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Q & A's

What you need to know about restrictions easing



Can I go for a drive? And can I take a learner driver out for practice?	YES You are able to go for a drive. Driving for practice is permitted, as well as attending driving lessons. At the same time, Victorians are being asked to use consideration and common sense when it comes to travelling. If you can stay at home, you must stay at home.	Can my housemates and I each have five people over at the same time?	NO You can have a maximum of five visitors to your home, in addition to those who normally reside in the household. If you're visiting someone's house, you should keep at least 1.5m between yourself and others and practice good hygiene.
Can I visit a cemetery outside of attending a funeral?	YES If you visit the grave of a loved one at the cemetery, please ensure that no more than 10 people (including you) are gathered. Physical distance has to be maintained by staying at least 1.5m apart., fishing,	What about places of worship?	All places of worship, of all denominations, can now open for pre-arranged worship or small religious ceremonies of up to 10 people – plus the minimum number of people reasonably required to conduct the service.
I'm caring for an elderly loved one who lives alone. Can I visit them?	YES – but take extra care. Older people are especially vulnerable to coronavirus. If you're delivering meals, think about leaving a package on their doorstep without making physical contact. If you're helping with chores, think about having them sit somewhere comfortable away from you while you work, so you are not in close contact.	Can I sell my house at auction?	Yes. You can put your home on the market for private sale or auction. No more than 10 people can gather for an auction or open-for inspection at any one time, in addition to the people required to facilitate. Physical distancing rules apply.
Can I go fishing? What about boating?	Under the new directions, fishing, hunting, and recreational boating are allowed in groups of no more than 10 people. You must ensure 1.5m can be maintained between yourself and others – including at the boat ramp and on your boat. As always though, Victorians are asked to use common sense when it comes to their activities. You must also ensure that you can drive back within one day.	Can I drive a bit further to go exercise? Can I go to a national park?	Yes, you can drive to another location to exercise. Under the new directions, parks may reopen for hiking and other recreational activities, but you cannot gather in groups of more than 10 people at any one time. Camping is still prohibited.
What if I'm escaping family violence?	If you or your children are at risk of harm or violence, you can leave your home to seek support or assistance. Family violence frontline services including crisis accommodation, continue to operate to support women, children and families during this pandemic. Call Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	Can I go to the park?	YES. You can relax at the park, have a picnic, or play non-contact sports. Keep at least 1.5m between yourself and anyone from outside your household at all times. You can meet up with friends and family outdoors but only in groups of up to ten people. Playgrounds, outdoor gyms and skate parks all remain closed. And please don't drink from public drinking fountains or use public BBQs.
Can I have visitors n my home? And do babies and kids count?	YES You can have up to five visitors to your home at any one time, in addition to those who normally live there. Children are counted in the total person limit. Victorians are being asked to use common sense when it comes to visiting friends and family, especially those who are more vulnerable. That means seeing those you need to – if you need to.	Can my local footy team start training?	You can participate in training for all sports, but it must be no-contact, with only 10 people taking part any one time – plus the coach or manager. This means that contact sports such as all codes of football and soccer can't happen, unless modifications are made to ensure physical distancing. Indoor sports remain prohibited.
We're having a BBQ in our backyard. What rule applies – the 5 or the 10?	Under the new directions, you can have up to 5 visitors to your home, in addition to those who normally reside in the household. Your home includes indoor and outdoor areas of the house.	How far can I travel to see people? Can I stay over at a mate's place?	While there's no limit on the distance you can travel, you shouldn't visit friends and family so far away that you have to stay overnight.

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

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

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

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

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

Anglican mass is streamed on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

<https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton>

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Services in the Parish are now available on You Tube and Facebook. Also on Google, click in **Hamilton Uniting Church Live – streaming**. Available at **11.00am Sundays** or can be viewed at a later time.

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

WHAT'S ON IN MAY & JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
18	19	20 Newsletter issue 7 distributed	21	22	23	24
25	26 Year 11 & 12 return to school Prep, Year 1 & 2 return to school	27	28	29 Deadline for issue 8	30	31
1 JUNE	2	3 Newsletter issue 8 distributed	4	5	6	7
8	9 School returns for remaining year and grade levels	10	11	12 Deadline for issue 9	13	14



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From the Lions Den

Things are still quiet with our club due to the virus. It is a virus that has affected a lot of people and changed lifestyles. The most asked question locally is not about duration of the virus, or the effectiveness of the social restrictions, or if a wonder tablet or vaccine will be produced, but what is Heather Napier doing now that she is unable to travel because of the restrictions.

