

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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Vote for Dunkeld – Finalist in 2021 VTIC Tourism Awards

Congratulations Dunkeld! We are delighted Dunkeld is a finalist in the 2021 VTIC Tourism Awards - Top Tourism Town category.

To say we are beyond thrilled for your town and your community who support the visitor experience is an understatement.

You can vote, view the video submission, editorial and the itinerary here: www.visitgreaterhamilton.com.au/vote-dunkeld

For the final stage of this award, winners will be decided by the community through an online voting system.

We need your help to get Dunkeld over the line. It's now time to gather your tribe, your family, your friends and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE ...

Voting closes at 12.00pm on Thursday 27 May 2021.

We encourage the local community to use and share the assets from the @visitgreaterhamilton Facebook page to your business or personal page, or contact the team direct on tourism@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.

For now, please be proud. We couldn't achieve finalist status without you and your business.

Simone Logan
Visitor Experience Officer
Southern Grampians Shire Council



I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country upon which I work – their Elders past, present and future.

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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

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

4 th Week	Sunday	May 23	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5 th Week	Sunday	May 30	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1st Week	Sunday	June 6	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	June 13		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	June 20	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	June 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. All Welcome. Please sign in when you arrive.
Enquiries to Father David phone: 5571 1317.

2nd Sunday Service 'Sharing and Caring in the Round' in the Chapel at the Community Centre at 5.00pm enter through the Green Room door.

If you would like to bring a piece of writing, a news item, inspirational story or some memorabilia/article to share that would be lovely. Simple Communion open to all. Fellowship and a meal at Izzy's Cafe or Sturgeon View to follow.
Rev Angie Griffin – Hamilton Uniting Church Phone 0417 367 227 or 5571 2618 (Church Office).

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 / JUNE 2021

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
17	18	19 Newsletter issue 7 distributed	20 'Sit & Sew' @ 7.00pm Community Centre Dunkeld Museum Guest Speaker @ 7.30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Newsletter issue 8 deadline	29 CWA Cake & Local Produce Stall 8.00am	30
31	1 June	2 Newsletter issue 8 distributed	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Newsletter issue 9 deadline	12	13

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AN INVITATION

The Dunkeld Uniting Church invites you to an ecumenical "Sharing and Caring in the Round" Service at the Dunkeld Community Centre on the second Sunday of every month at 5.00pm.

The Service format is in a circle with exploration of life and issues as Christians. If you have a saying, quote, inspirational reading or a 'show and share' article/memorabilia feel free to contribute to the informality of the circle. Reverend Angie Griffin leads in prayer and ties the discussion together and then presides over a simple Communion, open to all. We conclude the evening with a meal and fellowship together at Izzy's or Sturgeon View for those who wish to join.

For further Info please contact Rev Angie at the Hamilton Uniting Church.


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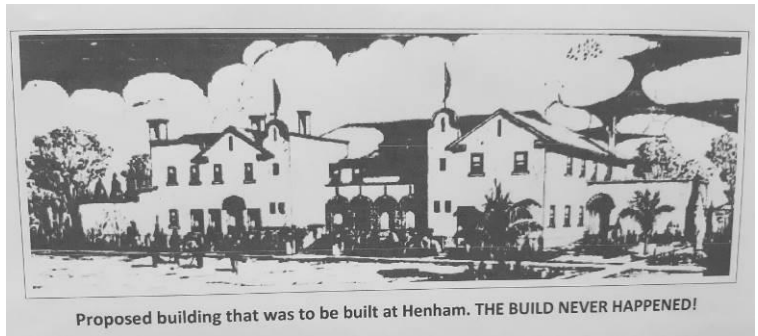
DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT THURSDAY 20 MAY 7.30pm:

Henham: The town that never was

All are welcome to attend this event to hear stories, facts and speculations about this fascinating aspect of local history of 100 years ago. Gold coin admission.

Our new booklet on Henham will be launched on the night and available for purchase (cash or card).



