.

It is good news that Peter Hinchey is home after surgery and wife Liz is taking care of him as he recovers at home.

Dorothy Blanch is soon to have another birthday and some of us hope to visit her in Peshurst where she is in care.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 May at 2.00pm in the Henry Leech RSL Room, which will cover some important decisions on the future of Red Cross, so we would like as many members and interested persons as possible to attend.

*Iris Field, Secretary*

### Belinda Quantock Counselling Services

Belinda Quantock  
COUNSELLOR



m +61 419 526 021

e [info@bqcounselling.com.au](mailto:info@bqcounselling.com.au)

w [www.bqcounselling.com.au](http://www.bqcounselling.com.au)

a 14 Sterling St, Dunkeld VIC 3294

Belinda Quantock is a qualified Mental Health Counsellor with appointments available on Thursdays at Sterling Place, Dunkeld (this includes online sessions). Please call for more details: 0499 983 079 or info@bqcounselling.com.au



## Landcare News

Landcare can mean so many different things to different people - and it is definitely not just about planting trees! For instance, our local Landcare groups - Panyyabyr, Mirranatwa, Bunnugal, Glenthompson and Mooralla - are working, participating, contributing, learning and especially benefitting from the many *things* we have happening right now. For instance, currently we have five families receiving GHCMA grants to fence and plant native vegetation, the Dunkeld Arboretum will be protecting our beautiful red gums from possum attack, nine further families will be protecting the endangered growling grass frog by providing habitat, over 55,000ha are being protected by the Grampians Ark fox control program, we have supported many local people to achieve their Chemical Users Permit, we are helping to keep problem weeds (on private and public land) under control, a special addition to the Dunkeld Arboretum's walk will happen, dung beetles are being investigated, wetlands are being restored, coordinated rabbit control and equipment is being provided ... I'm running out of space, so I'll stop now - but there is heaps more happening!

If you don't yet belong to a Landcare group in your area, I can put you in touch with your local representatives. Generally, belonging to a Landcare group is not an onerous task at all, but the membership fee maybe as high as \$10.00! But the benefits you can achieve are only limited by your imagination and vision.

The GHCMA Landcare grants will be opening very soon - if you are interested in anything that this funding could support, please get in touch in the next few weeks so we can work it out.

And congratulations to all those on the Cavendish Red Gum Festival Committee - it was a fantastic weekend, and all your hard work shone through in the enjoyment and appreciation of all those there.

Lisa McIntyre

*Landcare Facilitator for Panyyabyr, Mirranatwa, Bunnugal, Glenthompson & Mooralla Landcare Groups, Community Coordinator (Southern Grampians), Nature Glenelg Trust*  
Phone: 5574 9235  
Mobile: 0428 749 235

## Some Words from Father David

### In praise of the one who sets the table

Some of you will recall with affection and esteem the Reverend Marjorie Keeble. Marjorie had a marvellous ministry in this parish and for much of it she soldiered on here by herself.

The good news is that Reverend Marjorie is coming back for a visit on Sunday 15 May and would be delighted to meet as many of you as possible. She will be in attendance at a service at Christchurch Hamilton at 10:30am. She is then kicking on for our regular cuppa after mass in the hall. Everyone is welcome and Reverend Marjorie being the gregarious, extrovert would enjoy chatting with you. Reverend Marjorie is a Deacon which is not the most common word we use to describe those that wear funny plastic collars, so a word or two of explanation would be in order.

Outwardly at the Eucharist, a Deacon introduces the confession, says the line 'Let us proclaim the mystery of faith', proclaims the dismissal, reads the gospel and may with the Bishop's license, preach.

But deeper than that, the most effective way to describe the ministry of a Deacon is 'The one who sets the table'. They get the altar ready for the celebration of the Eucharist and the symbolism is very potent. It is their quiet, behind the scenes work that makes the whole show tick. It is the attitude of service and helpfulness which should be palpable with a Deacon. They understand that it is not about them. Anything to oil the cogs in the kingdom of God is done effectively and smoothly without drawing attention to themselves. Reverend Marjorie accomplished all this and much more in her time in this parish. She looks forward to seeing you.

