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COUNCIL NEWS

NEW PLANNING SCHEME

The Minister for Planning has approved the C80Hep Hepburn Planning Scheme amendment, which builds on the significant work of Council and the community in recent years. The amendment protects our towns from inappropriate planning and development. The changes bring the scheme up to current planning standards and sets out strategic work that will be undertaken over the next few years. There will be opportunities for the community to get involved in structure planning for each township. We will share more information on this in coming months. Learn more about the amendment at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme>.

SPEAK TO A PLANNER

Going through the planning process can be complicated. If you would like to discuss a planning matter you are welcome to make an appointment to meet with one of our Planners either in person or over the phone. Times available are Mondays (8:30am to 12noon), Wednesday (9:30am to 12noon) and Fridays (8:30am to 12noon). To make an appointment call Council on 5348 2306.

CELEBRATE IWD

As part of International Women’s Day (IWD), come along and recognise some of the extraordinary women in our Shire – join the Heather Mutimer Women’s Honour Roll induction ceremony. The event will be held from 6pm on Tuesday 8 March at the Daylesford Town Hall. Along with the honour roll presentation we’ll also hear from guest speaker, Claire Culley. Tickets are free and available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BXHPG>.

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking to recruit new staff to join our team across a number of roles. If you are looking for your next career move, stay up-to-date with the latest job opportunities at Hepburn Shire Council, and apply at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/employment-opportunities.

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DRAFT AQUATIC STRATEGY

Have you had a look at our draft Aquatics Strategy? We’re keen to hear your thoughts. The draft strategy is informed by ideas from more than 1,000 residents who shared their feedback last year. It has recommendations and actions, including facility upgrades and ways to get more people using our pools and splash park. The draft strategy also supports the identified need for access to a year-round facility. Find the draft strategy and complete a survey at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/aquatics-strategy> by Friday 18 March.

TRENTHAM PAVILION

Works are progressing well at Trentham Sportsground Reserve, with the new pavilion on track to be completed later this year. Demolition of the old pavilion is in progress, with change room walls, the old kitchen and bar area now removed. Power, water and sewerage are being installed, and the team will be ready to pour the concrete slab in March.

Once completed, the new pavilion will be a fantastic community facility, with new kitchen, canteen and bar facilities, female-friendly player and umpire change rooms, a multipurpose function room, outdoor spectator areas and public facilities.

Council has provided \$413,000 to this project, and is grateful for the generous \$2.062 million grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria through the Community Sport Infrastructure Stimulus Program.



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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

We're really pleased to be working with some thoughtful locals who are keen to capture our collective thoughts about future Trentham.



We're not here to influence, but to collate our shared and diverse opinions on subjects such as liveability, character, natural environment, built environment, sustainability, and heritage. It's our town and our future – and we want to share this with Council ahead of their upcoming work on our Town Structure Plan. More details are on page 5.

Thanks to our wonderful weather trackers Clyve and Jane Herbert (Groves St Weather Station) for their insightful 2021 weather summary. No wonder our grass is still green and our tomatoes reluctant to ripen! If you haven't already, bookmark their page trentham.bs.ch.com.au on every device you have! The cameras are a

fabulous addition for when you're not here, particularly on Trentham Big-Blue-Sky days like today.

Congratulations to Dianne Longley of Agave Print Studio, who recently won the prestigious 'Australian Bookplate Design Award'. In a lovely circle of events, her winning exhibit 'Ex Libris Dan Jones' was printed on her Albion press, which was restored by another Trentham Local – Dan Jones. Dianne has an Open Studio coming up in early April, see pages 6 and 11 for details.

SpudFest is back! Save the date: Saturday May 7 for 'TaterFest' at the Station / Market Street. See page 23 for how to get involved.

Regards,
Chris & Penny

STOP PRESS! Congratulations to golfer-extraordinaire (and all-round fabulous person) Rhonda Holcombe, who has just scored a hole-in-one on the second today (Saturday) – wow!!

Trumpet Photography Competition

We're running our Trumpet Photography Competition again this year - looking for a fabulous photo of (*or evocative of*) Trentham for our April cover next month. The winner will be awarded \$100

To enter simply email your pic to trumpet@trentham.org.au with your name and the title of your work.

Your photo can be taken with any kind of camera – but it needs to be square or cropped to square so it fits on our cover (17cm x 17cm)

Entries close Friday 25 March. Judging will occur during the last weekend in March. The winner will be notified before the issue goes to print.

Questions?
Email trumpet@trentham.org.au



Trentham Sustainability Group

Outraged by Outages?

Does Trentham have too many power outages?

Is anyone doing anything about it?

Well yes, there's some local action - but we need lots more!

The real question is what are Powercor and government doing about it?

Locally, people are seeking greater self-reliance by installing solar and battery capacity - but these can't deal with major outages such as the crisis caused by the storm Trentham suffered last June.

We are developing a strategy for greater reliability in the power supply, particularly for essential services, and encouraging action to reduce our total emissions. [The strategy is being developed by Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) together with Trentham & Districts Community Bank (Cool Country Community Enterprises – CCCE Ltd) and is funded by CCCE and a grant from Hepburn Shire Council.]

Further on there are opportunities for Trentham to seek funding support from the government for community batteries and microgrids. Both require demonstrated strong community support and 'small p' political pressure.



We think the message the decision-makers in Powercor and government need to hear is:

- Our power supply is unreliable - Trentham has too many outages!
- Many of us don't feel safe in a crisis such as the 3-day storm blackout in June 2021.
- What are your plans to address this?

We need people power to show the powers-that-be this is an important issue to Trentham!

TSG has funding from Coliban Water to engage the community to work for greater power reliability and we are calling for people to get involved.

You don't have to know anything about the technology of power supply, grids etc - we need people with a wide range of skills. For starters, we hope to organise a film night and visits from people in other small towns tackling similar challenges.