Memberships

Annual memberships are now due (\$15.00). If you attend on Thursday night you can renew your membership or take out a new one (cash or card).

The Museum is open Thursdays and Sundays 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

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FLORA AND THE THREE PEAKS

Dear readers,

We have had an overwhelming response to the publication of Marion Colton's beautiful 'Flora of the Three Peaks' journal.

So much so that we have managed to get forty copies printed and all are sold. To celebrate, we will hold a hand-over event at Margie Wentworth's Garage Gallery and we will let you know when that is in the next newsletter.

Thanks for everyone's valued support. Dunkeld is a pretty special place.

Best wishes,

Roz Greenwood



Calling all tech-savvy youth...

Greater Hamilton will become Victoria's digital innovation epicentre next month

when a dynamic cyberworld of engaging tech-focused activities and opportunities for youth is activated on **Friday 28 May 2021**.

First piloted in 2019, the highly successful Digital Education and Innovation Hub (DigiHub) is a free, hands-on event aimed at students and school leavers, that builds on the Digital Innovation and Smart Agriculture (DISA) 2021 Festival being held earlier in the week. Event co-ordinator, Leesa Iredell, says more than 200 students of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics), tinkerers, gamers and tech-heads are expected to take part in DigiHub at the HUB, Gray St, Hamilton, from 2.00pm – 7.00pm.

"We're bringing together digital educators, makers, innovators, creators and enthusiasts to showcase the many possibilities that the digital economy offers and highlight the digital skills that could be needed for the future," she explains. "It's going to be a very hands-on event featuring an exciting array of digital technologies including drones, virtual reality, 3D printers, and robots in pop up labs, free play zones and other creative spaces."

Participants will also be able to connect with a variety of education providers to see the opportunities currently available to primary and secondary students, along with insights into career pathways in digitally-creative industries. The digital buzz continues with The Greater Hamilton Esports Cup; a free weekend of gaming for all ages in The Hub on **29 – 30 May**. The live-streamed, commentated event hosted by Sydney's Australian Esports League (AEL) will feature games with a cult following like Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Rocket League, Just Dance 2021 and Mario Kart 8, with cash prizes and gaming accessories up for grabs. Southern Grampians Shire Mayor, Bruach Colliton, says Council are thrilled to be bringing the event to Greater Hamilton.

"Young people in our region, my own kids included, have told us these are the kind of events they want more of," he says. "Council are committed to doing more to support youth and provide access to events outside of traditional sports for young people in our community, so we hope to see heaps of people getting involved."

AEL Executive Producer and CEO, Darren Kwan, says the event is a first for the region.

"We look forward to seeing the best of the best gamers in Western Victoria coming along to compete, meet like-minded people and celebrate their passion for gaming culture," he says.

Registrations for Greater Hamilton's Esports Cup are free, and will open soon at www.ael.org.au

For further information, contact DigiHub and DiSA 2021 event co-ordinator, Leesa Iredell, on 0458 724 011.

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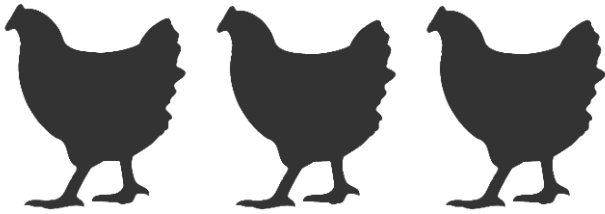
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SOME WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

'Right! What are the opportunities?'

I heard an encouraging tale the other day. Another parish was vacant when the COVID shooting match came to town. A parish without a priest can sometimes become despondent and sad around the edges. But not the one I heard about.

A few of the key players sat down with a refreshing beverage (and possibly some chocolate caramel slice) and began to unpack the new situation.

This is what we are confronted with. There was a big silence until... one of the folk rubbed their hands together and with unrequited enthusiasm exclaimed.