Father David Oulton

**GRAMPIAN WOOLS**  
WOOL BUYERS,  
BROKERS & EXPORTERS

A DIVISION of  
**SEGARD MASUREL**  
WOOL SINCE 1846

➡ SHED CLEAN UPS    ➡ COMMISSION SELLING  
➡ QUOTES ON CLIPS    ➡ DOOR SALES

**And all your wool marketing needs**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM-5PM**  
**NOW OPEN SATURDAY MORNINGS BY APPOINTMENT**

**Trevor Landwehr 0407 719 099**  
**Paul Donoghue 0438 871 432**

**111 Lodge Road, Hamilton**  
**Phone 5571 9099**

|SAJ1341554.1.N

# DAN TEHAN



FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WANNON

## My plan for WANNON

✔ Working hard ✔ Delivering

- Better roads and rail** with more federal funding for our local roads, highways and rail networks.
- Securing our economic recovery**, creating jobs by supporting small businesses and farmers and cutting the cost of living for families and individuals.
- Delivering regional services** so we can all benefit from better health, education, aged and disability care, and communications.
- Protecting our environment** and delivering sensible and practical policies to enhance our land, coast, and waterway management.
- Delivering community projects** and supporting our volunteers so we build strong local communities.



### Hamilton Office:

190 Gray Street, Hamilton VIC 3300 03 5572 1100

1300 131692 dan.tehan.mp@aph.gov.au

### Warrnambool Office:

73 Kepler Street, Warrnambool VIC 3280 03 5561 6405

dan.tehan.com.au DanTehanWannon DanTehan

Authorised by Dan Tehan MP, Liberal Party of Australia, 190 Gray Street, Hamilton VIC 3300

## Grampians Ag

### Mechanical Service and Repairs

\* Qualified Diesel Service Technicians \* Service and repairs available for: \* Agricultural Machinery \* 4wd Vehicles \* Commercial and passenger Vehicles \* Diesel and Petrol Motors

### Agricultural Contracting

\* Hay contracting round rolls \* Cut, rake and bale \* Silage wrapping (tube wrapper)

Simon Gordon: Ph 0418 319 545  
DUNKELD VIC 3294

CALL US TODAY TO BOOK YOUR  
PRESEASON BALER, MOWER AND  
TRACTOR SERVICES

VACC Members



## Remedial Myofascial Clinic

offering an environment to support your physical well-being needs.

Senior Therapist Eleanor Sheldon identifies injuries and impingements that could be blocking and creating an 'out of balance' feeling within your body and works with you for the best outcome. Appointments are 1 hour - \$60 or 1.5 hours - \$80

91b Bell Street  
Penshurst  
Victoria 3289

**M: 0400 819 408**



## PRELIMINARY COX STREET WORKS SET TO BEGIN

Preliminary works for stage one of the Cox Street Redevelopment Project are set to begin this week with the demolition of number 68 Cox Street. The building, owned by Department of Transport, needs to be removed before the first stage of the redevelopment works can commence.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said it's pleasing to see these initial works underway.

"We acknowledge there has been a longer lead-in to this project due to design and access approvals from the relevant asset and service authorities so to now be at a stage where the preliminary works are able to begin really is encouraging," said Cr Colliton.

"Having completed reaffirming works for the Heavy Vehicle Route on South Boundary Road, we are now looking forward to putting this first phase of the project into action."

Jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund, Productive and Liveable Cities and Centres program, the project has an overall budget of \$4.6million will see the following improvements made to the Ballarat Road entry of the CBD:

- Undergrounding of existing power lines and new Telstra lines (east side only)
- Demolition of number 68 Cox Street
- New median strip
- New Road pavement (east side only)
- New kerb and channel
- 3m wide footpath

"This project has remained a high priority with Council committed to improving the Ballarat Road entrance and revitalising the CBD," concluded Cr Colliton. "We look forward to providing more information in the near future on the commencement of phase one."