We are planning a targeted campaign over the next 8 months. We need people to join us and help make a noise to make a real difference for our community.

If you are sick of blackouts and want to get involved, please contact:

Sebastian Klein: 0428 331 173
Glenda Holmes: 0419 877 267
or email tsg@trentham.org.au

About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

We are proud to acknowledge Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of this Country. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging



The Trentham Trumpet is published on the first of every month except January.

The Trumpet is the community's voice to: share local news and events; engage in topical discussion; provide a platform to express considered views and concerns; contribute to the historical record; and promote local trades and services.

All submissions need to embrace our pillars of inclusiveness, constructiveness and positivity. The editorial team reserves the right to refuse any article or advertising and to edit for length and clarity. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial team.

The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month before. Please forward all items for publication to: trumpet@trentham.org.au

Electronic subscriptions (which we encourage) are available at: thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au
Printed versions can be found in many retail and community outlets in and around Trentham.

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90mm x 110mm (1/4 page)	\$75	\$750	\$95	\$950
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190mm x 130mm (1/2 page)	\$145	\$1,450	\$180	\$1,800
190mm x 265mm (A4)	\$275	\$2,750	\$350	\$3,500

What's on!

Community Groups Listing
thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community



CFA
Open Day every Sunday from 9:30am

Hepburn Shire Council Meeting
15 March

Lions Schedule
Business Meeting: 3rd Thurs / month
Dinner Meeting: 1st Thurs / month
Farmers' Market: 3rd Sat / month

Trentham Lions Club
Farmers' Market
19 March 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group
Farmers' Market Food Swap
19 March 10-11.30am
Trentham Town Square

Life Activities Club
Ladies' Petanque
10am every Tuesday
Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Wednesday Walkers
9.15am every Wednesday
Easy town walk
Meet at old Trentham Post Office

Men's Petanque
10am every Thursday
Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Knitters, Stitchers, Sewers Craft Group
10am every Friday
Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

Mahjong
1pm - 4pm every Friday
Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street

TNC
see trenthamnc.org.au



On our cover:

Purple Heart
by Chris Campbell

Have Your Say!

You may have seen the Hepburn Planning Scheme Amendment was approved by the Minister for Planning in February: participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme

Trentham is soon to be the focus of Council's attention as it prepares our Town Structure Plan. The Town Structure Plan provides a medium to long term framework for: future subdivision, land use, zoning, open space, infrastructure and protecting and enhancing the unique qualities our community values. Right now, Council is working on Creswick's Town Structure Plan: Trentham will be next.

This will be our opportunity, as residents and community groups, to lobby for planning regulations that reflect our values and the character of Trentham. It's a chance for everyone to think about what matters to them, and what they'd like to see in the future. Are you satisfied with the way the town is shaping up? Concerned about the loss of native vegetation? Want more bicycle and walking path access?

Here at The Trentham Trumpet, we want to help by providing residents and local groups with a way of sharing their views. We're not here to influence your opinion, we just want to collate our collective thoughts, wants, and needs. That way, we can help Council to understand what matters to us and they in turn can give us the Town Structure Plan we need. Other towns are speaking up!

Each week Council receives around 200 planning applications across the shire. Coliban is the fastest growing ward. That means Trentham is changing – and fast. If we don't have our say, we'll get the townscape we're given.

Small Business Energy Saver Program

Business Victoria's Small Business Bus is visiting Trentham on Monday 28 March! CVGA's Business Energy Officers will be on hand to talk with small businesses about how to save money on your energy bills.

Special offer! Bring your electricity or gas bill and we'll show you how to look for a better deal.

If you're the owner of a small business, concerned about high power bills or your business' climate impact, looking for information about better energy plans, about rebates for refrigeration and hot water, or about going solar, CVGA's Business Energy Officers can help.

So, from mid-March, **we'll put a survey on our website, asking for your views about Trentham.** Our April edition will contain a hard copy of the survey and we'll aim to have some available around town.

Please help us to find out **what do Trentham residents want?** Your answers will be kept confidential, or you can answer anonymously - either way the town needs your feedback. We'll share the full view with our community for a further round of feedback before it's presented to Council. Transparency is important to us.

We invite individuals, groups and organisations to spend a few minutes giving your views.

Who are we? We are residents who care for our town. Chris Campbell, Cr Brian Hood, Penny James, Ian MacBean and Vicki Steggall. Why are we doing this? Because we believe council needs to know what matters to us: if we don't tell them, they can't know. Our role is simply to ask questions and collate answers – so when Council starts looking at our Town Structure Plan and doing their own consultation, they'll better understand our town, its unique character, and produce the best Town Structure Plan for us.

Any questions? Email us at trumpet@trentham.org.au.



Small Business Energy Saver Program
Business Energy Officers

Visiting Trentham Monday 28th March
 in conjunction with the Small Business Bus

Book a free chat at your business
cvga.org.au/business or ph. 1300 845 280

or visit us
 near the bus at the Town Square on High Street
Bring your energy bills and we'll help you save!








CENTRAL
VICTORIAN
**Greenhouse
Alliance**

Since launching in 2021, the Small Business Energy Saver Program has assisted over 2600 Victorian small businesses to access the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme. Eligible businesses have received rebates averaging \$2050 for upgrades including purchasing refrigeration, and upgrading water heating to heat pump.

In central, western and north west Victoria, equipment upgrades have netted small businesses an average of \$2270 in rebates, reducing emissions by almost 55,000 kg CO₂-equivalent (that's equivalent to the emissions from burning nearly 400 tonne of coal!)

CVGA (Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance) is the Small Business Energy Saver Program expert for Hepburn Shire. Contact us at cvga.org.au/business or visit us when the Small Business Bus is in town on 28 March 2022.

The Small Business Bus is offering financial counselling and business support. Further information and bookings are available at business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-bus

CVGA's visit to Trentham is supported by Hepburn Shire Council and Trentham Sustainability Group.