"Right! So what are the opportunities?"

And then the meeting took on a completely different timbre. Ideas flowed, initiatives were ... um ... initiated and people came away with excitement in their belly and a list of things to do. There is much to be inspired by with this little tale. First it was exciting, but not surprising, that the spark came not from a priest but from the pew sitters. This is very much the case here in this parish. Far from leading the wave, I am usually just swept up along with it.

Secondly was the catch cry 'Right! What are the opportunities?' In the face of a bleak situation this simple phrase turned everything upside down. A fresh vision for the future winked alluringly.

This phrase is not limited to parishes trying to navigate their way through a quagmire of COVID. It can and should be applied to every conundrum that we find ourselves in. Personally, as a community and as a planet of people. I offer it for you. Give it a go next time you find yourself boggled by the unexpected. Boil the kettle, inhale slowly, take your time and ask yourself... 'Right what are the opportunities?'

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The digital potential of regional economies, communities and industry will be the key focus of a trailblazing festival being held in Greater Hamilton. Tickets are now on sale for next month's Digital Innovation and Smart Agriculture (DISA) 2021 Festival, with participants encouraged to take advantage of the early bird 10% discount which ends 11 May.

It's the second time that Southern Grampians Shire Council has hosted the festival, building on the success of the inaugural event in 2019, which attracted attendees and exhibitors from across Australia.

"While DISA19 demonstrated the ways that rural communities were embracing new technology and innovation to gain an edge, the theme for DISA21 is 'Creating Smart Regions', looking beyond Council boundaries to implement innovative practices, partnerships and technology to uplift regions," explains event co-ordinator Leesa Iredell. "If you're working in Agri-business or on a farm, private business, government or an agency - or if you're simply interested in helping to grow a smart community and a regional digital economy - we would love to see you at DISA21."

Day one of the festival will feature two separate streams based on Smart Agriculture and Smart Communities. At the Hamilton Exhibition and Conference Centre, delegates can connect with experts as they detail the benefits and

drawbacks of utilising new technologies in agriculture. Workshops will cover Precision Land Management and Planning Technology; Stock Handling, Monitoring and Management Technology; and IoT Infrastructure Monitoring, Farm safety and Security.

A walking tour outlining Hamilton's current digital connectivity and future potential will form part of the Smart Community stream, along with a morning forum examining the benefits and Challenges experienced by various Victorian councils when it comes to the application of IoT technology in their regions.

The 2021 program also features an engaging list of speakers including Churchill Fellow Zoe Eather, an experienced consultant and engineer with a passion for Smart Communities, and

Internationally-recognised food systems innovation expert Sarah Nolet, who is the CEO and Founder of global food and agriculture strategy firm AgThentic. Both keynote speakers will appear at a morning conference on Wednesday 26 May.



From late Wednesday morning, the program will again dovetail into two separate streams with a Smart Agriculture or Smart Community Focus, bringing more incredible opportunities to learn from both the experts and peers who have already taken up the challenge to create Smart Regions.

Greater Hamilton's tech theme continues on Friday 28 May with the FREE Digital Education and Innovation Hub (DigiHub) at the HUB, Gray St, Hamilton, from 2.00pm – 7.00pm. Targeting STEAM students, tinkerers, gamers and tech heads, DigiHub will feature the latest drones, virtual reality, 3D printers, animation devices, robots and gadgets, along with a variety of education providers offering insights into career pathways in digital creative industries.

For further information and tickets, see disafestival.com.au or contact event co-ordinator Leesa Iredell on 0458 724 011.

ANGLICAN CHURCH GOOD NEWS

Bishop Gary is on his way to us for Sunday 31 October 2021 to administer the sacrament of Confirmation at 10:30am at Christchurch Hamilton.

Father David would be delighted to hear from any who would like to receive this sacrament or be received in the Anglican Church from another denomination.

