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VICTORIA CORONAVIRUS 7 DAY CIRCUIT BREAKER LOCK DOWN

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL SERVICES UPDATE	
FROM 11:59PM, 27 MAY 2021	
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CHURCH TIMES

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***Due to COVID19 Circuit Breaker Lockdown regulations, please contact the Parish Office on 5571 1161 for further details.**

*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 Oulton 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 or Sturgeon View Café to follow.

Rev Angie Griffin – Hamilton Uniting Church Phone 0417 367 227 or 5571 2618 (Church Office).

Pannyabyr Uniting Church

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

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE						
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1 June	2 Newsletter issue 8 distributed	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Newsletter issue 9 deadline Last newsletter for the term	12	13
14 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	15	16 Newsletter issue 9 distributed Last newsletter for the term	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Iven Field 1000 Triples, 12 June. Entries full.

The Dunkeld Open Fours, held on Saturday 15 May:

On a chilly but thankfully dry day, 16 teams of four players contested one of our major Board events. After four games of ten ends there were two four game winners, this called for a play-off over four ends, at the completion of the play off the winners were –
David Wills (s), Simon Cullinane (3), Trish Cullinane (2) and S. Field (L).

Runners Up: N. Crisp (s), T. Bolden (3), Rakeesh (2), P. Kampman (L).

The Fours again were sponsored by our very long standing and loyal sponsor Mary-Ann Brown of Mary-Ann Brown & Associates, Insurance Brokers Hamilton, a new sponsor was welcomed on board this being Roz Greenwood of Old and Rare Books Dunkeld, we thank both sponsors for their support. Both Mary-Ann and Roz were in attendance to present the prizes.

Again, thanks are extended to all those who assisted in running this day and, as usual to our team of ladies who kept everybody well fed and watered.

New Scoreboards – Bendigo Bank

Our new scoreboards, two rink boards and one master board have arrived, this has given us a full complement of boards for our pennant season.

The Dunkeld Bowling Club is indebted to the Bendigo Bank for their sponsorship enabling the purchase.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Monday 17 May

President Gary Wall opened the meeting, and gave his President's report thanking all for their input and assistance. A special note of thanks was extended to our longstanding Secretary Geoff Hinchliffe, for his role as Secretary but also his skill as greenskeeper. Treasurer, Heather McIntyre, who has undertaken the role of Treasurer for the past two years and has managed our finances very effectively.

Thanks to those who have served on the committee over the past season and a special note of thanks to Brian Mathews, for his long service to not only the club, but also to the Far Western Association.

All positions were declared vacant and Frank Raymond took the chair to elect the new Executive and Committee members.

The Executives for season 2021 - 2022 are:

President	Angus Jackson
Senior Vice President	Stephen Field
Junior Vice President	Neil Scott
Immediate Past President	Gary Wall
Treasurer	Terry McDonnell
Secretary	Geoff Hinchliffe

Committee members - D. Gordon, S. Cullinane (there are still positions vacant for the General Committee, those members who wish to apply, please see Geoff Hinchliffe).

A list of all sub-committees is posted on the notice board at the bowls club.

Gary Wall
Press Officer

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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

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RED CROSS NEWS

The **Community Mobilisation Team** has issued notice there will be no face-to face **meetings** at the moment (as happened last shut-down), but there can be Zoom meetings if desired. Carolyn also sent **Birthday Greetings** to the three over 90's in the Dunkeld Branch.

Red Cross members, along with the rest of Dunkeld and District, pass on their sincere condolences to the **Dark and Collins** families, following the passing of **Eunice** and to the **Griffin** families following the recent death of **Kaye**. Both were descendants of families who came to the district in the early days of settlement.

So all being well, we meet again on **Monday 28 June 2021** at the Henry Leech RSL Room at **2.00pm**. **New members are welcome** to come along, even to enjoy the get-together, after another period of isolation caused by COVID.