I spoke to her the other day about this and it appears that she is writing a book about her years as a teacher in Dunkeld. The book is to be called 'Show and Tell' and is based on what the students told her over the years. I made some comment that there would not have been too many life shattering family secrets mentioned by the young at Show and Tell.

She then told me of one of my little cherubs going to school and at 'show and tell' did not have anything to show or say so had to sing a song instead (of his own choice). So he sung "I'll sing you a song and it won't take long all Pommies are". So she got him to sing it again with the song finishing with all Pommies 'are good guys.' I explained to Heather that we as a family made up the song in protest because of how the English had conducted the cricket test, 'The Bodyline Series'. As soon as I finished saying that all I could think was - please not the song about the French. Enough said.

This could be an interesting read.

Peter Hinchey

You're Invited!

Wednesday 20 May - Great Victorian Bike Ride Community Info Night - Dunkeld 2020

Hello Dunkeld and Region locals,

I hope you're all keeping safe and sane during this pandemic and can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Just sharing with you an opportunity to learn more about the Great Victorian Bike Ride- due to hit Dunkeld on Friday 4th December, pending lifting of government restrictions.

Bicycle Network is hosting an online community meeting this Wednesday 20th of May at 6pm via Zoom. Sign-up via Eventbrite and you'll get a reminder email also!

We will be liaising with all stakeholders in due course, but there is a preliminary opportunity for you to find out more about the event and how to get involved.

- All being well, we anticipate around 3000 riders will travel from Rainbow to Great Western via Halls Gap, Dunkeld, Willaura and so on - see intended route here. Note that the event is still in the planning phase as the route and rest stops/campgrounds are confirmed, restrictions start to lift and health/safety protocols are put in place.
- The event provides an opportunity for local community groups to get involved, raise some funds and for local businesses to benefit from this chance for trade.
- You can submit Expressions of Interest to Bicycle Network to provide sustenance at rest-stops, to offer

GRAMPIANS RETREAT

Just five minutes north of Dunkeld is Grampians Retreat, a place where many thousands of camp visitors have stayed since 1975.

Dennis and Maree having been the fifth owners in that time, have now handed over this Australian bush paradise to Kerryn and Wayne. They are so embracing of Dunkeld and the Grampians, very enthusiastic about the Retreat and will bring their excitement and new ideas to many more guests of the future.

Thank you to the Dunkeld community and friends who have supported Grampians Retreat and us personally over the past 16 years. It has been an enriching journey with so many opportunities for new experiences, knowledge, partnerships, friendships and memories. Thank you especially to those who have worked alongside us, kept us going and nurtured the happiness for our guests.

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activities or goods in the campsite, including opportunities for local performers and musicians to perform in the two bars the GVBR has on-site. Learn more about opportunities for community groups and businesses on their community information portal.

Bicycle Network will also visit Dunkeld in July for an in-person community meeting (again pending restrictions lifting further).

This will also provide an opportunity for Council to work with community members wishing to organise activities outside of the GVBR camping precinct, within the township itself.

For 2016's event, the Dunkeld community organised activities including a school fete, bare-foot bowls, recovery yoga, exhibitions and family movies, but the options for fundraising activities are endless - from hands-on workshops and classes to pop-up shops and digital activations. A co-ordinated approach will be required so that we don't have two similar Expressions of Interest submitted or competing external activities organised, so if you have any ideas following the community engagement meeting, please get in touch.

Let me know also if you'd like the meeting recording to be emailed to you if you can't tune-in this Wednesday.

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SOME WORDS FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

I have dabbled in that which I swore I never would. That formidable world called "Facebook". I have tiptoed in with much trepidation. What would I discover lurking in the depths of this vast ocean of social media? To be honest I think that I am only splashing around in the shallows and that suits me just fine.

There is much to be commended about this platform. People do reach out to each other to encourage and inform. This is a positive thing and I am grateful for those who simply put one of those smiley faces on my words or live streamed services. So what's not to like?

What saddens me on social media and the 'other media' is the posturing by a minority of folk to inflame anger or apportion blame. I find this disappointing, because it is often misinformed. Further it also amplifies some voices at the expense of the defenceless. But what is most scary of all, is that it seems that we are unable to disembark from this downward spiral of mutual antagonism.

