



The DUNTROON DIGGER

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Duntroon Digger – Looking to the future.

The DDDA is considering some changes to the publication of the Duntroon Digger.

- The call for a new editor has had no response.
[If you are interested in this role, please phone Mike 0211597904 for a chat.](#)
- The most likely option, currently being considered is to **include key Duntroon content in the Kurow Bugle's first edition each month.**
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Next DDDA Committee Meeting is 7 pm at Vanished World Centre
On either Monday May 13th or Wednesday 15th.

Report from Duntroon Wetland working-bee held on Saturday 27th, April.
Working bee resulted in more weeding/plant releasing on bank at Southern end down from the Gaol. More plant releasing at Foot loop around picnic table all done by Karan ,Owen, Mel Jones and Gill from Dunedin.

Daniel did a huge weed eat from Northwest corner through to Harris Street entrance.

Lloyd Grafton and Geoff Keeling had been down earlier in the week and the walking track looked like a bowling green. And. thanks too to the local fellow who picks up the cabbage tree leaves as he takes his constitutional.

Volunteers finished up with a coffee and 'sweet treat ' compliments from DDDA.

Thank you all.

Our volunteers get around.

Spotted at McLeans Island giving a demonstration working the forge at Steam Scene on the 13th of April was none other than Judy Waterston! The previous month Judy was at Waimate Bushtown Steam Up. That's dedication for you.



Photo taken at Steam Scene, McLean's Island, Canterbury.

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April is the month in which we pay tribute to those men and woman who have served this country in war. The ANZAC banners are flying on Campbell Street, and plans are being made for ANZAC day. A special act of tribute would have gone unheralded except for a chance encounter at Saint Martin's Church the other day. It transpired that Anne Phillip, who grew up in Duntroon, was cleaning in the church when I visited, and I noticed two pictures on either side of the stained-glass window on the north wall. The very window that was dedicated to Thomas Alexander McLean and Douglas Peterson. Anne had gone to the trouble of researching these soldiers and had put the information and photos in frames, thus highlighting their sacrifice. As a child Anne used to sit in Saint Magnus Church and look though the very same window. Then when Saint Magnus Anglican Church was closed on the 25th of April 2010 the window was donated to Saint Martin's Church where it has become a feature of the church.



Anne Phillips attending to one of the framed profiles of local soldiers killed in World War. *Photo: Karan Lawrence*



On the 13th of March the Duntroon and District Development Association committee held their monthly meeting at the Vanished World Centre. It proved to be a special meeting because Mike Gray gave formal notice of his intention to resign at the next AGM and the March meeting would be his last.

Mike has been on the committee since its inception back in circa 2002. Space precludes a complete resume of Mike's accomplishments and contribution to the DDDA and Duntroon in general. Suffice it to report that he was awarded a Waitaki Citizens Award in 2016. As well as being the current treasurer, Mike was also the editor of the Duntroon Digger, so both roles require filling. While Mike's organizational skills will be greatly missed, he has set an example to follow.

Photo Mike Gray a man of action whose contribution to the DDDA is inestimable.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, according to the old saying. Perhaps this is true. The fire that erupted beside the Duntroon Garage back in February has created an opportunity for the community to landscape the area in a way that allows visitors to enjoy the view of the Duntroon wetlands. Now that there is light streaming through the trees, this area is being used much more by visitors.