Iris Field, Secretary



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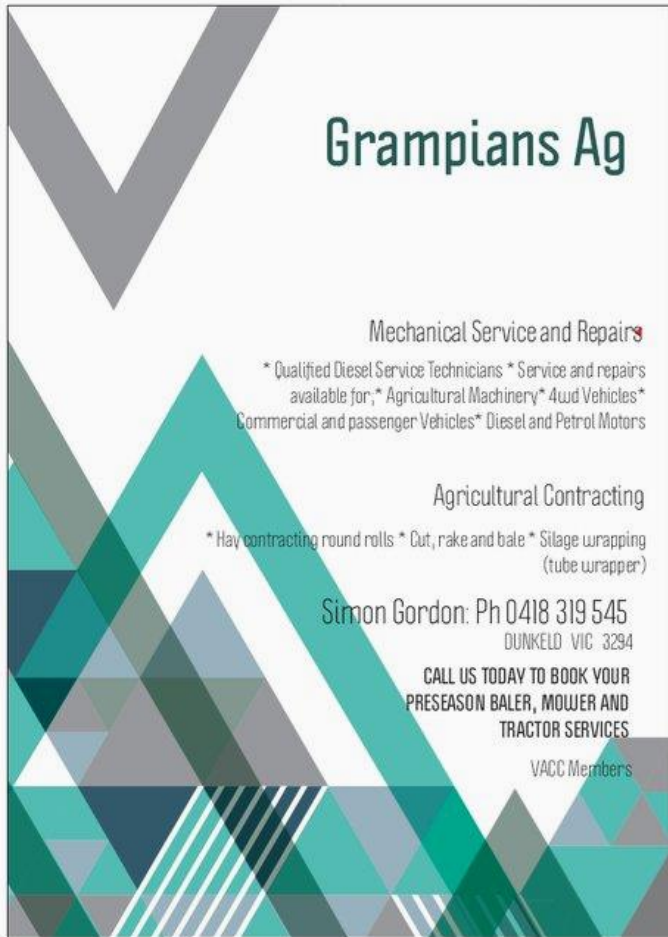
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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

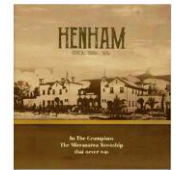
Henham Guest Speaker Night

A capacity crowd attended the Museum on Thursday 20 May to hear about the 'town that never was' in the Victoria Valley. Many thanks to **Donald McArthur** and **Rex Beveridge** for sharing their knowledge and wit during the presentation.



Booklet for Sale

Our publication on this fascinating subject is available for purchase from the Dunkeld General Store and the Museum (when it reopens after lockdown) for \$25.00.



Helena Flinn

On behalf of Museum members, the Executive extends sincere condolences to the Flinn family. Helena was a life member of the Dunkeld Museum and contributed significantly in a variety of ways to the functioning of the Museum over a long period of time.

New Cabinet

Work is well underway on our new display cabinet. We're looking forward to utilising the additional exhibit capacity.

Memberships and Annual General Meeting

Annual Museum memberships are now due. \$15.00 per year gives unlimited admission to the Museum as well as eligibility to be elected to the Committee. Our AGM will be held in July, when the election of a new Committee will take place. If you are interested in joining the team, come and have a chat or contact us by email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com

The Museum is open Thursdays and Sundays 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Visit our website: www.dunkeldmuseum.org.au Follow and like us on Facebook!



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Sterling Place is closed, due to lockdown for what we hope will be just one week. The Comedy Roadshow was sold out and it was a great disappointment to have to cancel. All ticket holders have been contacted and they will know that it's a

postponement rather than a cancellation. The Comedy Roadshow will be rescheduled and arrive in Dunkeld at a later date, hopefully in late July.

May has been a busy month for Sterling Place. We have hosted a wedding, a funeral, a range of workshops, numerous community meetings, flu and COVID vaccination clinics. Hopefully, things will be back on track again soon.

Our wonderful team of volunteers have, once again chipped in and given their time to help out. 17 – 23 May was National Volunteer Week, and I'll take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who assist us with the running of the facility. We could not do it without you! If there is anyone who has some time to spare on an occasional basis and who would like to be added to the volunteers list, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

In the last newsletter update, I put out a call for interest in learning Auslan. We have had some takers and we'll explore options and get back to you. It's not too late to put your hand up, if there is any other interest, let me know.

We have recently changed our email and webpage server. This has created some temporary issues and some emails will have gone astray. If I have not responded to any emails please give me a call, they would have got lost somewhere in the system. Apologies for any inconvenience. Hopefully things will be up and running very soon.

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Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal ...

There never seems to be a 'quiet' week in Education these days, which makes for very busy times for school staff. However it tells me that our student's lives are rich with opportunities to extend themselves in the classroom and beyond. We may live in a small, country town, but our children certainly don't miss out. I thank our staff, who work tirelessly to provide our students these opportunities.