To consciously choose to perpetuate an adversarial narrative at this distressing time, shifts our focus away from those who are most vulnerable in our society and perpetuates the illness of prejudice that is even more devastating, infectious and lingering than COVID-19 itself.

Our energies and prayers are more properly and appropriately directed to those who have no voice at this time and those whose work is devoted to saving their life. Is it not clear that the childish retaliation of petulant words, cannot solve today's global problems? Sabre rattling, and witch hunting are not signs of greatness, but are admissions of defeat and by their very nature, political shenanigans must always fail us.

Father David Oulton



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

Family Meal Packs (4ppl)

*Pizza – 2x pizza's, Garlic Bread & 1.25lt soft drink	\$40
*Battered Fish & chips (4pcs Fish, chips & salad)	\$30
*Chicken Schnitzel (4x Schnitzel, gravy, chips & salad)	\$60
*Chicken Parma (4 x parmas, chips & salad)	\$70
*Lasagne Tray (24hr notice required)	\$30
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RED CROSS NEWS

This seems to be a year of missed events. Wednesday **8 May** was **World Red Cross Day**, marking the birthdate of **Henry Dunant**, the founder of the **Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement** in **1859**. Appalled at the suffering and loss of life during the **Battle of Solferino** between the French and Italians against the Austrians, **Swiss** national Henry gathered volunteers to administer to the wounded on both sides. Following a conference in Geneva in **1863**, organisations using the Swiss flag in reverse were set up, with **33 countries** soon registering societies. Their services were eventually extended to assisting at **natural disasters** and outbreaks of **diseases** as well as **war**. Red Cross began in **Australia** with the declaration of **WW1** in **1914**. There was a special event live streamed on Facebook and You Tube but notification did not arrive in time for inclusion in the last newsletter.



Despite the restrictions in place, very few **Red Cross services** have had to stop and most continue to **support people remotely**. Government decisions and advice will decide any changes.

Two Dunkeld Branch members reach the grand **age of 90** this month...**Pat Learmonth** and **Dorothy Blanch**. We wish them a very special year. Past President **Jenny Cooke** has been in touch and sends greetings to the folk of Dunkeld. She follows the local happenings via each issue of the Newsletter. Vice President **Helena** continues her battle with health issues.

You are invited to share **your acts of kindness** and **new ways of connecting with friends**, by sending them to askjudy@redcross.org.au

Blood donations are always in demand and are usually requested through the local paper.

May 18th to 22nd is also **National Volunteering Week**. Red Cross members are again invited to phone in and join the **Conference** on Wednesday 20 May at **2.00pm**. The number is **02 83180090** and follow the prompts. The Conference **ID** is **855618485**.

Iris Field, Secretary

Dan Tehan MP

Member for Wannan

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Dunkeld Public Land's Committee

We had a small working bee at the reservoir last week to remove fallen trees from the centre islands. A thank you to David Hampton, John Smith and Neil Doran with his tractor, to drag trees over to the bank to be cut up for firewood for the caravan park. No word on jetty at the moment to report, as contractors have not returned.

Frank Raymond

Landcare News

I hope you all get a chance to make the most of this beautiful autumn weather, - well it is today when I am writing this...!

Just two notes today:

1. AgVet Chem and 1080 Course: We will organise a course later this year, to be run through Hamilton TAFE. The AgVet Chem Course is 2 days, and the 1080 Accreditation Course is one extra day. And thanks to the very generous grant from GHCMA, we are able to offer a discount on the course cost, to participants. Of course, the number of participants will determine the discount. We have a few options from TAFE, so would you please let me know your preferred option, and the days/dates that suit you best (or alternatively - what days/dates *don't* suit you). *This funding discount is open to those with the hope and intention that they will use this accreditation to participate in our Grampians Ark Fox Control Program, as well as being an extremely useful accreditation for their general farm/ag industry businesses.*

If we get 10 people or less people it would be best value to join a public course at the Hamilton TAFE campus at \$525.00 per participant.

For 11 or more people it would be worth our while to arrange a course to be delivered for our group at our desired location and time, and the price may be able to be reduced.

The 1080 course will be another full day and it could be around the \$300 mark on top of that price – again the more people, the less expensive per person.

When we get a clearer indication of numbers, we can then work out the discount, and arrange the date and location with Hamilton TAFE.