Please contact Father David by the end of July for more information or to register your interest. Phone 5571 1317 or email: droulton72@gmail.com

Father David Oulton

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Mother's Day raffle in branch. Winning tickets were drawn by group members Herman Jansen with the assistance of Carolyn Alexander (right).

The winner was our very own, Susan, who received the hand-cut Koroit boulder opal necklace, with third prize awarded to Sally

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FATHER DAVID MUTTERINGS

Meet Deidre and Dave. They were given an undeserved chance to lease an orchard. A cracking plantation bursting with a booty of delectable produce.

Leonardo their Landlord was a groovy guy with a goatee beard, shades, designer jeans, a shoulder length ponytail and a charming twangy drawl. Leonardo was a dream landlord. He would frequently pop round in the cool of the evening with an award winning beverage just to see how his tenants were doing. And always just as Leonardo was leaving he would remind Deidre and Dave not to mess with the tree in the middle. That was His job. His responsibility. They could and should eat as much of all the other fruit, but please ignore the fruit of the tree in the middle.

This didn't bother Deidre and Dave. What with mangoes, avocados, lychees, bananas, cumquats and macadamia nuts what more could they want?

Then one sunny day when Dave had finished pruning the Pink Lady apple tree and Deidre had harvested 16 coconuts, they happened to glance at the tree in the middle. ... (You know where this is going right?) And despite having more than enough scrumptious tucker the one thing they wanted more than anything else was the fruit of the tree in the middle of the orchard.

And so the inevitable happened. A lead to Q, lead to Leonardo being very cranky, which led to their lease being torn up and Deidre and Dave were now homeless, hungry and sorry. Sure it's an old tale but it tells us a very important truth.

That no matter how much we have, the thing we want most of all is the one thing that we cannot and shouldn't have. Look around. Rejoice in the bounty that you do have and don't let envy bring you down.

Father David Oulton



Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL

AN EVENING OF CONNECTION, WELCOME AND APPRECIATION

The newest members of the region are invited to attend the annual Southern Grampians Shire Council's New Residents Function on Monday 31 May 2021 from 6:00pm at the Greater Hamilton Library.

This year brings fresh opportunity for the newest members of our region to make connections with community groups and meet some of the locals that make Southern Grampians Shire a welcoming place to live and work.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Bruach Colliton said it is great to be back in 2021 after last year's event was unable to be held due to the pandemic.

"It was a challenge in 2020 for most of us to stay connected - so for those who moved to the area during this time - they will have had quite limited opportunity to meet new people and to create genuine connections.

"The New Resident's Function is the perfect evening for new faces to transition into the community, to get involved with groups and organisations, and just as importantly - to meet like-minded new friends," said Cr Colliton.

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This year's event will also recognise and celebrate the incredible work local volunteers do for the region and is supported by Community Events funding received from the Commonwealth and State Government of Victoria.

Cr Colliton said being able to celebrate volunteers at the same event is the perfect opportunity for newcomers to build connections and meet some of the quintessential locals that make extraordinary contributions to our region.

"National Volunteers Week takes place from 17 – 24 May 2021. Although our event this year falls just outside that week, we're also going to use the opportunity to show our appreciation and celebrate the people who make Southern Grampians a beautiful and safe place to call home.

"We are so incredibly lucky to have such dedicated volunteers service and protect our region, the addition of having volunteers represented at the New Residents function provides us with an opportunity to say thank you whilst also providing new residents a chance to connect to these groups," said Cr Colliton.

Volunteer organisations, recreation, and community groups are invited to attend to provide information and answer questions new residents may have about settling in the region.

The function starts from 6:00pm in the Greater Hamilton Library where light refreshments will be served. To register your attendance, please email ewilliamson@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or call 5573 0444 prior to Thursday 27 May 2021.



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RED CROSS NEWS



VALE: Helena Flinn

With great sadness we farewelled the wonderful Helena Flinn. A keen cook and a tireless helper in the community, all done in a cool, calm manner. The district has benefited from her existence and her assistance.