Art News

National award for local printmaker Dianne Longley

Congratulations to Dianne Longley, Agave Print Studio, for winning the 2021 'Australian Bookplate Design Award'. Australian artists and graphic designers are invited to produce hand-printed Ex Libris bookplates. For those new to this art form, a bookplate, also known as an Ex-Libris, is a printed label pasted into a book, often on the inside front cover, to indicate ownership. This prestigious award, conducted by the Keith Wingrove Memorial Trust, is held every two years and it's the richest bookplate design award in the world.



The award winning print 'Ex Libris Dan Jones' (15 x 10.5cm) is of Trentham man Dan Jones, who has many metal-working skills and one of them is restoring Albion printing presses. He restored Dianne's 1860s Albion Press when it came to Agave Print Studio in 2018. Dan gradually repaired the press in his metal machining workshop with assistance from his brother Tim Jones who did the finishing touches of gold lettering work. The winning Ex-Libris print was printed on Dianne's Albion press from a relief or letterpress photopolymer plate.

Dianne is a master printmaker and makes her artwork and runs printmaking workshops in her iconic A-frame studio, set in a sublime garden. Agave Print Studio offers printmaking workshops, as well as studio access and residencies, printmaking collaborations and edition printing. Print and book workshops can be for those with experience or tailored for beginners wanting a relaxing day of exploring art and sharing a fabulous local produce lunch. Monthly Saturday workshops can be viewed on Dianne's website: agaveprintstudio.com.au/scheduled-workshops/

Dianne is holding an Agave Open Studio event on April 2-3, 2022 on Saturday and Sunday from 12-5pm. The award



winning print will be displayed and there will be a Pop-up Gallery, art sales, demonstrations, garden strolls, studio tours and a scrumptious afternoon tea.

Congratulations to Dianne!

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Councillor's Report

Council's provision of aged care services – a decision will be taken at the 15 March meeting on Council's ongoing role for the provision of aged care services. Changes to funding arrangements by the Federal Government are forcing councils Victoria-wide to consider their role in this critically important area. Details can be found at [Aged and disability services | Participate Hepburn](#). I encourage feedback to Council via their website or directly to me.

Planning – the Minister for Planning has approved a new planning scheme for Hepburn Shire. While Hepburn's regulations had not been significantly updated for 20 years and the new plan is an important step forward, there remains much more work to be done in the coming years. On that note I congratulate the Trumpet editors for supporting the initiative of concerned residents to gather input from community members on all matters planning. (see page 5) This feedback will form an important part of the consultation process and will help shape future directions in planning regulations. More detail on the revised scheme can be found at [Hepburn Planning Scheme | Participate Hepburn](#).

Planning backlog – some of you will be painfully aware that the processing of planning applications is currently experiencing significant (and unacceptable) delays. Staff shortages, resignations and the inflow of 200+ applications per week is creating a backlog. Recruitment is underway to employ more staff.

Major projects – the project to upgrade the Quarry St Reserve pavilion is being retendered.

Storm recovery – negotiations with the State Government to secure more funding for storm recovery works are ongoing. Some works have been undertaken to clear walking trails but much more is to be done. By way of comparison the January flooding event in Creswick has caused as much damage as the June 2021 storm.... although many more people have been forced from their homes plus local farmers have lost crops valued at \$30m. Understandably these two weather crises have placed considerable strain on Council's human and financial resources.

Child care – a low-key event was held recently to celebrate the opening of Trentham's child care facility. Both the child care facility and kindergarten are operating fantastically well, but a statewide shortage of staff is preventing an expansion of day care hours to meet the community's needs. Efforts to employ more staff remain ongoing.

Lyonville Woodchop – congratulations to the hardworking Lyonville Hall Committee for staging a highly successful 49th edition of the woodchop. A great family day was attended by many and the competition was fierce. Local sponsors enabled the event to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the popular community hall.

Speed limits – concerned residents have raised the matter of road speed limits with me. As our community grows and visitors return, this safety issue is rightly causing concern. I have provided Council with a list of problem areas. Council management continues to liaise with the decision-making

authority, RRV (formerly Vicroads), to make changes. (Editor's note: see page 18 for details of a current petition instigated by concerned Cosmo Road residents)



Aquatic strategy – at our February meeting Council decided to release the draft aquatic strategy for public consultation. The report sets out the need for an investment of \$6m-\$8m to repair pools across the shire and discusses the community's desire for a heated indoor aquatic centre. At this stage neither initiative is budgeted. See [Hepburn Shire Aquatics Strategy – Have Your Say | Participate Hepburn](#) and I encourage you to provide your input.

Council meetings – monthly meetings will be held at the new starting time of 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. The public's in-person attendance will be determined according to prevailing Covid restrictions. Upcoming Council meeting dates are – 15 March, 20 April, 17 May.

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Your Hepburn Shire Rates by Ward

Did you know?

- Hepburn receives rates income of \$18.39m per year.
- Like all Victorian councils, Hepburn cannot increase rates beyond the 1.5% cap applied by the State government.
- Coliban ward (which includes Trentham) contributes rate income of \$3.4m each year or 18.5% of the total.
- Rates from Coliban ward are levied across 1629 rateable properties at an *average* of \$2091 per property - this is the highest average in the shire.
- Rates are based on property value.

	Rateable Properties	Average Rate Bill	Total Rates	% Total Rates
Coliban Trentham, Musk, Lyonville, Bullarto	1,629	\$2,091	\$3.41m	18.5%
Birch Daylesford, Hepburn	3,538	\$1,912	\$6.76m	36.8%
Holcombe Glenlyon	1,547	\$1,538	\$2.38m	13.0%
Creswick	3,035	\$1,344	\$4.08m	22.2%
Cameron Clunes	1,660	\$1,057	\$1.76m	9.6%
Total	11,409	\$1,611	\$18.39m	100%

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Facebook - Cr Brian Hood for Trentham & Coliban ward

Trentham Weather 2021

January 2021

A slightly warmer than average month but not excessively hot. The warmest day reached 33.6°C on the 24th. Night temperatures were slightly below the normal and the coldest night fell to 3.6°C on the 13th. The month was considerably wetter than usual with 142.2mm with the wettest day recording 71mm on the 29th.