So please let me know by Friday 12 June 2020.

2. Fox cages: We are having great success capturing foxes in cages. This is a very safe way to keep your fox numbers down, especially around the houses and yards. Parks Vic in Halls Gap have offered us additional cages to loan out, so if you are interested, please get in touch with me. These cages are available to use within our Grampians Ark area, which includes the Dunkeld township area. We are also collecting DNA samples to pass onto Derek Sandow (Parks Vic Grampians Ark coordinator), to use within a research project. Please call or email me if you'd like to know more.

Cheers!

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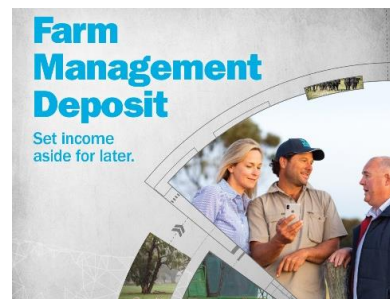
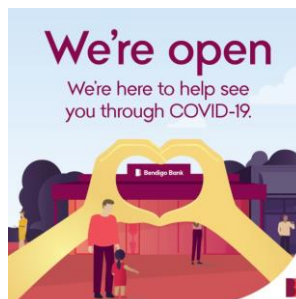


Goodbye Ange

Last week we farewelled Ange as a member of our staff. Ange



spent 12 months with us and she thoroughly enjoyed meeting the lovely community we are a part of. We wish Ange the very best and thank her for her contribution to our Dunkeld & District Community Bank family.



Covid-19 (Coronavirus) update

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go better if I took another approach. Much is thought about, chewed over reflected upon, changed around, sorted and healed.

I give thanks for whoever took the initiative and made the Lake 'happen'. Their ministry to me continues and we are all the richer for having such a wonderful place on our doorstep.

Father David Oulton

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The Healing of Lake Hamilton

Runners ... check, old t-shirt ... check, music... check, beanie ... check. Looks like I'm all set to head off around the lake.

My exercise regime really began in 2010 when my doctor gave me a very serious talking to. Quite firm he was and while it sounded harsh to my ears at the time, I shall always be grateful for his censure.

In Ballarat I used to 'do' Lake Wendouree. When the time came to leave and come to Hamilton, I wondered if there would be somewhere to keep my weight and blood pressure under control.

You can imagine my surprise and by extension my doctors relief, that there was such a facility. The thoroughly enjoyable, healing and scenic Lake Hamilton.

So most mornings I have a jog around this impressive lake. With its gentle curves, its bird life and the odd "Morning / Hello" it's a rather good place to be. Sometimes I go round twice and feel very virtuous. Now here's the confession bit.

It's not just my physical and mental health that is being sorted out as I stumble around. There's the music in my head ... but also I'm thinking. That delicate letter I have to write. How could I phrase that a bit better? Mmm... mustn't forget to get in touch with so and so and ask them about whatsamadoover ... and that uncomfortable phone call might

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Merchant Navy: The term Merchant Navy refers to a nation's commercial shipping and crews. During the Second World War Merchant Navy ships carrying valuable cargoes were at just as much risk as Royal Australian Navy (RAN) warships. Merchant ships were attacked not only in distant waters but also within sight of the Australian coastline while traversing much frequented trade routes.

Following a number of gunnery and torpedo attacks on merchant ships along the New South Wales coast, the Naval Board instituted a system of coastal convoys as a temporary protective measure. Ships that sailed independently, rather than in convoys, ran a greater risk of being torpedoed. Hospital ships were crewed by merchant seamen.



HMAS Manoora (pictured), an Australian coastal passenger liner, was requisitioned on the 14 October 1939 by the Naval Board (C18658).

Contrary to popular belief, merchant seamen were not well-paid, did not have comfortable working hours, and their living conditions were often very poor. Industrial action did occur but it did not benefit seamen as much as has been said and was almost always entered into on the basis of pay, extreme danger, or working and living conditions. Figures published by the Seaman's Union of Australia (SUA) in 1972 indicate that 386 members of the union lost their lives during the Second World War. Given the union's claim of a total membership of 4,500 at the beginning of the war, the overall fatality rate among seamen members of the SUA during the Second World War was 8.5 percent, a rate higher than that sustained by Australia's fighting services.