With **31 years of Red Cross membership** and at least 15 of those serving as President and / or Secretary, Helena managed to fit this in around family, Fire Brigade, Visitor Centre and other. We are currently lost without her leadership, knowledge and experience.

If there is something on 'the other side,' then another Dunkeld angel, the **late Joy Clarke**, will have arms outstretched welcoming her dear friend.

Sincerest condolences to Peter, Derek, Verona, Trevor and families.

Last Saturday was **World Red Cross Day**. Recently, Bush Fire Service Awards (and others) were given out in Melbourne. **Leila Dohle**, a 105 year old Casterton lady, received an **80 year** Red Cross membership medal. Three over 90 Dunkeld members have their birthday this week. Greetings to **Olwyn Hogan, Pat Learmonth and Dorothy Blanch**.

Our combined **AGM will be held at Woodhouse in July**, on a date to be decided, and the **next meeting** in the Henry Leech RSL Room will be on **Monday 28 June at 2.00pm**.

Iris Field, Secretary



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Dunkeld Bowling Club News

Upcoming Events:

- The Iven Field 1000 Triples on Saturday 12 June 2021

Special General Meeting

On Sunday 9 May, a Special General Meeting was held at the clubhouse to decide on which playing association our club will be affiliated with in the future, either as is now, the Far Western where we have been for many years, or move to the South Western Association where Division 2 played last season.

At the meeting, all members were given a vote, at the counting of the votes, the decision reached was that the Dunkeld Bowling Club, disconnect from the Far Western Association and join the South Western Association.

A Special 20-21 Bowling Season

As has been the case in the past, bowling achievements of our members have been recognised in the Bowls Club news, as is now the case for the outstanding bowling season of Heather McIntyre.

Heather has had a superb season of bowls, firstly, by winning the:

1. Dunkeld Bowls Clubs Ladies Championship.
2. Won the final of the Far Western Division Ladies State Singles.
3. Runner-Up Final West Coast Region Ladies State Singles.
4. Runner-Up Far Western Final Ladies Fours – skipped tea with three Casterton ladies.
5. Won Far Western Final of Ladies over 60 Pairs with Cheryl Trottman of Balmoral.
6. Won West Coast Region Final of Ladies Over 60 Pairs at Port Fairy.
7. Runner-Up in State Final of Ladies Over 60 Pairs at Bendigo.

The club congratulates Heather on her sterling season and we look forward to more of the same.

Gary Wall, Press Officer

From the Lions Den Meetings



At this stage the Lions have decided to have a trial run of only having one meeting a month instead of the usual two meetings. In the past we had a dinner meeting and a business meeting each month but what we are planning is to have a dinner meeting one month and a business meeting the next month. On the month of the dinner meeting if any urgent business crops then we can also have a business meeting.

Isn't Old Age Great

Liz and I had dinner at an elderly couple's place and after we had finished eating the ladies left to go to the kitchen and make coffee. My friend and I were talking and he mentioned that he and his wife had gone to a new restaurant for dinner the night before and that the food was special. He and his wife would really recommend people to go there.

I asked him what the name of the restaurant was and he thought about it for a while and said, "What is the name of the flower you give to someone you love, you know the one that's red and has thorns?" I said, "Do you mean a rose?" He said, "That's the one," turned around towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what was the name of that restaurant?"
Peter Hinchey

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SCHOOL NEWS

Acting Principal's Report

Last week we held our School Cross Country. With a move from Monday's inclement weather, Wednesday provided perfect Cross Country conditions for our students. I congratulate all our runners. As I spoke to students following the event, I reiterated how proud I was of each and every student for giving their very best. We all have our thing/s that we are good at or enjoy doing and long distance running certainly isn't everyone's 'thing'. But to see all children give their all, made me very proud of the determination and resilience we can see building in our students. Well done all! The top four place getters in each age group will now head to Tarrington this Friday to compete in the District Cross Country event. We wish them all well, for the next level.