Demolition works are expected to take a couple of weeks to complete. Pedestrians and drivers are advised to take care around the area while these important works are carried out. Keep up-to-date with project news via Council's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/southerngrampiansshirecouncil> / or via Council's website at [https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=2907](https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=2907)



## PETER MCDONALD PLUMBER & GAS FITTER

- \* NEW HOME PLUMBING
- \* FARM PLUMBING
- \* WINDMILL REPAIRS & SERVICING
- \* SOLAR PUMP INSTALLS
- \* SEPTIC TANK INSTALLS
- \* WOOD HEATER INSTALLS & FLUE CLEANING
- \* ELGAS BOTTLE SALES
- \* 1.5 TON MINI EXCAVATOR
- \* HOUSE RE-ROOFING

SERVICING DUNKELD, GLENTHOMPSON & DISTRICT  
LIC. NO. 25274  
MOBILE 0407 504 162  
EMAIL: macsplumbing@hotmail.com

## DUNKELD GENERAL STORE

93 Parker St, Dunkeld, 3294

info@dunkeldgeneralstore.com.au

Phone: 5577 2418



**\*NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm**

**FRIDAY – 7.00am – 5.30pm**

**SATURDAY - 7.30am – 4.00pm**

**SUNDAY- 8.00am – 1.00pm**

**(Times may vary on Public Holidays)**

Seasonal fruit and veg boxes –  
delivered Tues and Fri

Meat orders taken Tuesday  
for Thursday arvo pick up

**Text Melissa 0400 829 566 to order.**



## James Mooney

**Bricklaying, Rendering & Paving.**

**Free Quotes**

**All sized jobs.**

**A high standard of work guaranteed**

**Call James today on 0409428500**

ABN: 70 277 115 304

## SKYWHALES TO FLY OVER THE GRAMPAINS!

**Hamilton Gallery to host *Skywhale* and *Skywhalepapa* on Saturday 14 May**

Hamilton Gallery is pleased to announce that two extraordinary sculptures by internationally renowned artist Patricia Piccinini will be launched to float above the Grampians on Saturday 14 May 2022, commencing at 7.00am from the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Piccinini's hot-air balloon family of skywhales; *Skywhale* (2013) and *Skywhalepapa* (2020) are coming to the Southern Grampians through a National Gallery of Australia Touring Event and will be accentuated with a series of public programs.



Gates will open for the event at 6.00am, and the launch is set to commence at 7.00am. All are welcome to this free public event and rare-to-be-witnessed spectacle above

the grandeur of the Grampians range.

Hamilton Gallery Artistic Director, Joshua White said, "It will be awe-inspiring to see these 'living' sculptures floating into the sky with the sublime backdrop of Mount Sturgeon and Mount Abrupt. It will truly be a once in a lifetime event."

White added, "This is a remarkable cultural event for the region and to make it even more special the artist, Piccinini will be visiting to give artist talks and public programs. I look forward to her and the National Gallery team experiencing and engaging with our unique community, landscape and culture."

"I look forward to gazing upwards with Patricia and the community to watch these two amazing creations gliding across the sky with our wonderful Southern Grampians landscape as the perfect backdrop." White concluded.

Piccinini said she was excited to see the skywhale family fly over the Grampians.

"I imagine visitors assembling to watch *Skywhalepapa* coming to life. With a single skywhale figure we have a character, but with the two we have a relationship and a narrative."

"*Skywhalepapa* continues to explore the themes of nurturing, caring, nature and evolution that began with *Skywhale*. I'm really moved by nature. The idea that all creatures, not just humans, are perfectly evolved for their environment blows my mind." Piccinini said.