Education Week – Building Connections

This week is Education Week. The theme for Victoria this year is 'Building Connections'. Dunkeld Consolidated School took the opportunity to build connections with our local community by inviting local members in to tell our students their 'local story', which was wonderful for our students to hear and be able to make those connections with the wider community.

I thank Sally Gray, Jenny Crawford, Heather Macgugan, Iris Field, Russell Mitchell, Rob Smith, Lachie Field, John Smith, Doug Fleming and Heather Funk for giving their time in sharing their personal stories with our students and staff. To say students were engaged is an understatement. The conversations and questions raised from the presentations were fantastic to listen to. How lucky we are to have these wonderful people in our community. Thank you!

Tutor Learning Initiative

Hannah Black has been doing a wonderful job leading our Tutor Learning program. Hannah works with students in one-to-one and small group settings across year levels 2 to 6. She focuses on their specific areas of need and we are certainly seeing growth. Well done to Hannah and students!

District and Division Athletics and Cross Country

It has been a busy month of Division Athletics, followed by our own Cross Country, then District and Division levels. Our students always perform well at these events and should be congratulated on their athleticism and sportsmanship. Thank you to Jackie McShane for her coordination of these events. It is a huge task on top of her teaching load and I appreciate the effort she puts in to affording our students these wonderful opportunities. Thank you also to all staff and parents who support our students and have attended events off site also.

Thank you, Dee-Anne Gerring

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students for their recent achievements:

27 May 2021

Academic Honour: Mia Russell – Year 6, Ben Peters – Year 5, Annie Jackson – Year 2, George Phillips – Year 1.

School Values Honour: Claudia Cochran – Year 6, Lachie Gordon – Year 4, Edward Alderman – Year 3, Sailor Grimmer – Prep.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

'Do it for Dolly' Day

The amount raised for this worthy event was \$132.20. The Year 2/3 class conducted the following activity for 'Do It For Dolly' Day. We listened to a story called 'Have You Been a Bucket Filler Today?' (YouTube). We discovered that everyone carries an invisible bucket that is filled with happiness and kindness. Being kind towards someone else fills their bucket as well as your own. This is being a 'bucket

filler'. Being mean towards others is called being a 'bucket dipper'. People with nothing in their buckets are sad and lonely. We created our own invisible buckets and filled them with kindness (nice messages). They are on display in the classroom for more kindness to be added over the next few days. By Mrs Anne Gilbert

Prep and Year 1 – Spreading Kindness

The Prep and Year 1 class thought about ways to spread kindness at school.

- Smile.
- Let someone in the line ahead of you.
- Ask someone new to play at recess.
- Clean up even if you did not make the mess.
- Help someone.
- Thank someone for helping you.
- Ask if someone would like a turn.
- Say thank you.
- Let someone know they have done a good job.
- Play with lots of people.
- Share the places on the mat.
- Don't just choose your friends to ask questions during 'Show and Tell'.
- Sit with a new person on the mat.



We made headbands and selected one to write and then we decorated them.

EDUCATION WEEK 2021 – “BUILDING CONNECTIONS”

This week our school celebrated Education Week - *Building Connections*. Our guest speakers were Sally Gray, Jenny Crawford, Heather Macgugan, Iris Field, Russell Mitchell, Rob Smith, John Smith, Lachie Field, Doug Fleming and Heather Funk. We thank the guest speakers for their time and wonderful information. All students were captivated and asked very interesting questions.



Year 4 and Year 5



For Education Week we had two special visitors being Mr Rob Smith and Mr Russell Mitchell who talked to us about their lives and their education at school. It was all so interesting and we had a lot of fun asking questions. Mr Smith talked about what he did as a teacher and his life at school. Like what year he started teaching which was 1976 - 2016. He also talked about what he had to do at school like that they he had to sit on a mat that they had to make themselves and take to school every day. Mr Russell Mitchell also had some very interesting stories to share. His grandpa won a trophy in 1911 and it has been passed down through the generations. Russell is the fifth generation of the Mitchell family to be farming in the district. He also brought in a workbook from Scotland that belonged to David Mitchell and it is 200 years old. The writing in it was done with a quill that was dipped into ink. We had an amazing time. *By Clementine Blackwell*