Last Friday, a number of students competed in the Zone Athletics carnival in Warrnambool. Well done to all our competitors and special mention to Mrs Phillips for supporting our students for the day. We look forward to seeing some of our students head to the next level of competition.

Education Week 2021 is coming up from Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 May with the theme, 'Building Connections'. We look forward to sharing some of the activities we will be completing with our school community shortly. We hope to have some local identities visit our school to share some of the Dunkeld and Glen Thompson experiences with our students.

We will be holding a tour of our school for Kinder Parents on Wednesday 2 June at 9:15am – 10:00am followed by tea/coffee and morning tea. Invites will be sent to the Dunkeld Kindergarten and we look forward to meeting our future families of the school.

Lastly, following my announcement that I will be relinquishing the Acting Principal position from the beginning of Term 3, the Department of Education have advertised a 12 month Acting Principal vacancy for Dunkeld Consolidated School. This was advertised internally through the Department of Education recently, where DET employees are eligible to apply.

It is with great pleasure that I let you all know that a Department of Education panel have appointed Angela Field as the Acting Principal for Dunkeld for a twelve month period, starting 12 July 2021. The Department of Education will guide us on what will happen beyond this twelve month period at a later date. I am thrilled that Angela has been willing to take on this role and provide yet another seamless transition for our wonderful school. She will be a terrific leader and it will be fantastic to work with Ange, as I step back into the classroom, but able to provide her with my full support.

Therefore, it is obviously very sad to be losing Angela from the Year 4/5/6 Classroom area, but we will certainly gain from her leadership of our school. While Angela and I are still fine tuning plans, I can let you all know that I will step into the Year 4/5/6 Classroom area from the beginning of Term 3, which I am very excited about. This should also provide a seamless transition for our students, as I know them well. Again, I am thrilled for not only Angela, but for the future of our school!

Thank you, Dee Gerring

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

This year our staff decided to make a change to our certificate system at Assemblies. It was decided that we still wish to provide all our students with continuous encouragement for their achievements at school though every day support and recognition, but make the Assembly awards that little bit more special. We therefore have

introduced 'Academic' and 'School Values' Honour Certificates, where one of each certificate is presented to a member of each class at our fortnightly assemblies. This encourages a focus on continued academic achievement and personal growth as well as the importance of our School Values. Parents will be sent an invite through Seesaw if your child may be presenting or receiving an award at Assemblies.

I congratulate the following students for the first two Assemblies of this term:

28 April 2021
Academic Honour:
 Xavier Macgugan
 Zach Lance
 Yvette Fanning
 Sebastian Aarons

13 May 2021
Academic Honour:
 Liv Lance
 Minu Sutherland
 Charlotte Alderman
 Libby Herrmann

School Values Honour:
 Tilly Alderman
 Jim Herrmann
 Max Russell
 Cadence Huf

School Values Honour:
 Sybil Patterson
 Grace Macgugan
 Patrick Lomas
 Oscar Fanning

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

The Caulfield Grammar students entertained our staff and students with a Jazz concert in the school hall.

Year Prep/One had front row seats at the Caulfield Grammar Jazz Concert.

I liked the trumpet. It was really loud and it was a lot of sound. I felt happy that they came. By Sybil
I liked the trumpets because they were golden and shiny. By James
I went up the front to do the instruments. It was scary. By Poppy
I liked playing the music. I was nervous. By Tilly
I went up the front and played the shaker. It was really fun. By Michaela
I liked the big saxophone. It had a loud noise. By Jackson



YEAR 3 AND 4 EXCURSION AROUND DUNKELD



On Monday 10 May, Year 3/4 students went on a walking excursion around the town for History. We went around with Mrs Funk, and then to the Museum. We saw all the old footballs and found

out that Grub Templeton and Max Russell's grandpa played for the old local team the Kangaroos. Ned Peters, Year 4.