### **The Skywhales Program of Events**

**Artist Talk: Patricia Piccinini**

**Friday 13 May, 1.00pm – 2.00pm**

**Hamilton Performing Arts Centre**

**Free, all welcome, registration essential**

In the lead up to the skywhales taking flight over the Southern Grampians, join Patricia Piccinini for an exclusive artist talk. Known internationally for her hyperrealism, Piccinini's practice comprises drawing, photography, video, performance and large-scale installations, including the hot-air balloon sculptures *Skywhale* and *Skywhalepapa*. Hear how Piccinini uses her creative practice to interrogate the complex relationship between our natural and artificial worlds, asking the question: 'What if...?'

To book call Hamilton Gallery on 5573 0460.

### **Skywhales: Every Heart Sings Event**

**Saturday 14 May, Dunkeld Consolidated School**

**Gates open at 6.00am, Artwork launch at 7.00am**

**Free, all welcome, no bookings required**

Join the artist and community in launching the hot-air balloon family of skywhales.

### **Art Steps by Patricia Piccinini**

**Saturday 14 May, 1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Hamilton Gallery**

### **Suitable for children aged 8 to 14 years**

**Free, limited places, registration essential.**

Join artist Patricia Piccinini for a making activity inspired by the Skywhale family. Patricia Piccinini is a Naarm/Melbourne based, internationally renowned artist whose works explore themes of care, the environment, evolution and sustainability.

The National Gallery's *Art Steps* program is a series of making activities created by artists for children to enjoy with their families. *Art Steps* by Patricia Piccinini is presented at part of the *Skywhales: Every heart sings* national tour.

To book call Hamilton Gallery on 5573 0460, limited spots.

*Skywhales: Every Heart Sings* is a National Gallery Touring Event, supported by Principal Partner The Naomi Milgrom Foundation and Visions of Australia. *Skywhales: Every Heart Sings* is the third instalment of The Balnaves Contemporary Series and is a Know My Name project.



## **SCHOOL NEWS**

The new drop-off/pick-up zone on Dickie Street is well underway, and I cannot stress enough thanks for the generous time and efforts of Simon Ross and Richard McShane, along with their team of helpers. I must mention how wonderful it is to have our school community members back on-site assisting with such projects. The next phase is to complete the culvert works, fencing and gates, along with ensuring we have informed our families and the wider community of our new area and highlight the importance of road safety for our children and their families.

The 'Skywhales in the Grampians' project is set for Saturday 14 May 2022, with the Hamilton Gallery (Southern Grampians Shire Council) and National Gallery of Australia promoting the event widely via social media platforms. The 'Skywhales' will be launched at 7:00am on the main school oval.

We have nineteen students attending the Division Athletics Championships in Warrnambool on Friday 6 May, with Mrs Jackie Mibus and I attending the day. Good luck to all these students, as they once again represent our school so proudly. Our House Cross Country will be held on Monday 9 May 2022. Students are preparing for this event during PE classes and across the week during break times. The SGSSA District Cross Country will be held on Monday 16 May at Tarrington, followed by the Division Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday 23 May.

As we officially farewell Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan this week, staff presented her with gifts on Tuesday, wishing her all the best as she looks forward to motherhood. My advice to her is embrace every moment, as time has a funny way of flying by. We welcome Miss Sarah Gordon to our school and look forward to her enthusiastic and passionate approach to teaching in her local community. She will commence on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

Mr Matt Lowe is commencing a student teacher placement for four weeks beginning on Monday 2 May 2022. He will be completing this placement with the Year 5/6 classroom and Mrs Naomie Phillips.

NAPLAN commences in week three this term for Year 3 and 5 students. Last term students completed the sample tests available online to assist with their understanding of the format. We continue to provide opportunities for our students to practice and familiarise themselves with the testing procedures, encouraging them to stay calm. The testing

dates are Tuesday 10 May – to Friday 20 May 2022 inclusive. The two-week window for testing allows for catch-up tests if required due to students' absences.)

In line with our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and the 'Play is the Way' program that is embedded in our school, Mrs Jackie McShane, Mrs Naomie Phillips and I will attend a professional learning workshop in Melbourne on Wednesday 11 May. Various other Professional Learning (PL) opportunities are arising with staff keen to further develop their teaching knowledge and ideas. While many PL experiences have occurred via Zoom or Webex, it is pleasing to have the opportunities to attend these sessions in person.

