

Duntroon Digest February 2025

February and we are still waiting for Summer to arrive. Incredibly, despite the less than balmy weather the Duntroon Camping ground has been very busy. The number of campers for January has exceeded those from the previous year. Infact some campers have arrived for one night and decided to stay on for a couple of nights once they realize the attractions within a short drive.

It is from the campers that one learns what people really think of the area too. The entries in the guest book are fulsome in their praise of the camp and Duntroon. Both the Duntroon Hotel and the Flying Pig Cafe get positive revues and the Share Shed is a pleasant surprise to travelers running low on provisions.

The Share Shed was the initiative of Jan Keeling and Jan keeps the shed supplied with produce from her own garden and the community garden, a project she also initiated. Other people donate what they can spare and it all contributes to a town asset.

Even the public toilets are getting rave revues. The vases of flowers placed in the toilets by the cleaners Daniel and Katrina Moffat are delighting the users.

The Vanished World Heritage Centre has also recorded a steady flow of visitors comparable with the previous year. Despite the economic downturn, the Vanished World has had 900 visitors for January, including three groups. The team at Vanished World comprises of Sarah White (manager) and Gillian Gee, both local residents, and they are supported by the wonderful volunteers, namely: Mary Korver, Christine Hall, Faye Ormandy, Judy Simpson, John Hore, Brian Robinson, Alison Simpson and Anne Phillips-Vira.

On the 10th of February the Duntroon and District Development Association meet for the first time this year. The first activity will be a working bee at the Duntroon Wetlands on the 15th of February.

Our working bees are always a great time to catch up with the locals as they join us for a morning of labour, interspersed with conversation and concluded with a coffee at the Flying Pig.

Work and toil are the elements that go into producing the Dansey's Pass Trail Ride. Since 1999 this event has been organized by many dedicated locals to raise money for the Duntroon School. It is estimated that approximately 22,000 bikers have enjoyed the thrill of traversing terrain that has been made available by generous land owners. This year the event takes place on the 22nd of March. Registration is available now and full details are on the ride website <https://www.danseyspasstrailride.org> . Happy trails.