This week is Education Week. Our school had some guest speakers come and talk about their lives. Mr Rob Smith and Mr Russell Mitchell came and spoke to the Year 4/5 class. Mr Rob Smith was a teacher



and taught for 40 years but has been involved in education for 56 years including when he started in Prep to when he stopped teaching. He started teaching in 1976 and retired in 2016. He taught at many schools and taught all of the year levels in Primary School. Some of the schools he taught at were Dunkeld Consolidated School, Ardeer, Minhamite Primary School and Glenthompson Primary School. He also wanted to be an engineer but didn't get paid so he decided to do teacher training because you got paid \$900.00 per year. Mr Russell Mitchell is a fifth generation farmer. He brought in a 200 year old book that came all the way from Scotland that his great, great, great grandfather, David Mitchell, used for learning at school. He also brought in a trophy (cup) that his grandfather won for being a really fast runner at Glenthompson Primary School. The book and trophy were very cool and interesting to look at.

Thank you to those who came in to speak to our class. We hope you can come next year! *By Indi Mibus*

SPORT

SGSSA Division Cross Country

On Friday 14 May, twenty-five Dunkeld Consolidated School students went to Tarrington to compete in the SGSSA Division Cross Country. The day was drizzly and overcast. Here are some descriptive sentence from some of the runners:

Phoebe Ross: As my heart raced at the starting line ... the clapper goes off, my heart drums in my ears.

Darcy Potter: Struggling forward, eager and determined, my blood pumping like crazy.

Sebastian Aarons: Lungs screaming, my throat dry, longing to stop but pushing on.

Zander Mibus: The day wasn't great the hills were slippery and muddy.

Great job to everyone who competed and well done to Jack Oldfield Mann, Hugh Prentice, Elodie Cochran, Indi Mibus and Edward Alderman for winning Age Champions and best of all coming home with the shield.

By Zander Mibus and Sebastian Aarons

Division Cross Country Finals - Monday 24 May 2021

The following students were nominated for this event.

12/13 year Boys: Hugh Prentice, Zander Mibus

12/13 year Girls: Edie Jackson

11 year Boys: Darcy Potter

11 year Girls: Indi Mibus, Charlotte Alderman

10 year Boys: Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachie Gordon, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice

9 year Boys: Edward Alderman, Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood

We were very proud of our 9 year-old boys who were unfortunately withdrawn from the event. Can't wait to see how they run as 10 year-olds next year.



The following students have qualified for the Greater Western Region Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday 31 May:

12/13 year old Boys 3000 metres -

Hugh Prentice

10 Year old Boys 2000 metres

- Jack Oldfield Mann

Good luck, boys.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM



Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

National Volunteer Week

We appreciate you!

- We really appreciate you coming in, using your time that you could be using for something else. *Isabella Jury*
- Thank you for all your help over the years, you have really helped us grow. *Sebastian Aarons*
- You really have raised our hopes with doing more things in our community. *Darcy Potter*
- Thank you for spending your time helping us to be smarter in the kitchen and garden. *Zander Mibus*
- The Friends of the Kitchen and Garden at our school rock! *Mitchell Gordon*
- Thank you for coming in every week and making our food delicious. *Oscar Fanning*
- Thank you for building up our confidence with all the things we learn in the kitchen. *Charlotte Alderman*
- I love being in the kitchen with all our Friends teaching me how to cook. *Lachie Oldfield Mann*
- The Friends make cooking fun! *Ben Peters*
- Cooking rocks with all our Friends! *Cadence Huf*
- Thanks for coming to our school to do Kitchen and Garden each Friday. *Lachie Gordon*
- Thank you for helping us cook and helping us learn how to garden properly. *Clementine Blackwell*
- Thank you for giving up some of your time to help us make food and work in the garden. *Millie McShane*
- Thank you for coming and giving your time in the Garden and Kitchen. *Edie Jackson*



Kitchen Reports

On Friday 14 May, some of our students went to Tarrington to compete in the Cross Country so Groups A and B both cooked in the kitchen. This week there was Spaghetti Squash with Meatballs, Leek and Potato Soup, Spring Rolls and Apple Pizza. It was a scrumptious meal with colours all over the plate. The Spaghetti Squash was grown by Bev Hampton and then cooked in the oven. When it came out, a fork was run through the middle and this turned it into something that looked like spaghetti. Lots of people loved it and would like to eat it again.