Dates for the Year 5/6 Camp to Melbourne have been confirmed and will be the first week of Term 3, Monday 11 July to Wednesday 13 July 2022. The Year 3/4 camp is to be held in week 2 of Term 3, Monday 18 July to Tuesday 19 July 2022, at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Staff are busy planning the activities that the students will participate in, and we look forward to the opportunities the children will have.

We have welcomed back the Rennie family to our school – Ben, Year 2; Lucy, Year 4 and Korey, Year 5. We hope they enjoy their return to our school and the local Dunkeld community.

*Ange Field, Acting Principal*

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### Year 4 and 5

**Art:** In Art, Year 4/5 students created oil pastel sunflowers. Did you know that the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine? They represent the warmth and power of the sun. Local villagers fill their yards with sunflowers and weave them into wreaths for girls to wear at celebrations. They are embroidered onto fabric and painted onto walls, wooden furniture and household items. They are a sign of peace.



**Music with Tara:** On the last Music lesson with Mrs Tara Stephens of the term, we did lots of fun games, such as getting the cookie in your mouth from your forehead and picking up tube pasta on a long piece of spaghetti

and lots of other fun games. There were four teams, and all of the activities helped your team win points! At the end we got chocolate eggs! Music with Tara was the best!

*By Gemma Kyle and Millie McShane*

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2022

On Friday 1 April 2022 we had a Disco, Casual Clothes and Funky Hair Day. For Fun Friday we had a disco party in the hall, we played songs and had balloons to play with and we also had tissue paper flying around. The teachers also set up two disco lights. We played a game where we put a card on the corner of each wall. The cards were three of Spades, three of Clubs, three of Hearts and three of Diamonds, we put them in each corner of the hall and then once the music stopped you had to go to a card and then one of us would call out a card, if it was a Club then everyone in the Clubs' corner would be out and have to sit down. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fun Friday Disco and Funky Hair Day. Hope you all had fun. We would like to especially thank the Patterson and Crawford families for their generous donation to the Leukaemia Foundation and with our gold coin contributions the total raised was \$200.00.

Hope you all had a fantastic day. *By Student Voice Leaders – Sean Bird, Heidi Burger, Ava Balkin and Darcy Potter*



### Honour Certificates

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

- **Prep/Year 1:** Hannah Roach and Ruby Mibus
- **Year 2/3:** Archie Cant-McKindlay
- **Year 4/5:** Max Russell, Zoe Trotter and Clementine Blackwell
- **Year 5/6:** Ava Balkin and Darcy Potter

### Special Assembly Report

The last assembly for Term 1 was a very packed one. The SGSSA Athletics Age Champions were announced, and the Class Captains presented their last reports before the new Term 2 Captains were announced. Congratulations to the new Class Captains. The assembly also included some wonderful class presentations to Mrs McLachlan, who will be commencing maternity leave early in Term 2.

*By Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman*



**Year 4 and 5 Presentation to Mrs McLachlan:** Year 4 and 5 students read the book *Guess How Much I Love You*, we each read a page. We made our own statement 'I love you ...' and created a class book for Mrs McLachlan. For example, I love you to space and back.

*By Elodie Cochran and Zoe Trotter*

### Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal – Raffle

Our raffle was drawn on Wednesday 6 April 2022 and the winner of the Easter Hamper was Charlie Linke, plus we had ten lucky placegetters: Sandra (c/- Clare Roach), Gemma Kyle, Debbie Williams, Darcy Potter, Harry McShane, Lachie Gordon, Patrick Lomas, Tilly Alderman, Ned Peters and Sybil Patterson who each received a chocolate bunny. Our school raised \$431.00 from raffle proceeds and donations for the Good Friday Appeal. Thank you to everyone for supporting our raffle and for your generous donations. *Congratulations to all.*



