

Debbie's Story - Dunkeld



I live in the small rural town of Dunkeld based at the Southern end of the Grampians. (280kms west of Melbourne).

Several years ago a group of girlfriends and I decided to meet weekly for an exercise session. Our sessions varied greatly but always consisted of walking. For a challenge we set ourselves the goal of competing in the Run4 Kids in Melbourne raising funds for the Royal Children's Hospital. Since then some of us have walked in many events including a marathon!!

Living in Dunkeld means I can walk safely just about anywhere and at anytime. I especially enjoy the chilly early morning walks with the fog on the mountains lifting and the sun peeking through the mountain ranges. My walks are very peaceful, disturbed only by warbling magpies, curious cattle and sometimes a startled kangaroo as I walk past.



My walks around Dunkeld can be as varied or as challenging as I decide. I can walk through the Dunkeld Arboretum watching the water birds, or I can walk the streets with many dogs coming out to greet me. Within only several kms I can be walking the flat roads through farmlands or I can be climbing one of our beautiful mountains.



Our next big goal is the Serra Terror – Dunkeld Adventure Hike. 80 kms walking / hiking through the Grampians. The event is organized by a small committee of very hard workers all with the aim of fundraising for a new community centre for our town of Dunkeld.

The Serra Terror hike takes place on the long weekend in June this year. Teams of four members will all walk together for 80km. They have 2 ½ days to complete the hike.

Dunkeld is a beautiful place to walk and I am very happy to share it with you. Come and visit Dunkeld, walk up our mountains or why not take up the challenge of the Dunkeld Adventure hike; for more information www.dunkeldadventure.com