By Isabella Jury

On Friday 21 May friends came in to help make a delicious meal for all of us to enjoy. We made scrumptious Silver Beet Feta and Leek Slice, Silver Beet Coleslaw with Sticky Chicken, Salad of the Imagination, and Quadruplet Quesadilla. We gave the SAKG Friends a certificate, a card and a small present because it was National Volunteer Week. Thank you to the donations from Bev Hampton and the Grampians Foods Co. We really appreciate the Friends coming each week to enjoy lunch with us. We all wanted more of this scrumptious meal. *By Isabella Jury and Oscar Fanning*

Garden Reports

On Friday 14 May, 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*

Last Friday 21 May, Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 students and the Kung Fu Carrots (Group B) were lucky to have a beautiful

day in the garden. On Friday Prep/Year 1 were hunting for plants in the garden; they had clues for the certain plants that they had to find. The Year 2 and 3 students were busy learning about photosynthesis plus they planted onions, cabbage, lettuce and beetroot. Group B were collecting flowers to thank the staff, we were also pruning trees and planting onions, spring onions and flowers. Overall everyone had a blast digging up a storm in the garden. *By Max Graham and Jake Linskens*

**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 support!

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From the Lions Den

Lions and Prostrate Cancer Research (a Lions Project)

"To aid my fellow man by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy", this is part of the Lions Code of Ethics.



In Australia today, nine men will die from prostate cancer but even more heartbreaking is that one in every six men is predicted to develop prostate cancer in their lifetime.

Research is the greatest tool we have in the fight against cancer so a big percentage of the Australian Lions now support financially the research being conducted at the Mater Hospital in Queensland. The team is being led by Associate Professor Kritsten Radford and they are hopeful of starting clinical trials soon.

Every Woman's Dream

Her ideal man takes her in his arms, throws her on the bed ... and cleans the whole house while she sleeps.

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal (\$40.00 per person) for 2021 is now due. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.



Annual General Meeting - Postponed: Please note that due to the COVID19 Circuit Breaker restrictions, the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Sunday 6 June 2021 has been postponed. New date to be advised.

Boer War Day: Boer War Day was established in 2010 to generate public interest in Australia's first war. Boer War Day commemorates the first war in which Australia fought as a nation. In 1899 New South Wales Lancers were the first to join in this war followed by all of the other colonies and after Federation in 1901 Australian units. The Boer War was also the first war in which Australians fought alongside New Zealanders. 31 May is the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging that ended the South African War in 1902. Boer War Day itself is held on the Sunday before 31 May to enable working people to attend. Throughout Australia there are many memorials erected during and soon after the Boer War. Boer War Day is marked where there are Boer War memorials or where there are groups of descendants and friends.¹ https://www.bwm.org.au/boer_war_day.php

Men from the 2nd South Australian (Mounted Rifles) Contingent, who fought in the Boer War. Third from left is Trooper Harry "The Breaker" Morant. South Africa, c1900 <https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/atwar/boer>



Our Wonderful World

By Marion Colton

I set out just after noon for the Piccaninny. The sun is shining, the blue sky smeared with white clouds. I cut across the paddock to the River Wannon, step over a fallen barbed wire fence and sit on a pale limb of a River Red Gum, *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, to consume half of my sandwich. This tree is amazing. Its visible, dark brown roots are anchored in the high bank opposite and its huge trunk, blackened with water and weathering, lies across the river forming a bridge between the green, algae covered water. It beckons the adventurous but I don't respond. This must have been a deep billabong in the river at some stage for, from a hefty branch before me hang the remains of a grey rope, now short and frayed and covered with lichens. Did you know lichens have a history of millions of years?! As do the algae ... I wonder who used to have fun here, swinging from the rope and plunging into the deep waters, so refreshing during the hot summers?

The limb I am sitting on curves over the bank to a neighbouring River Red Gum. The sun warms my back as I eat and gaze at the huge curve in the river before me, where its waters once carved into a high semi-circular bank. Imitating the curve are the serpentine large limbs of other majestic River Red Gums, which also send branches far up into the atmosphere. Curious, I roughly compared the length of the trunk before division with the height of the tallest branch. The branch was at least three times its height forming a gracious canopy of leaves with its sibling branches. Below, its huge shadows cut across the sunny, green, life-giving algae to the far bank.

After crossing the old bridge, I headed up Victoria Valley Road to the semi-circular lay-by near the start of the track. But, as yet, I didn't proceed further, for, just before me, in a large and fairly deep puddle, were a pair of Crimson Rosellas drinking and performing their ablutions. They were having such fun, it was a pity to disturb them. When finished, they flashed blue and red, up to a nearby *Callitris rhomboidea*.

