

Duntroon Digest May 2026

The days are getting shorter and the tourist numbers are dropping, yet there is still a lot of activity in the township.

The volunteers at Nicol's Forge have been busy sharing their knowledge both at the forge and beyond. The town is very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals giving of their time and experience. Among those learning about the trade is a couple of young people hammering away on the anvil creating things out of metal. This bodes well for the future.

Friday the 1st of May was the last day for Thai meals at the Duntroon Hotel for the season. The quality of Phat Martin's Thai cooking has become legend, and many local patrons booked a place so they could enjoy one last feast for a while. Being the modest soul that Phat is, it took her husband Colin to coax her out to the dining room so the diners could give her a much-deserved round of applause.

This Winter the Hotel will remain open on Thursday and Friday from 3.30pm - 9pm, and Saturday 11.30am - 9pm and Sunday 12pm – 7pm. Regular dining will be available.

Coffee aficionados had a moment of panic when the Flying Pig Cafe announced that it will be closing on the 27th of May for a break this winter. Not to panic, The Buzz, the cafe's mobile coffee van, will be operating beside the cafe from Monday to Friday from 8am till 3pm, phew!!

The Duntroon School Trapping Club is still on the case. Last week the students were collecting traps and preparing them to be put out again. It is hoped that the traps will be placed in other locations around Duntroon.

First, the students need to map the proposed area and calculate the mass of the area. Then, put out tracking pads to find out which pests are about, then the traps will be employed. All this information is documented and uploaded to the TrapNZ app.

The Autumn colours inspired members of the Duntroon Photography Group to visit the Otematata Wetlands in April. The colours were outstanding. The next trip will be over Meyers Pass on the 14th of May. Check out some glorious images from the members on their Facebook page, [Duntroon Photography Group](#). Newcomers are welcome to join the group. Contact Richard White at richjanwhite3@gmail.com