### SGSSA Athletics Carnival at Pedrina Park Hamilton on 29 March 2022

School Championship:  
 1st Tarrington Lutheran School  
 2nd (equal) Dunkeld Consolidated School and Branholme-Wallacedale Community School  
 4th Saint Joseph's School, Penhurst  
 5th Macarthur Primary School  
 6th Cavendish Primary School



Congratulations to the following SGSSA Athletics Age Champions from our school:  
 9 years Girls Grace Macgugan and 9 years Boys Banjo Hyland  
 11 years Girls Phoebe Lazzari  
 12 years Girls Indi Mibus  
*By Indi Mibus, Phoebe Lazzari, Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross, House Sports Captains*

**House Cross Country on Friday 6 May 2022**

Due to the postponement of the Division Athletics from Friday 6 May to Monday 9 May 2022, our House Cross Country events will now be held on Friday 9 May. Age groups will be raced in a random order on Friday, with the least disruption to SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes and the Cross Country should be concluded by 11.00am.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)**



“Thank You” to our school families that donated to SAKG catering event on Tuesday 5 April 2022 for the Alvis National

Car Rally members. We are extremely grateful to those that assisted on the day for giving up your time. To your wonderful children in Year 5 and 6 who helped set up and served lunch to our visitors and displayed such leadership and maturity. What a delightful group of leaders we have. We feel very proud of them.

Our school has received the following feedback from Alvis Car Rally members, which we have included below:

*I am writing to thank you so very much for the delightful hospitality extended to us when we visited your school yesterday as part of the Alvis National Car Rally. The food was beautifully presented and delicious, the table settings thoughtful (loved the flowers) and the children were exceptional. I have worked in schools now for over 50 years and have interacted with many children in that time. The children of Dunkeld Consolidated School are exceptionally polite, make excellent eye contact, are full of life and energy and are practically perfect in every way. They are an absolute credit to the school, to their families and most importantly to themselves.*

*I can't remember when I last had such a wonderful day. Thank you to the staff and those who worked behind the scenes to make this beautiful and memorable experience occur. Again, congratulations, and a very big THANK YOU!*  
*Sincerely, Jill Bosanquet, Beaumont SA*

*We wish to thank you for your contribution towards making our 2022 National Alvis Rally a successful one. The lunch at the school was a highlight for our Rally entrants – they were so impressed by your students and the great job they did in serving the lunches. The students are a credit to your school. Please pass on our thanks to the students and the staff involved in the Kitchen Garden Program.*

*Kind regards, Andrew and Frances McDougall, Alvis Car Club of Victoria*



**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.

**Moment to Moment**

*By Marion Colton*

May 1<sup>st</sup> enters, grey with misting rain showers. Greyness. What different effects this can have upon the psyche. Bland, blanketing grey clouds can be depressive, pulling the spirits down as the clouds themselves descend over the mountains eliminating the skyline. Yet, sometimes, they can be exhilarating and uplifting, as on my return home this evening when a brilliant western sun streamed over huge banks of dense purple-grey clouds in the east, lighting up the trees below. Spectacular! I love these ever-changing skies. They show us that life and living are momentary.

I don my rain gear and set off for an afternoon walk. As I pass through our little, very attractive ANZAC Park, the grass is strewn with the rich colours of autumn leaves, loosed by winds and rains. They are a delight to the senses. As a child I had such fun playing with autumn leaves that I was invariably late for school. Today I am thrilled to see a family of small children picking them up and tossing them in the air, watching the swirling patterns as they floated back down. I joined them as I passed, encouraging this natural, innocent play, much to their surprise and delight. Looking back, I could see a great game in process. I rarely see children playing with leaves. It was almost as if they needed adult permission to do something which comes naturally, which is full of joy and fun, which connects them with their natural surroundings. Sight, smell, movement, touch: the whole psyche responds joyfully.

I walk down the lane past the Information Centre and see and smell the wafting fragrance of pale-yellow Acacia flowers, some of the first to appear, heralding a preparation for Spring and the blossoming of many native species. A

magpie proudly fossicks below in the moist leaf litter.