Source: Don Fraser, "Men of a service": Australian merchant seamen", *Wartime* 5, Summer 1999, pp. 53-57¹

¹ https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/merchant_navy

Victory in Europe Day: Victory in Europe Day is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe. Several countries observe public holidays on the day each year, variously called Victory Over Fascism Day, Liberation Day or simply Victory Day. In the UK it is often abbreviated to VE Day, or V-E Day in the US, a term which existed as early as September 1944, in anticipation of victory.



Several former Soviet bloc countries like Russia, Belarus, and Serbia celebrate on 9 May as the end of all combat actions was specified at 23:01 Central European Time, which was already 9 May in the USSR. Israel also marks VE Day on 9 May, as a result of the large number of immigrants from the former Soviet bloc, although it is not a public holiday.¹

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victory_in_Europe_Day



SCHOOL NEWS

From Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude for the enormous amount of work our staff have been putting in to the remote learning program that has been taking place for the past four weeks. Each and every staff member has gone above and beyond to provide our students with the best education possible in these unprecedented times. From; the huge amount of upskilling in IT everyone has had to do to present a daily online program; troubleshooting when things aren't working as they should; supporting one another with the many queries we all have; providing phone calls and video meetings to students; each teacher replying to over 100 pieces of work coming in each day; providing onsite care and support to students; attending online meetings and PD; supporting our own children with their remote learning – the list goes on. I thank you all!

To our students - This was never going to be easy and has certainly been a challenge! Some days are easy and some days are hard and that's okay. We certainly understand and have days like that too! I commend you all on the effort you have been putting in and congratulate you on the work you have been submitting. Hang in there and keep it up a bit longer until we're all back at school! What a collection of work you will have to look back on to remember your days in isolation!

To our parents - Without you all taking the time to be at home, supporting your children, this would not have been possible. We are all one big jigsaw puzzle at the moment – staff, students and parents – without a piece, the jigsaw doesn't work. We know and understand it is difficult for many, especially when working from home yourselves. I'm sure I could confidently say the majority of parents would not choose to do this full time, but what a unique experience to have this time with your children. Thank you.

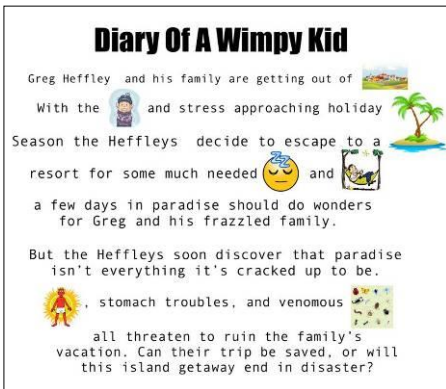
On an operational note, it was announced that schools will commence a staged return from remote and flexible learning from Tuesday 26 May 2020. To support all school staff to prepare for the transition, Monday 25 May 2020 will be a Pupil Free Day. This is important to enable the planning necessary to ensure the successful transition back to school can be completed.

Measures will be put in place for our school context, inclusive of drop off and pick up procedures, physical distancing and hygiene, enhance cleaning and voluntary coronavirus COVID-19 testing for all staff. This will all be communicated to families in the coming week.

I again thank everyone for your support and patience. I look forward to seeing our students soon and wish everyone all the best for what we hope will be the last few weeks of remote learning.

YEAR 4/5 REMOTE LEARNING SHOWCASE

Students in Grades 3-6 had the task of creating a blurb for a book they have been reading. Their task was to use pictures instead of some nouns, similar to some of Morris Gleitzman's books.



Using Hugh's idea, the Year 4/5 students conducted a small science experiment to learn about clouds and how rain falls.

Hugh: Clouds are formed when water vapour rises into the air. When the vapour hits cold air, it turns back into droplets of water. Those tiny drops of water floating in the air collect and 'stick' together to form clouds. When clouds get so full of water that they can't hold any more, the water falls back to the ground as rain.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen ... at Home

I hope you had a lovely day on Sunday celebrating our wonderful mothers. Some of you may have been lucky enough to enjoy an Apple Rose dessert, combining pastry and apple slices to make a lovely Rose pattern. How are your vegies growing in the jars of water? My bok choy leaves have been picked and added to my stir fry and my silver beet and leeks are almost ready to go into a pot filled with soil. The coz lettuce and the leeks should be ready to plant in a week or so. Fun way to regrow vegetables. Send a photo of your 'regrowth' to your teacher, I would love to see them.



I miss you all and look forward to seeing your faces when I return to school.