February 2021

Daytime temperatures continued the trend of being slightly above normal, but despite this no extreme maximum was recorded for the month. The warmest day was just 29.7°C on the 11th. Again, night minima were slightly below normal with the coldest night 3.1°C on the 28th. Rainfall however saw a marked departure from normal with only 29.4mm recorded, just 60% of average. The wettest day was 11mm on the 15th.

March 2021

Daily maximums were near normal and again no extreme heat was recorded with the warmest day just 25.7°C on the 12th. Overnight minimums were slightly below average and the coldest night of 0.7°C was on the 15th. This date also recorded the first ground frost, earlier than usual. Rainfall exceeded the average recording 84.3mm and the wettest day of 38.4mm was on the 21st.

April 2021

April was a benign month, slightly cooler than usual and the warmest day of 26.8°C was on the 2nd. The overnight average minimum returned cooler than normal, and the coldest night was -1.2°C. Light air frosts were recorded on 4 nights. Rainfall was scarce in April with only 22.5mm, well below average and the wettest day returned just 5.4mm

May 2021

Average day maximums were near normal, and the warmest day was 20.4°C on the 6th, however overnight minimums were colder than usual. Several killing frosts developed in the last week culminating in a record cold May temperature (since 1983) of -6.1°C on the 31st preceded by a -6.0°C on the 30th. This early severe cold caused garden chaos with many damaged or killed plants. May was also a wet month with 133mm, almost 30% above normal. The wettest day was the 4th with 44.2mm

June 2021

Following the disastrous frosts of May, if we were hoping for a better month weatherwise it wasn't to be June. June 2021 was a month of extremes. Near record amounts of rain and the terrible storm of the 9th and 10th June. Average maximum temperatures were slightly below average, and the mildest day reached 13.6°C on the 2nd. Overnight temperatures were near average, and the coldest night was -5.1°C on the 5th. Rainfall was well above the norm with 250.2mm with the wettest day 62.2mm on the 9th.

What has become known as "the great storm" developed on the evening of the 9th June and continued into the early hours of the 10th June. A ferocious southeast gale continued for almost 8 hours cutting power and devastating parts of the Wombat Forest. A storm this severe had not been recorded in modern times. The deep low pressure system moved across the central ranges

from the southeast. Huge tracts of forest were decimated. Winds between 120 and 180kmh destroyed thousands and thousands of trees. Trentham was cut off for almost 20 hours and suffered a 3 day power outage. Accompanying the windstorm was torrential rain, over 100mm recorded over the two days resulting in local flooding. Trentham residents were grateful for the work done by emergency workers in restoring some normality over the 3 days.

July 2021

The coldest month of the year by average. The mildest day was on the 27th with 12.4°C being reached with the coldest night being -5.7°C on the 8th. There were 8 nights where the minimum fell below 0°C. July was also a wet month with 27 days of recorded precipitation giving a monthly total of 192.5mm. The wettest day was 23.4mm on the 15th. By the end of July all streams and creeks were flowing very well, and all water storages were full to overflowing.

August 2021

August saw a more settled month. The mildest day was 17.2°C on the 31st and the coldest night of -4.2°C occurred on the 28th. Rainfall was well below normal with just 61.5mm and the wettest day was the 11th with 16.8mm.

September 2021

As spring consolidated, milder weather developed. The warmest day reached 19.1°C on the 2nd and the coldest night was -2.9°C on the 27th. There were 4 nights below 0°C with late frosts after a mild start to the month. Some frost damage occurred to frost sensitive plants. Rainfall was above the average with 122.8mm occurring over 20 days. With the mild start, pasture commenced spring growth and ground water was very good with all streams continuing to flow well.

Trentham was rocked by a strong earthquake on the 22nd. The epicentre near Rawson / Gippsland measured 5.9 on the Richter scale. The earthquake was strong around the Trentham region and long time locals mentioned that it was the strongest in memory.

October 2021

A near average month in both temperature and rainfall. The warmest day was 22.9°C on the 28th and the coldest night -2.4°C on the 8th. There were 4 nights below 0°C and again sensitive plants suffered frost burn. Rainfall was only slightly below the average returning 94.4mm and the wettest day was 19.4mm on the 1st.

November 2021

Daytime maxima were near the average for November with the warmest day of 26°C on the 30th. A late air frost on the 14th saw a minimum of -1.4°C. There were 2 nights when the temperature fell below 0°C. Rainfall was above the average with 101.8mm and the wettest day recorded 38.8mm on the 9th.

December 2021

December was a warm month with slightly above normal maxima. The warmest day was 32.9°C on the 31st, the coldest night was 2.5°C on the 12th, no frosts were recorded. Rainfall was below average with 47.6mm and the wettest day was on the 9th with 26mm.

Trentham Weather 2021 (cont.)

Rainfall for 2021 was well above normal with 1284.4mm falling (average 1100mm). The year finished with very good water reserves and excellent pastures. The two notable weather events were the severe frosts of May and the terrible storm of 9th and 10th June.

August there was just one snowfall on the 24th with 1 to 2cm around the district. Light snow showers were also recorded on the 20th September.