I continued on my way. The growth of vegetation on the lower slopes was remarkable; bracken, heaths, grass-trees, smoke-bushes; all glistening with light. The red tubular flowers of Flame Heath, *Astroloma conostephioides*, and the white and pink tubular flowers of *Epacris impressa*, could be seen intermittently dotted amongst the trees and rocks. I stopped to watch a White Throated Tree Creeper spiralling around the trunk of a Brown Stringybark, busily pecking at the tasty morsels it found. Meanwhile two very small Honeyeater-like birds discovered the flowers of the Flame Heath on the edge of the track.

I diverge to some boulders off the track, all shapes and sizes of a variety of greys patterned with white and dark lichens. It resembled a huge natural rockery with arching limbs of *Eucalyptus baxteri*, clumps of the lovely *Lepidosperma filiforme*, various heath and pea species, exquisite grass-trees and in the background a huge ochre-coloured termite mound. From a flat rock, I write and sip tea and consume the other half of my sandwich. Through the trees beyond the track the newly greening plains stretch out to the Victoria Ranges.

The termites must have liked the milder summer, for new mounds are in the making everywhere. One near the track shows the scratches of an echidna, half-heartedly searching for their contents. What amazing strength and endurance these tiny termites have, who rarely see the light of day! I believe the early settlers used to utilise their mounds, which are so impervious in all sorts of weather, to seal the dirt floors of their homes.

I pass several lovely clumps of the Slender Twist Rush, *Caustis restiacea*, on this middle part of the ascent. Its stems are very slender. They branch and wave in bright green. Sometimes the clumps are quite large and usually situated at the base of boulders. Their stems look segmented with broad bands of reddish-brown, but, on closer inspection, these are the sheaths from which the auxiliary stems emerge. Sometimes a tiny, pale-green, almost translucent, fruit or seed appears at the apex.

A different species of Hakea appears now. It is usually squat and at the moment bears fruit. These are grey and bulbous with pointed 'tails' that curve backward into its hollowed 'stomach', reminding me of a foetus. These shrubs continue quite prolifically to the summit and are a glorious sight when flowering later on. They are known as Beaked Hakea, *Hakea rostrata*. I notice a couple of cocoons on some bushes; a small mass of white threads with little twigs projecting ... maybe the home of a species of spider, or a variety of Case Moth.



As I approach the summit, an exquisite, brown, black and yellow butterfly flutters before me onto a sunny flat boulder. This species always delights me and seems to only frequent places of altitude. It may be the Golden Sun Moth.

Here now, nestled amongst the rocks and skirting the track, a tiny heath species has many clusters of minute white flowers. It is probably one of the Beard Heaths, maybe *Leucopogon thymifolius*, Thyme Beard Heath, or maybe *Brachyloma ciliatum*, Fringed Heath, which grows to about twelve centimetres. Maybe one of you can enlighten me.

As I sit on the rocky summit a tiny Thornbill alights on the limb of a Port Jackson Pine in front of me. They are so nimble and continually on the move. The sun is slowly sinking in the west and a chill is entering the air. I must descend and wend my way homewards.

Garden Notes – June

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



If you have any vacant vegetable beds you can now sow a green manure crop of lupins, peas or other grains or legumes. These can be turned into your soil during the spring and will greatly benefit your garden by the addition of humus and nitrogen.

Rose pruning is one of the main winter gardening jobs and can be done at any time from mid-June to mid-August. The main reasons are to remove old, dead or diseased wood, to shorten back newer growth to produce flowering shoots (flowers are produced on new growth) and to keep your plants to a manageable size and shape. A pruning saw (not a carpenter's saw) and a pair of thick gloves are useful as are a pair of clean, sharp secateurs. For bush roses, the starting point is to completely remove all dead, yellowing and diseased wood also thin and weak stems and those which rub against each other or are too crowded. Select the newest and strongest stems, shorten these back by approximately one third of their length, cutting just above a bud pointing in the direction in which you want the stems to grow.