This is a recipe you may like to try and share with your family. This recipe is a great way to use up vegetables. You can add leeks, change carrot to pumpkin, use diced zucchini instead of peas, add corn and so on.

Spiced Vegetable Pasties (makes 8 – 10 pasties)

Ingredients

Short Crust Pastry (puff pastry is fine if that's all you have)
 Potatoes – 2 x large potatoes, washed, scrubbed and diced into 1 and ½ cm
 Carrots – 2 x medium carrots, washed, scrubbed and diced the same size as the potato
 Parsnip or Turnip – 1 x peeled and washed and diced the same as above
 Fresh Coriander or Parsley – 1 cup finely chopped
 Curry powder – 1 teaspoon or 2
 Garlic – 3 x cloves peeled and chopped
 Ground Coriander – 3 teaspoons
 Ground Cumin – 2 teaspoons
 Lemon Juice – 3 tablespoons
 Green Peas – 1 cup
 Onion – 1 large peeled and finely chopped
 Vegetable oil – 2 tablespoons

Method

Place the potatoes, carrot and parsnip into a medium saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil and then reduce to a simmer and cook for 8 minutes. Add the peas and cook for a further 5 minutes. Strain the vegetables and let cool slightly.

Heat the vegetable oil in a frypan and add the onion and garlic, stirring with a wooden spoon until the onion is soft but not coloured. Add the spices and cook stirring for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the vegetables and the lemon juice and stir and mix well on low heat until it is well combined for 2 to 3 minutes. Add salt and pepper and stir in the chopped coriander. Remove from the heat and cool down.

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Cut 20cm diameter circles of pastry. Place 2/3 cup of cooled filling on one half of the circle. Fold the pastry over the filling and pinch the edges of the pastry to seal. Brush with beaten egg using a pastry brush. Place pasties on a baking tray lined with baking paper and bake in the oven for 40 minutes until golden. *Happy preparing and sharing everyone.*

Warm regards, Clare from Home

From SAKG Captains ... Lillian Glazebrook and Leah Morelli, Grade 6

Dear students, parents and teachers,

First, I hope your home learning has gone well! I hope everyone is enjoying all their free time with their families.

Secondly, I would just like to thank Lisa and the students who have been at school, for taking care of our chooks.

I can't wait until we can all go back to school and have SAKG lessons once more.

Some ideas on how to bust boredom! (All these ideas are kitchen/garden related):

- Help out in your garden at home! I'm sure your parents would love some help!
- Also, because we are all stuck at home, why not help your parents cook a meal or snack, maybe you could even make something yourself!
- You could also spend more time than usual with your pets, I have been hanging out with my chooks a lot more than usual!
- Remember to not spend too much time on your screens and to get moving outside!
- Also, if you are sick of being indoors online why not head outside and sit on the grass or on your verandah to work! It just might brighten your day.

By Lillian Glazebrook

Dunkeld Consolidated School had been doing school at home, but that's not stopping anyone from cooking and gardening!! Everyone has made delicious foods such as ANZAC biscuits, ANZAC cakes and we can't forget about our apple rose!

Our gardens have been an excellent use in our gardening investigations. Everyone's investigations are great and we hope we can find out something new.

We have had great fun doing SAKG at home and we will still enjoy it! Have a great week everyone and stay safe!

By Leah Morelli

Learn more about minerals exploration in your area

Online information sessions

Lunchtime

Wednesday 10 June 2020
12.30pm – 2.00pm

Afternoon

Wednesday 10 June 2020
3.30pm – 5.00pm

Evening

Thursday 11 June 2020
7.00pm – 9.00pm

A Minerals Exploration Licence has been granted to Westrock Minerals Pty Ltd under the Stavely Ground Release for a period of five years.

The licence allows minerals exploration in a 964-square kilometre block, approximately 35 kilometres east of Hamilton and north of Warrnambool near Glenthompson, Caramut, Chatsworth and Hexham. (Please refer to the map on page 12).

This area of western Victoria has been identified by the Geological Survey of Victoria as having the potential for gold, copper and other base metals.

Over the course of its exploration program, Westrock Minerals will contact a small number of landholders in the area seeking consent to access privately owned land.

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) will host three online information sessions to help agricultural landholders learn more about their rights during minerals exploration, environmental safeguards, and the obligations on exploration companies.