On another note, not a great deal of snow was recorded. Light falls occurred on the 19th, 25th and 28th July. During

Clyve & Jane Herbert
Groves St Weather Station



2021 Weather Details Trentham, Victoria

Month	Ave Max 2021	Warmest	Ave Min 2021	Coldest	Rainfall	Wettest day (mm)
January	22.5	33.6	9.0	3.9	142.2	71
February	21.8	29.7	8.8	3.1	29.4	11
March	18.9	25.7	7.1	0.7	84.3	38.4
April	16.2	26.8	4.4	-1.2	22.5	5.4
May	12.2	20.4	2.0	-6.1	133.6	44.2
June	9.3	13.6	2.2	-5.1	250.2	62.6
July	7.7	12.7	1.5	-5.7	192.5	23.4
August	10.4	17.2	1.9	-4.2	61.5	16.8
September	13.0	19.1	3.2	-2.9	122.8	51.2
October	14.7	22.9	3.6	-2.4	94.4	19.4
November	16.6	26.0	5.6	-1.4	101.4	38.8
December	21.5	32.9	7.0	2.5	47.6	26
YEAR		33.6		-6.1	1282.4	

Interior Design

Pa's Old Sofa

Pa's old sofa evokes many memories from my childhood. I remember visiting my grandparents at their farm and being fascinated by the ramshackle old cottage on their property. The cottage was always locked, abandoned many years ago when the new homestead was built.

After my grandparents died, our extended family gathered at the family farm. The old farmhouse held all sorts of memories. As we packed and sorted, we shared stories about my grandparents, laughing at some of the tales.

My cousin and I walked from the homestead, up the hill. We entered the original cottage that had been our great-great-grandparents' home.

Years of dust and dirt formed a blanket over everything; spiders had spun their webs. There were piles of boxes, someone's treasures from times past. Amongst the jumble we discovered an old leather sofa, a Chesterfield with wide rolled arms wrapping around the back.

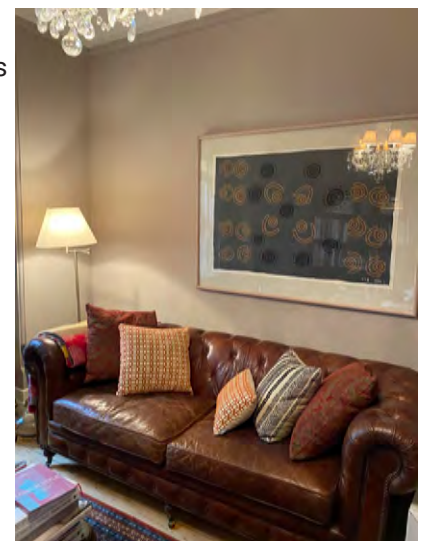
Pa's sofa was cracked and badly faded, the leather dried and split beyond repair; it had all the hallmarks of a classic sofa usually found in grand homes. We will never know how such a beautiful settee came to be in a small Victorian worker's cottage.

When new, Pa's sofa would have been right at home in a gentleman's club or smoking room. Sadly, it could not be restored. Instead, I bought a similar sofa that one day may become a family heirloom.

Chesterfield sofas are synonymous with classic design - I'm a big fan. They are seen in hotel lobbies and reception rooms all over the world. During the Victorian era these sofas were upholstered in dark leather with horsehair stuffing, and buttons deeply tufted. Contemporary Chesterfield sofas are made in a variety of brightly coloured velvets and linens.

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Sketchy Musings

My mother, the rocket scientist (I think I've mentioned that before) was five foot tall and ended up having 30-feet of children (by the time we were adults).

Fairly productive, by any measure and regarded as meritorious back in those "populate or perish" (and "reds under the bed") days.

I was first born and eventually contributed six of those 30 feet. Unfortunately, it turns out I was a bit of a trial run. Runt of the litter by a fair way.

Eventually sprouted as my family's 98-pound weakling and by the time I graduated from uni - I might have been physically frail but brains to burn and could read without moving my lips - had become a kind of awkward, clumsy stick insect of a human.

A physio once exclaimed in amazement that my tendons seemed to be made of dental floss and were extremely difficult to find during examination.

A frequent childhood flirtation with kiddie illnesses... the only kid in steamy, tropical Darwin with a constant cold, a month off school with the measles, a week off school due to an adverse reaction to a smallpox injection, a broken arm after tangling with a mango tree, constant scabby knees due to irresponsible parents letting me have a bike... blossomed into a champion adult hypochondriac.

The scariest of many scary self-diagnoses was my conviction, when we were new parents of a vocal three-month-old insomniac, that my then-heavy smoking had caused throat cancer.

Turns out, my patient GP explained with a sigh, that 12 weeks of constant night baby walking with her on my left shoulder had strained my neck. And the rash on my left shoulder and neck was nappy rash!

Discovery of the singing syrup as a young man helped me finally put on weight and I eventually reached the point where I was almost the weight the height/weight charts said was lower-end ideal for my height.

Was sadly disabused after a check-up when the doctor said (and this is an actual quote, I'm not making this up): "You're a skinny bastard in a fat bastard's body, and by the way, you're not supposed to be able to hold up a pencil by tucking it under a man boob".



And then came the digital revolution and my favourite on-line friend, Dr Google.

It turns out, apparently, that I'm not the only one who turns up with on-line print outs detailing my self-diagnosis along with a demand for specific prescriptions.

Was happily cruising along as a keyboard medical expert working with a tolerant, down-to-earth, pragmatic Kiwi GP who had the patience to gently keep easing me toward the reality that yes, my brain, joints, muscles, and tummy are softening but that's what happens with vintage people.

But the pandemic has also been a real eye-opener. We keyboard worriers are suddenly being joined by a vast army of on-line key board warriors who genuinely - passionately - believe and are driven by all sorts of fake and often dangerous stuff.

Maybe a wakeup call?

Might be time to place more faith in my actual doctor and spend less time sucking stuff through the screen from Dr Google.

Peter Young

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Trentham Friends of Bees

It's been a tough season for the bees in our region. The cool, wet spring meant the bees started swarming very late (when the bees leave to make a new home), and colonies are well behind in winter preparation.

