

On Track

Denness of Dunesk

Just 2km south of the NSW Riverina town of Ardlethan, on the eastern side of the Newell Highway sits the home of PIM, known fondly as New Dunesk: a place to Inspire, Equip and Send people out for Gospel work in remote and inland Australia.

If the name of this property sounds familiar to you, that's because it holds great historical significance for PIM, having been named after the Smith of Dunesk mission, the first patrol of AIM, that was founded in Beltana, SA in 1894.

Today, this 'New' Dunesk is also the home of Paul and Janae Denness and their family of four children. The Denness family, who moved to the property in mid 2021, are the heart (and muscles) behind New Dunesk that has seen significant development over the past year.



Conversion of the old piggery shed into a conference centre is almost complete, with plans now in place to instate the generously donated O'Brien library. The camp kitchen has been constructed with barbeques, sinks, cooktop, fridge and plenty of bench space for cooking alongside your fellow camper. Water and electricity facilities have also been installed, allowing travellers to pull their camper trailer, caravan or swag up to a powered site.

In addition to the development works, Paul and Janae are the friendly hosts for events held at the property. Over 2022, we have seen a variety of travellers arrive at New Dunesk to attend the Country Elders Preaching Workshop, Nomads' Network, Free Camp Weeks, and the Camper Trailer Muster. Most recently, Paul and Janae hosted a church camp in October for the combined congregations of Leeton and Griffith Presbyterian Churches.

If you would like to keep up to date on the work of Paul and Janae Denness at New Dunesk please visit pim.org.au/new-dunesk, and register your details to receive regular prayer, development and program updates in your email inbox. If you would like to financially contribute to the future development of New Dunesk and the running of it's various programs, please consider donating via pim.org.au/give/donate.

Patrol Vehicle Appeal

Every year, our Patrol Teams travel thousands of kilometres, regularly meeting rough and broken roads, and covering large distances between towns and fuel sources. This means their vehicles face a life of wear and tear more severe than the average motorist.

Because of this, each Patrol Team is equipped with a special issue four-wheel-drive vehicle, fitted with safety equipment, all-terrain tyres, winch and a UHF radio to help teams arrive at their travel destinations safely. These custom built vehicles can cost upwards of \$55,000, plus ongoing yearly costs for operation and maintenance. Whilst this may seem like an extravagant price tag, it is a necessary expense for the work and service of our Patrol Teams, enabling them to safely travel out, or return home, from their remote Gospel ministry.

The average age and odometer readings of PIM's four-wheel-drive fleet is not where PIM would like it to be. Alvin and Narelle Chai in Mount Magnet, WA currently drive a vehicle with an odometer reading of 600,000km, while the 6 year old vehicle that Kim Jaeger in Tasmania uses on his patrols is sitting at 350,000km.



PIM is seeking to purchase new vehicles for both of these patrol teams, as well as a third vehicle for Noah and Nerroli Vasiliades who will be starting on the Snowy Mountains Patrol in January 2023.

We need your financial support to make these purchases happen. If you would like to donate to the cost of these three new PIM vehicles, please visit pim.org.au/give/patrol-vehicle-appeal. Alternatively, contact Hugh to make an offline donation, by emailing ceo@pim.org.au.

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New Dunesk Gap Year

In previous years, the New Dunesk Gap Year cost participants \$12,000. Under a newly overhauled structure, PIM are thrilled to announce that New Dunesk Gappies are now able to participate in either the six or 12 month program with no up-front cost.

Instead, Gappies will contribute through labour at New Dunesk and participation in local church activities. In return, PIM will provide on-site accommodation and meals, training course participation in relevant rural skills and activities, and travel expenses for agricultural industry field placement.

The New Dunesk Gap Year also includes enrollment in six subjects in the Academic Studies in Theological Certificate (ASTC) provided by Timothy Partnership.

Registration and participation in the ASTC program enables Gappies to apply for Austudy or Youth Allowance. Six-month participants will complete three subjects in the ASTC.

If you are interested in the New Dunesk Gap Year, or you know someone aged 18 to 25 who is, please visit pim.org.au/gap-year for more information. To apply, email gapyear@pim.org.au.



Supporting the Vasiliades

On the 18th of October, Drouin Presbyterian Church held a congregational event for Noah and Nerroli Vasiliades.

As the home church of the Vasiliades, this was a great opportunity for the Drouin Presbyterian Church family to hear about the plans for the Snowy Mountains Patrol, and how to prayerfully and financially support the Vasiliades as they begin in 2023.

PIM would like to extend a thank you to Drouin Presbyterian Church for organising this event for the Vasiliades.

Noah & Nerroli will be commissioned for their work with PIM at Drouin Presbyterian Church on Sunday the 18th of December. All family, friends and supporters are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Hugh by emailing ceo@pim.org.au.

Camper Trailer Muster

PIM's first Camper Trailer Muster was held at New Dunesk at the beginning of October, attracting new and returning visitors from across Victoria and New South Wales.

Attendees enjoyed a shared interest in the great outdoors, as well as seeing first-hand the development of New Dunesk and discussing the focus priorities of PIM.

The weekend involved many walks around New Dunesk, shared meals and campfires, and worshipping our Saviour on Sunday morning with a message from Rom 10:10 *"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."*



PIM Staff Conference

During the first week of November, Patrol Teams from across Australia came together for the 2022 PIM staff conference, held at New Dunesk.

It was a time of meeting one another in person, spending time sharing experiences and encouraging one another around God's word. The teams were able to read the Bible and pray for one another and the individuals whose lives are being impacted by the Gospel in each of the Patrol areas.

Attendees were also fortunate enough to receive discipleship training from David Burke, Ministry & Practice Lecturer at Christ College in Sydney.

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CEO's corner

From Hugh to you

I offer you greetings from the Patrol Teams and workers of PIM and blessings to all in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

PIM, despite the changes in leadership mid 2022, remains focused on the tasks of evangelism and discipling within the rural and remote parts of Australia: a purpose truly *worth driving for* (Romans 10:11-15). The partnership and donation support of individuals, congregations, mission committees, Presbyterian Women's Associations and various other Christian organisations and businesses is critical to this work. Your financial partnership through these areas is our only means of funding, and as such we are so grateful for your support.

In my short time in the role of CEO of PIM, my focus has been to support and resource our six current Patrol Teams and prepare the way for the commencement of our seventh Patrol Team, Noah and Nerroli Vasiliades in the Snowy Mountains and Gippsland area, commencing January 2023. I have had the pleasure of being hosted by churches across Victoria and NSW, presenting updates on the work of PIM Patrols and the development of New Dunesk as the home and training base of PIM. I have also been generously granted time to address the Assemblies of NSW, QLD, VIC and WA, plus the Presbytery of Southern Rivers in NSW and the theological students at Christ College in Sydney.

Resourcing and supporting a ministry into inland Australia is truly worth driving for! The sharing of the Gospel via evangelism and discipleship conversations and activities by the PIM Patrol teams and all those that have been inspired equipped and sent out from New Dunesk is the core of our ministry endeavours. In saying this, we do not see PIM as our ministry, but your ministry, sent out for Gospel work in remote and inland Australia. As an outreach extension of the church and Christian community, we joyfully continue to seek others for Christ.

Please continue to uphold PIM in your regular prayers, praying particular for the work of our Patrol Teams, the lives that they touch and the souls being saved.

Blessings to all, your brother in Christ and in His service,

Hugh Castleden
CEO



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