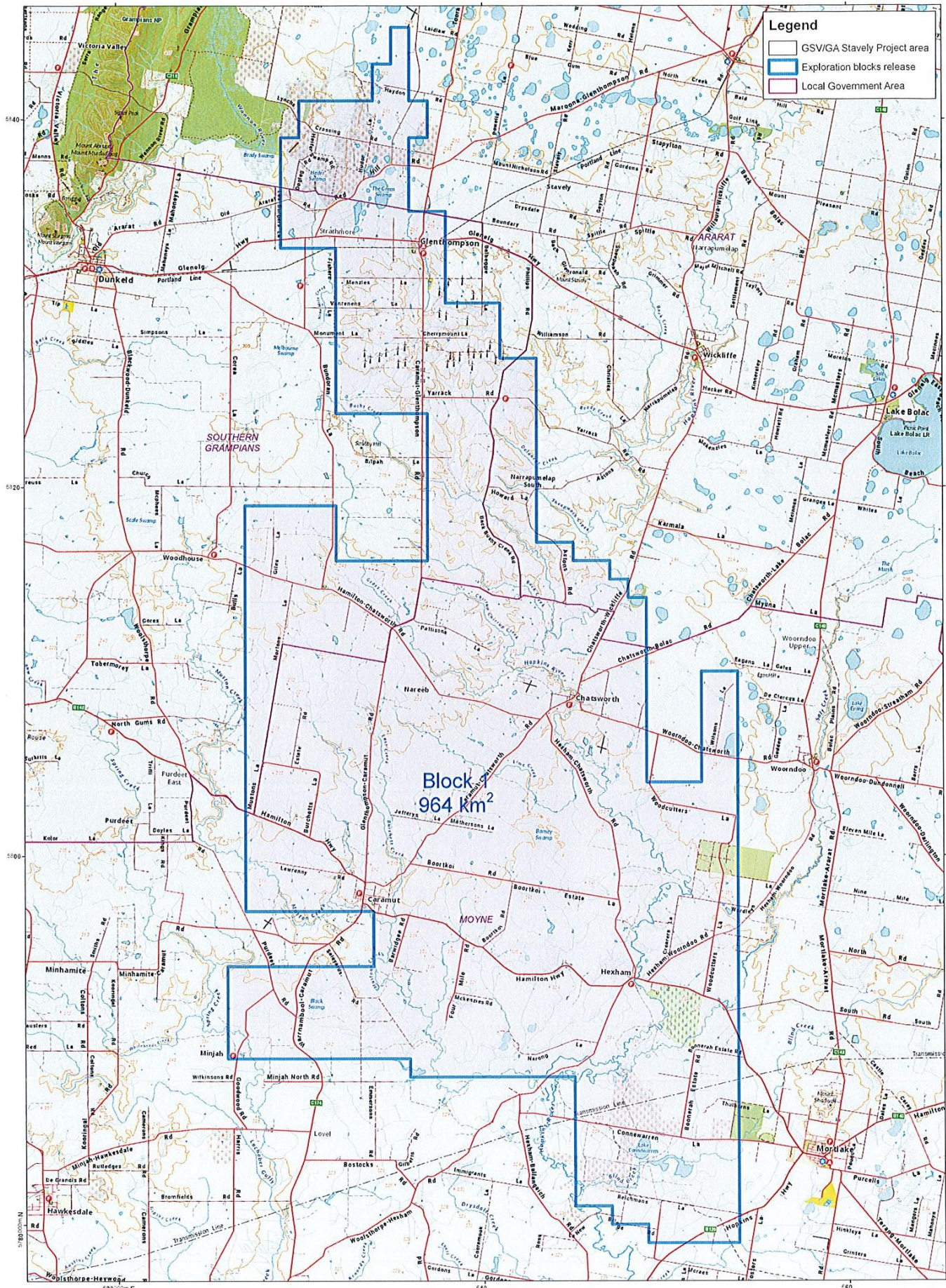
The 90-minute sessions will include presentations by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions and Westrock Minerals. Information about a new land access consent tool and landholder supports will also be presented.

Online attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions.

You can register at:
earthresources.vic.gov.au

For further information, call Minerals Development Victoria's Senior Engagement Officer Donna Mongan on 0436 662 399.

Block 1 - Westrock Minerals



Legend

- GSVGA Stavelly Project area
- Exploration blocks release
- Local Government Area

Block 1
964 km²



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