New colonies will be under pressure to draw wax (make honeycomb) as the queen follows behind, itching to lay eggs to get the colony growing. Bees left behind after a swarm will produce a new queen and wait for her to be mated and start to lay eggs, putting them 2-3 weeks behind schedule.

The amount of food available to the bees is vital. They need to feed the new grubs with pollen, collect enough nectar to fuel daily activity, and ensure enough for winter storage. The warm days and nights over the past few weeks have been a bonus for the foragers (the bees you see on the flowers) as they have been able to work from sun up to sundown. The minimum temperature most bees will tolerate when flying is 13°C. For a hive to fully commit to foraging for food, the temperature must be around 19°C.

Bees can fly in light rain but avoid it by using their uncanny ability to understand the weather. Numerous studies have shown that bees can predict the weather, sometimes even more so than us humans. Not only can they detect when a storm is coming, but they also seem to gauge the severity as well. If beekeepers see overhead clouds and wonder if it's about to rain, they can look at the coming and going of the bees – if many are leaving, it's probably going to be ok, but if hordes of bees are heading back into the hive, it's time to head for shelter.

The food supply in our gardens is critical for the bees, and, unfortunately for proud gardeners, weeds play an essential

role in pollen and nectar availability. Think about letting the clover flower for a few days before mowing as it's an excellent shopping centre for our bees.

Most importantly, avoid using weed killer on warm sunny days when the bees are working their hardest. If you must use weed spray, avoid glyphosate-based weed killers (Roundup) and weed killers that contain Dicamba and only spray between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM, when bees are not foraging.

Bees are vital to our planet, and after a rocky start to the season, it's a good feeling to give them a helping hand.

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Lions Cub of Trentham

As always, the Lions Club of Trentham continues a strong presence and activity program supporting our local community. Celebrating Lions Australia 75th Anniversary this year, the theme 'Always' truly represents what the Lions organisation is all about! Always, there to help!

Since our last article in the Trumpet, we have coordinated and presented the "Carols in the Park" event in early December and to see so many community members and their children attend was fantastic. The entertainment was first class and of course the CFA and Lions BBQ was enjoyed by all. After the prolonged pandemic restrictions, it was great to see everyone being able catch up. This was followed on Christmas eve by "Santa in the Park", an enjoyable tradition in Trentham where our Lions club welcomes Santa with all the excitement and fanfare for the local children including an array of toys and gifts.

Australia Day was celebrated with guest speakers including Federal MP, Catherine King and Hepburn Shire Council Mayor Tim Drylie and Cr Brian Hood and the flag raising was performed by Paul Healy from the local CFA. Trentham Lions Club invited representatives of the various service organisations to be recognised by the local community for their incredible assistance and contributions during and after the massive storm in June of last year.

The monthly Lions Farmers' Market is always anticipated and enjoyed. Each market is themed to promote fun, connection, and awareness. Last Saturday, the Lions Club of Trentham launched the Lions Australia Battery Recycling Program in partnership with Ecycle Solutions, helping prevent batteries from being disposed as landfill.

Local members of RAR (Rural Australians for Refugees) conducted the Lions Market BBQ in February in support of refugees here and overseas. Once again, we had great entertainment with Tim Walsh, Charles Sherlock, Fay Magee and Val Goodwin stepping up to provide music and song.

Lions club members love facilitating these community projects and events. Thanks everyone for the great support and you can be assured that all funds raised at these events are used to support our community and those in need.

Stan Falloon
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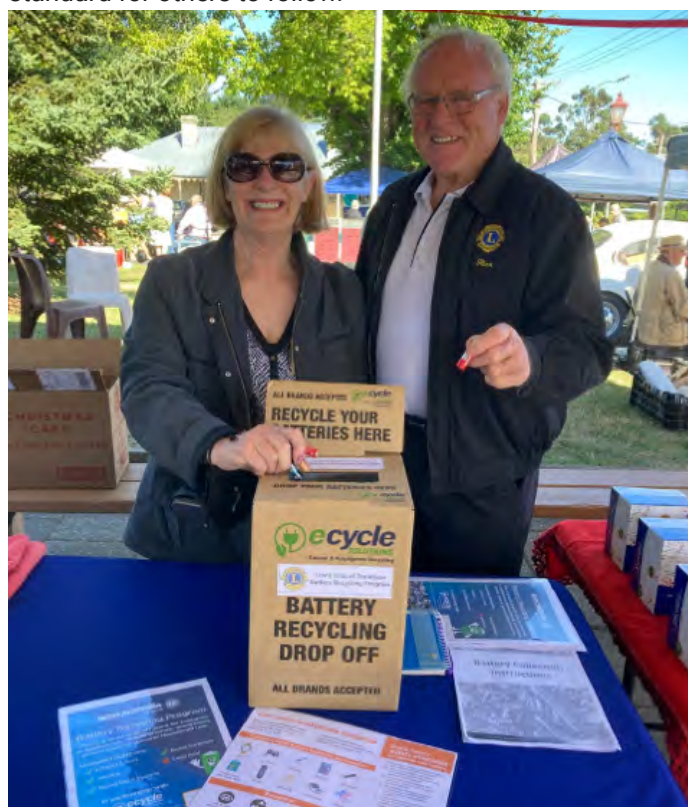
Batteries contain many valuable and increasingly rare elements, so it makes total sense to recycle. Almost 100% of the components of a battery can be recycled and made into new batteries or other products.

Lions Australia is partnering with Ecycle Solutions based in Melbourne and working across Australia. With 1,200 Lions Clubs and 23,000 Lions members in Australia, we are well placed to make a difference to:

- Significantly increase the percentage of batteries recycled in Australia (currently estimated at less than 10% whilst Switzerland is recycling 71%!)
- Create a 'circular economy' - from manufacture, to sales, to responsible use and end of life disposal, to recycling into new batteries and other products.