Before me, the sky is filled with grey, flouncing clouds, through which a blue 'eye' peeps. The summits of Mud-Dadjug and Signal Peak slice through the grey like three darker, descending steps. The air is washed clean by the rain and my lungs relish its freshness.

How quickly the grass blades attain a vivid greenness, even after a little rain! Above, the Oak leaves are slowly turning to gold in the leafy canopies. Often, I watch Little Swamp Wallabies quietly feasting on the acorns surrounding the trunks. This is one example of native fauna adapting to exotic flora.

A fine drizzle begins, and I pull up my rain hood. Crossing the little wooden bridge, I pass the lovely *Acacia mearnsii* loved by the Wattle Birds, whilst opposite is the beautiful, sprawling *Eucalyptus crenulata* with its soft blue-grey leaves finely trimmed with red. It is a favourite haunt of Crimson Rosellas and Lorikeets ... The lone black Angus cow doesn't seem to be in its paddock today. Sometimes it is accompanied by its calf. When there, the cow motionlessly watches me pass ... A "For Sale" sign hangs on the fence of what used to be "Dunkeld Delights". Nearby a cascade of glaucous foliage tumbles over the fence revealing tiny lime green buds on short racemes. Later, long, pendulous, deep green leaves, almost acutely triangular, hang from the multiple trunks of a eucalypt. The latter is exquisitely mottled in greens, greys and blues. A few more steps take me past a young Pepper Tree where feathery leaves allow the light to filter through.

The ants are always busy, especially when it rains. They are tireless workers, spreading their finely clumped gravel in a low mound across the track, always building, always repairing, always seeking nourishment and propagating. Does this sound a familiar way of life?

Here is an old River Red Gum with three huge burls decorating its base. One day, I might come and sketch it. It faces another lovely member of its species, which extends its long creamy-white curling limbs. Underneath, rising above the leaf canopy beyond, is the misty peak of Wurgarri.

The kangaroos have been digging in the green grassy area revealing small furrows of grey soil. There are often many kangaroos assembled here or under the young Yellowbox trees, grazing or lounging under the trees until a human approaches, when, as one, they arise and take off in huge bands. To the right of the copse the Manchurian pears in front of the Myers' sandstone wall display a rich diversity of colour. Beneath my feet, the earth is carpeted with shed bark, curling into many forms its deep Indian-red interior vivid against the soft fawns, beiges, and greys of its outer skin. In spite of the recent rain, the earth here appears very dry and is scattered with millions of silver-grey gum leaves catching the light.

I notice a dark, indefinable mass beside a fallen tree and approach it. A tall tree has fallen splaying its branches across the earth. Some creative children have gathered neighbouring smaller branches, roughly the same size, and stacked them on either side of its trunk creating an elongated bush-dwelling. How lovely! Communication with the natural world, creating, not destroying!

I wander to the little dew pond, whose encircling trees often create exquisite reflections in its dark waters. But today it is empty, and its bed of black soil hosts a swathe of tiny green plants. Across the bike humps, an *Acacia mucronata* has ejected its new pale leaves beyond its native bluish-green

ones. Clinging together in the branches, entwining this way and that way, are the old, empty seed pods of *Acacia melanoxylon*.

As I emerge from the little copse, Wurgarri reveals a little more of her misty form. Now I can see her tail curving to the south-west and a couple of grey bumps penetrating the north-eastern clouds, but her summit and central slopes are obliterated by thick cloud. Needle-like points of drizzle hit my face with increasing strength as I walk beside the western sandstone wall. Little rose madder tubes of a *Grevillea* species peek through its dense foliage. Long ribbons of bark hang from a juvenile eucalypt. Tiny, yellowish-green leaves unfurl from a *Eucalyptus alpina*, whilst on its branches new clusters of sap-green buds appear. These have wondrous formation: each of the six bumpy buds form a circle around a central bud, resembling dense flower petals. Interestingly, some circles face the sky and others, the earth. Fascinating.