Florabunda (cluster flowering) roses are usually cut back harder than bush roses, shortening the stems by about half of their length. Standard roses are pruned in the same way as bush roses but cut each stem to an outward pointing bud

to avoid too much centre growth and retain a neat shape. Climbing roses require different treatment, some growers give them a light trim in winter and their main pruning after flowering in spring, removing old, dead and weak canes and shortening remaining ones. Miniature and ground cover roses can simply be cut back approximately half way using either hand or powered hedge clippers. After pruning, any cuts larger than about two to three centimetres (one inch) diameter should be sealed with a pruning pint to prevent entry of insects or disease spores. To prevent the spread of diseases, all prunings should be gathered up and burnt or carted to the rubbish tip and your tools carefully cleaned after each pruning session.

Happy gardening!
Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

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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.

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Draft Budget for 2021-22 Released

Southern Grampians Shire Council has released its Draft 2021-22 Budget, Revenue and Rating Strategy and Pricing Register and are now seeking public feedback.



The Budget is a rolling four-year-plan that outlines the financial and non-financial resources that Council requires to achieve the strategic objectives described in the Council Plan.

While last year's Budget was designed to respond to the devastating impact of COVID19, this year's budget reflects a renewed focus and commitment to growth, renewal, and the deliver of projects and services.

The draft budget is now available for public comment, to be adopted by Council on 23 June 2021.

In 2017, Council developed an aspirational yet deliverable Council Plan (2017-21), following extensive consultations with the community. Over the past four years, Council has worked to turn these plans and aspirations into reality and this 2021-22 Budget finalises much of that work.

The key initiatives outlined in \$67.403m 2021-22 budget include:

- Deliver the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy as adopted by Council including landfill, transfer stations and collection initiatives;
- Complete detailed design and commence construction of Melville Oval Stage 2 CBD project;
- Continue the next steps in the feasibility of a new Hamilton Gallery;
- Continue the delivery of priority improvements of recreation and leisure facilities in response to the findings of the Recreation and Leisure Strategy;
- Develop revised Advocacy and Partnership Priorities and an implementation approach, generally in accordance with feedback collected through community visioning work;
- Implement an investment attraction program that focuses on the key industries of agriculture, manufacturing, retail, tourism and the digital economy;
- Invest in the appropriate systems, processes and training to support an environment which delivers a seamless customer experience; and
- Create the capacity to leverage and deliver Federal and State Government stimulus initiatives.

A Capital Works program of over \$22 million sees a major investment in roads, bridges, footpaths and associated infrastructure works. Highlights of the Capital Works program for the 2021-22 year include:

- Continued significant investment into local roads, bridges and other Council owned infrastructure;
- Deliver on the CBD revitalisation plan by completing the endorsed Cox Street redevelopment;
- Deliver the approved major upgrades at Pedrina Park Sporting Facility; and
- Implement works associated with Council Buildings Asset Management Strategy.

For the 2021-22 year, the State Government, under the fair go rates system, has set the rate cap of 1.5%. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of Council's average rates and charges.

The draft Budget for 2021-22 therefore proposes income raised by all rates and municipal charges will be increased by 1.5% or \$0.286 million over total 2021-22 revenue to \$19.486 million.

The municipal charge will increase from \$203 to \$206. Service charges will not increase this year.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said the 2021-22 budget had been developed with community recovery in mind and encouraged the community to provide feedback.

"This first budget of the current Council, elected last October has been developed to ensure our financial position remains sustainable while supporting the community through a range of initiatives and projects, following a difficult twelve months.

"We understand that our community has high expectations of us and what we deliver for their rate dollar so it is important that we continue to identify efficiencies and review all activities against community identified priorities", Cr Colliton said.

Any person proposing to make a submission to the Draft 2021-22 Budget, Revenue and Rating Strategy or Pricing Register must do so in writing before 12.00pm on 7 June 2021. Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Southern Grampians Shire Council,

Locked Bag 685, Hamilton 3300 or council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au Persons making submissions are requested to indicate whether they wish to be heard in support of their submission and whether they will attend in person and/or be represented by some other person. Submissions will be heard by Councillors on 9 June and all COVID restrictions will be adhered to for this process. Adoption of the Draft 2021-22 Budget, Revenue and Rating Strategy and Pricing Register will be considered on Wednesday 23 June 2021, taking into account any public submissions which have been received.

The documents can be viewed online at Council's website: www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au Alternatively, a copy can be emailed or printed and posted if required by calling customer service on 5573 0444.

Any person requiring further information concerning the budget or the making of a written submission is invited to contact Council's Manager Finance, Belinda Johnson on 5573 0402.