The Lions-Ecycle program is being rolled out in Victoria. The Lions Club of Trentham is the first club to publicly announce locations for collections, and other clubs are ready to go. Drop your used batteries in at the Post Office and Pharmacy in Trentham. Please note that corroded, damaged or leaking batteries cannot be accepted.

Yes – there are other battery recycling opportunities around such as Hepburn Shire Council, large retailers, and more - and we can all work together. Lions Australia loves the Ecycle Solutions attention to detail, safety and compliance. The special fire rated inner collection bag will set the standard for others to follow.



Trentham Tales

Women’s Work: A Reflection in honour of International Women’s Day

Reflecting on his younger days living in Spring Hill, Frank Brady told of the tough times his mother endured in those early years. “My poor mother worked like a slave. We had no mod cons – no washing machine, running water. Just a good spring nearby. Mother had a terrible hard life”, he recalled back in 2002.

Women, such as Frank’s mother, held the large families of early 20th century Trentham and the surrounding districts together. Their individual hardships and circumstances may have varied, but the intensity of their domestic responsibilities demanded not simply a strong work ethic, but a tightly structured weekly routine.

“Monday was wash day” recalled June Moloney, of her grandmother in Little Hampton. “Her copper (washer) was lit early. Clothes were scrubbed on the wash board, the copper filled with cold water and when it came to the boil, my grandmother added the soap she’d made from fat and caustic soda, then stirred the washing with a wooden stick. Each load was rinsed in the trough then wrung out by hand - or later the wringer - before being hung on the wire clothesline.”

The water from the washing was never wasted. June remembers her grandmother using the same water to scrub the laundry and outside verandah. At the same time two irons were always being heated in front of the open fire, or later, on the stovetop.

By 1922, those Trentham residents who could afford more luxury embraced electricity, courtesy of the Trehwella Foundry. After household lights, the most common electrical item purchased was an iron. On Tuesdays the Foundry produced extra power - it was, after all, ironing day.



Nancy Burns recalled that the lighting on Mondays and Tuesdays was generally very poor, its strength depending on “how long it had taken the town’s washing to dry”.

Friday, June Moloney recalled, was when food was cooked - for the week. “Scones, cakes, biscuits, sponges, pies, jam tarts – it took all day” she said. All made with homemade butter and self-raising flour (plain flour, bicarb of soda and creme of tartar) - initially over an open fire, then later in a wood stove, and then using the “wonderful” slow combustion stove.

June remembered the generated heat brought an added luxury - “hot and cold water laid on!”

Staple goods such as sugar and flour were bought in bulk and when the bags were empty June recalls how “they were made into an apron, a kettle holder, or a protective cover for the head.”

“Times were hard in the Depression”, said Frank Brady, “but we were still expected to be neatly dressed. We always had second-hand clothes and my mother knitted all our socks”. In many homes, the Singer treadle sewing machine was in constant use: mending clothes, splitting & resewing sheets, and tablecloths, turning collars.

World War Two brought both hardship and opportunity for women. The Women’s Land Army helped with food production, its recruitment poster describing “a healthful change. If you can’t fight, farm”. However, for the sisters, wives, and mothers of our district there was little choice - survival of the family farm was dependent on their efforts. During the War and after, paid work for women slowly became a reality, not just in shops and factories but by way of the skills women had been honing their whole life.

“Mum was an excellent cook and could make a very good meal from limited resources” recalled Jean Smallman’s daughter, Glenda. “She was able to work at Trentham Bush Hospital as a cook and clean at the O’Hehirs’ residence”. Glenda felt that being one of sixteen children helped explain her mother’s determination and hard work.

Something that was reflected across our region in so many of the women of the time.

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RAR - Rural Australians for Refugees

Cooking up a storm for refugees

There's nothing like small town generosity! The Trentham community gave and ate generously at the February Farmers' Market, raising money to support refugees and asylum seekers.

A massive thank you to the Trentham Lions Club for handing over the BBQ tools to Trentham's group of Rural Australians for Refugees – and to Neil from the Lions Club who did most of the cooking!

The Lions Club donated sausages, veggie burgers, bacon and lots of help to set it all up. The sun shone, and the local community and visitors gave us lots of love with generous donations and words of support for refugees and people seeking asylum.

The dollars are still being counted, but approximately \$900 was raised to support [Refugee Voices](#) based in Melbourne. They are a refugee-led organisation that supports and trains refugees and people seeking asylum, focusing on ensuring their voices are heard in policy, campaigns and debates that affect them.

If anyone wants to get involved with RAR Trentham we'd love to hear from you!

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PS - Don't forget to drop off some food during the month of March to the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre to support our Food Drive!



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Trentham Life Activities Club Inc.

Retiring President Di Clausen

"I have had a memorable ten years. I have enjoyed the people, the club activities, and wow; look at what we have done over the last decade."

Those are the words of retiring Trentham Life Activities Club President Di Clausen. Di was Secretary of the Club for 7 years and President for three. In the last decade the number of activities on offer to the over 50's living in Trentham and the surrounding district has grown dramatically. They range from Mahjong to Horse riding to everything in between.



"I remember in the very early days the craft group met at the hotel (which is now The Plough); one night a week. We sat in front of the fire, chatted, did our craft and created a bond with each other" she said.

According to Di, the toughest time as President was getting

the Club through Covid and keeping people interested. However, very few members left during the pandemic and now that the worst is over, she is looking forward to building on the activities that are already on offer to the community.

"Being a member of Life Activities keeps you young at heart. You mix with people who have similar interests and develop wonderful friendships."

In addition to Presidency of the Life Activities Club, Di is also a member of the Project Advisory Group that has helped to develop the soon to be built Community Hub. She will be remaining on the Life Activities Club committee as the Activities Co-Ordinator.

Our community owes Di Clausen sincere thanks for her dedicated and continued service. Her parting words as President, "share your life with others, embrace the day, and help others whenever you can".

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A Dog's Life

What's in a name?