On Monday 10 May we went on an excursion around Dunkeld to see all the old buildings. My favourite part was seeing where the old football field was because i never knew it was an old footy oval (next door to the log cabins). Another interesting thing was that it would have taken one whole day to do the washing back then (1850s), when ladies walked down to the creek, along Mary Dickie's Track. Charles Prentice, Year 4

Class Captains – Term 2 2021



Bobby – Prep/Year 1



Chloe – Year 2/3



Harry – Year 4



Ella – Year 5



Hugh – Year 6

SPORTS REPORT

2021 House Cross Country Age Champions

- 12/13 years Hugh Prentice and Edie Jackson
- 11 years Darcy Potter and Indi Mibus
- 10 years Jack Oldfield Mann and Gemma Kyle
- 9 years Edward Alderman and Elodie Cochran
- 8 years James Manolas and Grace Macgugan
- 7 years Xavier Macgugan and Michaela Roache
- 6 years George Phillips and Ruby Mibus

DIVISION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 7 MAY 2021



The following students qualified to compete in the Combined Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton Division Athletics Carnival on Friday 7 May 2021 at

the Brauerander Park Athletics Track in Warrnambool:

Phoebe Lazzari, Lachie Gordon, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice, Jack Oldfield Mann, Indi Mibus, Charlotte Alderman, Phoebe Ross, Ella Peters, Sean Bird, Darcy Potter, Edie Jackson, Sebastian Aarons, Oscar Fanning, Zander Mibus, Louis Lazzari and Hugh Prentice.

Division Athletics

On the Friday 7 May, 17 students went to Warrnambool to represent Dunkeld Consolidated School in the Division Athletics. Everyone went very well and tried their hardest in every event they participated in. Well done to everyone who got a ribbon and might be moving on to the next stage of these sporting events. Thank you to Mrs Phillips for marshaling us to our events and thank you to all the parents for bringing their children down to the sports at Warrnambool. Written by Louis Lazzari and Hugh Prentice, Grade 6

The following students have been nominated for the SGSSA District Cross Country which will be held at Tarrington Lutheran School on Friday 14 May 2021:

- **12/13 year Boys:** Hugh Prentice, Oscar Fanning, Zander Mibus, Sebastian Aarons
- **12/13 year Girls:** Edie Jackson, Isabella Jury, Claudia Cochran, Libby Herrmann
- **11 year Boys:** Darcy Potter, Charlie Linke
- **11 year Girls:** Indi Mibus, Charlotte Alderman, Phoebe Ross, Ella Peters
- **10 year Boys:** Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachie Gordon, Charles Prentice, Lachie Oldfield Mann
- **10 year Girls:** Gemma Kyle, Millie McShane
- **9 year Boys:** Edward Alderman, Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood, Zachary Lance
- **9 year Girls:** Elodie Cochran, Clementine Blackwell, Matilda Pattullo, Yvette Fanning

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...



Kitchen Report

Last week the Awesome Agapanthus cooked in our kitchen. We cooked Meatballs, Spring rolls, Leek and Potato Soup, and Apple Pizzas. We all enjoyed our lunch. By Isabella Jury



Garden Report

Last Friday Group B had a blast in the garden. They were busy trimming fruit trees, planting greens, weeding and taking the net off the chook shed. By Max Graham and Jake Linskens



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DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

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Annual General Meeting: An Annual General Meeting, followed by a general meeting, will be held on Sunday 6 June 2021 commencing at 11.00am in the Henry Leech RSL

Room. A light finger food lunch and beverages will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Vale – Helena Flinn (nee Weerdenburg): The President and members of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch mourn the passing of our esteemed member, Mrs Helena Flinn. We acknowledge her generosity, her willingness to help others and her dedication to family and community – a heart of gold. The RSL wish to pass on our heartfelt condolences to Peter, Derek, Catherine, Trevor, Verona and Danny and extended families.



“The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward.” Carol Ryrie Brink

Welcome to the month of May!