New Dagger Hakea pods have appeared, small, pointed like a dagger, and at this stage the points are a creamy-orange whilst their rounded bases are a soft fawn-grey. I find the new growth of plants so fascinating. Here, the deep, pinkish-burgundy leaves of a *Callistemon* stretch upwards in terminal tufts, their poisonous chemicals protecting them from marauders.

I glance towards the mountain. Oh, she has almost disappeared under thick, white blankets! A *Melaleuca* species hangs over the wall dangling its delicate, feather foliage from a multitude of very fine, silver-grey branchlets. Nearby the shed bark of eucalypts scatters the earth in intriguing shapes and colours: deep rusty reds, dark browns, beige, creams, diverse hues of grey ... a tapestry on the earth, and of it. I become aware of a presence. On the grasslands, standing motionless are two grey forms, their eyes and ears alert to my progress: a mother and juvenile wallaby stand, motionless sentinels.

Wurgarri's curving tail has reappeared and wisps of cloud spiral from her summit down her central spurs. At my feet, the yellow blooms of a Hop *Goodenia* pierce the greyness of the day. They shine out of dense green foliage, and, if you look closely, each rounded leaf is finely and evenly serrated. Nature has a sureness and precision that most human hands lack. Two young saplings stand nearby, the colours of their slender trunks enhanced by moisture: pale lemon, white, cream, fawn, sepia, deep brown, dove grey, slate grey, all creating curving patterns up the trunks. How do the trees know when to send different pigments to different places?

A dense *Acacia* species is covered with tiny racemes of even tinier buds. The stemlets contrast vividly with the green foliage, being an orange-red. A single spider thread is slung from one stemlet to another. It is silvered by the rain and minute droplets hang from it like diamonds. Its host is sheltering in a curled gum leaf hanging from the end.

Two exquisite *Casuarinas*: one with branchlets of greyish-blue-green, as slender as a tapestry needle, segmented at regular intervals with little teeth of yellow, cream and brown. They hang resembling inverted cones. From some branches buds with creamy centres, and others with fluffy fawn flowers, appear. The second has much finer bottle green branchlets with pinpoint creamy segments. A tiny raindrop dangles from each tip.

On the far side of the dirt road an elderly River Red Gum is arching its back towards the mountain, balancing its arch with outstretched creamy limbs, a favourite haunt of Sulphur-crested cockatoos. Wurgarri's summit, still heavily laden with cloud, peeps out beneath. A few more steps and the whole

mountain-clad skyline appears: the grey-green saddle flanked by cloudy Wurgarri on one side and balanced by looming, deep grey and foreboding Mud-Dadjug on the other, whilst a grey Bainggug hides behind the trees. Dirty grey, yellowish grey and soft grey strata of cloud float slowly northwards.

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR 2022

Please note that the closing date for the Community Newsletter is 6.00pm on the Friday before the distribution date, as listed in the below table. Please forward your content to Mrs Carol Burger – email: carolburger5103@gmail.com or phone: 0417 374 673.

A friendly reminder that if you wish to change the content/size of your advertisement please email the new version to Carol Burger by the relevant closing date. The Dunkeld Consolidated School will forward invoices and receipt any monies pertaining to advertising in the Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter.

Issue Number	Cut-off Date	Distribution Date
6	Fri 13 May	Wed 18 May
7	Fri 27 May	Wed 1 June
8	Fri 10 June	Wed 15 June
10	Fri 8 July	Wed 13 July
11	Fri 22 July	Wed 27 July
12	Fri 5 August	Wed 10 August
13	Fri 19 August	Wed 24 August
14	Fri 2 September	Wed 7 September
15	Fri 30 September	Wed 5 October
16	Fri 14 October	Wed 19 October
17	Fri 28 October	Wed 2 November
18	Fri 11 November	Wed 16 November
19	Fri 25 November	Wed 30 November
20	Fri 9 December <b>LAST ISSUE FOR 2022</b>	Wed 14 December