By Marion Colton

May in Australia is so different from my childhood memories, where it was a real celebration. This was in a Kentish village in England, the land of my birth. There, May was welcomed as the harbinger of summer and it always celebrated with a holiday.

The young folk of the village would gather May (Hawthorn) blossoms to decorate rooms, churches and wear in our hair. A young village girl was dressed in white (may blossom is white) with garlands of May flowers in her hair and was honoured as the Queen of the May during that day.

At Primary School, both boys and girls had been practising intricate dances and on May Day, May 1st, dressed in our prettiest clothes, we danced around a tall Maypole erected on the village green, watched by all the villagers. From the top of the pole ribbons of each colour of the rainbow hung down. Each girl, partnered by a boy, stood at regular intervals around the pole, representing the twelve months of the year and forming a wide circle. In their outside hands they each held a coloured ribbon, whilst holding each other's inside hands. When the music began, they danced around the Maypole, weaving in and out, creating colourful patterns with the ribbons until they reached the centre. Then the challenge was to continue dancing and carefully un-weave the patterns, returning to their original places on the large circle. It took much concentration but was very beautiful and full of meaning, not totally understood at that young age. During different dances a variety of patterns were woven and unwoven. It was a lovely way to welcome May, to honour the earth and the cosmos.

The English hedgerows were profuse with blossom of which the almond fragrance filled the air.

And, of course, the Hawthorn has travelled with the colonists to this country on the far side of the world. It is a native of Europe and parts of Asia but it has grown so profusely in southern Australia that it has been classed as a noxious weed in some areas. Yet I have watched flocks of Gang Gang Cockatoos eating its haws when little other food was available.

Here, in Dunkeld, it doesn't seem to be a problem. A species with beautiful deep pink blossoms grows near the Methodist Church. At the time of writing the tree is almost bare, with just a couple of haws hanging forlornly from the branches, their leaves already shed. Another skeleton tree, with a few lingering leaves, grows near Saint Patrick's Church. A month or so ago, its haws were profuse, a deep claret colour, like the wild ones in England. As children we used to gather them to eat on the way to and from school. They are also used in herbal medicine for heart conditions. People once made jellies, jams and sauces from them, and the birds love them, hence their wide dispersal.

Botanically the May or Hawthorn tree is known as *Crataegus monogyna* and is a member of the *Rosaceae* family. During my time in Dunkeld, I have discovered many other species of very attractive *Crataegus* in our own Arboretum, dotted about under other exotic trees and shrubs. I've been fascinated by their variations. Now most are bare, for here May heralds winter and the recent winds and rains have stripped them of foliage and haws, in some cases helped by birds which tend to leave the long pedicels behind on the branchlets. It is interesting to see the variety of haw colours, some Cadmium red, sometimes verging on burgundy, some a deep yellow. At the time of writing only one shrub is still laden with clusters of bright, orangey-red haws hanging from curved, thread-like pedicels. Their skins shine with light, even in the rain. Interestingly only a couple of leaves were present. There's no name under this particular shrub but many other species are named, their origins from Eastern, South-eastern and North-eastern USA and from China and Japan.

The size and shape of the haws varies considerably. Sometimes the haws are squat ovals, sometimes longer and fatter ovals, sometimes small and round. One particular species, *Crataegus cuneata*, is large and round, more like a crab-apple. Its leaves are much more elongated than those of other species and are now a delightful melange of greens, yellows and oranges fringed with brown.

Some species have spines projecting defensively from the branches. Again, these vary in size and distance from one another. *Crataegus durobrivensis* has huge threatening spines of four centimetres in length!

Yet, in this bleak, wintry weather, when the shrubs are devoid of leaves, flowers and haws, new growth is visible as the branchlets extend, often with a different colour. On each shrub, or tree, new buds have already formed, some minute, some knobbly, some rounded, some a shiny Indian-red and so the cycle of life continues. What a feast we have to learn about on our doorstep!



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