Does your dog know its name?

It's an essential part of the dog/human relationship (and for safety) that the dog responds when called. Most people overuse their dog's name, and it's a blur in amongst the other blah blah blah that humans vocalise (humans talk too much to their dogs - full stop).

Dogs are able to understand lots of single words, but only when you have paired the same noise with a desired action over time, and in all situations, sit, wait, off, go, outside, drop, are amongst the most common.

Here's your test to see if your dog knows its name in all situations. For the sake of this article, my dog is a female called "Fido".

When your dog is chilling out at home, quietly say her name, "Fido", but only once, and wait for a reaction (dogs hearing is significantly better than humans so there's never a need to shout). Does your dog leap to her feet, look at you directly and attentively, "Sir, yes, Sir?" Maybe she lifts her head, or there's a flick of the ear in your general direction "wut?"

Or is maybe there's no reaction at all? Most dogs in the home will look up when you call their name. Name recognition in dogs and response time can be sharper depending on the dog's proximity to the kitchen!

Good job, your dog knows her name and you have paired a human sound (word) with the fact that you are addressing her specifically.



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How to teach Fido her name in all situations (not for deaf dogs). Do this exercise multiple times a day for 5 mins each time.

Start in the house and then progress to the garden. Have a leash on Fido (so she doesn't take off) and some food in your hand (if weight is an issue, use the dog's kibble/daily food allocation). If kibble is boring for the dog, try a higher value food like chicken that usually gets attention.

Step One: When the dog is looking at you say "Fido" (once) and reward the dog. No other command or behaviour is needed (dog shouldn't be asked to sit or drop). Do that ten times. If you have zero reaction, put the food in front of the dog's nose and lure her head around so she is looking at you before you release the treat.

Step Two: Wait for Fido to be slightly distracted (she may just look away), and again say "Fido", reward when she voluntarily looks at you. If you say her name and she doesn't respond within 10 seconds don't fall into the trap off saying her name over and over, go back to Step One or go back to a lower distraction area. Do this until your dog consistently looks at you when you say her name.

Step Three: Gradually increase the distractions, maybe the front of the house or on a quiet walk. Then progress to walking along the main street or sitting having coffee. If you do not get a response in high distraction areas, go back a step or try again in lower distraction areas.

Once you have full name recognition in all places and situations, phase out the food, maybe every second reward is a pat, then only every third response gets a pat or a treat (avoid patterns, be random, dogs pick up patterns quickly and use to their advantage), phase out food reward over time and then randomly reward for a good response. You are putting the dog's name into muscle memory; however, you may need to top it up now and then.

Only use the dog's name to gain her attention and NEVER when in trouble – otherwise it loses its power and meaning and could be a signal to run and hide. Once you have your dog's attention give the dog a command and remember not to constantly repeat the dog's name. Don't do this: "sit Fido, wait Fido, drop Fido". The dog's name is only for attention getting.

Most importantly, BE PATIENT and practise; your dog is not being naughty or trying to trick you; she hasn't been taught!

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Community

Woodend Probus Club News


Woodend Combined Probus Club is an association that promotes fun, friendship and fellowship for retired and semi-retired people. It has a program that includes meetings on the first Thursday of each month, where we meet at the Scout Hall, 41 Forest St (behind the Log Cabin). A Speaker is usually invited to the meeting to give a presentation on an interesting topic. Visitors are welcome to attend at no cost but remember you must be double vaccinated.

The second Thursday is an outing for lunch or an outing for the day. We endeavour to go on longer trips twice a year, last year in November / December we went to Wedderburn & Swan Hill, 2 nights each and it was fantastic to get out and about again, the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The 3 March will be our AGM, so we won't be having any Speakers, yes we all know these meetings aren't popular but there will be an extra special long morning tea, where you can get to meet and chat with members.


The Club is seeking new members, you are welcome to come to 3 meetings to see if this Club is for you. Contact Rosalie 0438 892 315 or Diane 0438 585 664 or email woodendprobus@hotmail.com or visit our website probussouthpacific.org/microsites/woodendanddistricts.

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Petition to Reduce Speed Limit

The petition to reduce the speed limit on Cosmo & Falls Roads is still available - find it at Aterics Cafe on Market Street.

Concerned Cosmo Road residents are collecting signatures to present to our MP Mary-Anne Thomas requesting that the speed limit on Cosmo and Falls Roads be reduced from 60kph to 50kph to make the approaches to our town safer.

Check it out, and add your support before the end of the month.

Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc

March is a busy month for the Club. As well as all activities up and running again, March is also the month for the AGM. Details are as follows:

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- Wednesday Walkers.
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- Music Lovers.
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For more information, contact President/Activities Co-Ordinator Di Clausen on 0429 008 763 or Secretary Gaye Lovelock on 0411 150 114.

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Wendy Redman



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We've hit the ground running, embracing 2022 with open arms and a new sense of freedom, allowing us all to gather and enjoy getting back to a social norm... responsibly.

CCCE & Trentham & Districts Community Bank is excited to be back in the box seat proudly supporting our local community in events and activities that keep us all connected. Community banking is much more than handing out money; it's about relationships that build strong and prosperous communities. February saw a vast amount of activity with various community groups running events, and this theme will only continue as the year gathers momentum.

CCCE community investments for February included:

- Trentham Golf Club's first annual 'Open Par-3 Competition' with the sponsorship of prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
- Lyonville Woodchop Event sponsorship (a "Must Do" to put on your calendar for next year).
- Woodend Golf Club's construction of the new first tee, celebrated at the 42nd Maurie Armstrong Memorial Event.
- Blackwood & Barry's Reef Landcare Groups 'WaterBug Project', an initiative to educate and monitor the health of the Lerderderg River. Display will be at the Blackwood Easter Carnival Saturday April 16, 2022.

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Pre-season training has started, and with the change of seasons comes a change of pace. The Trentham District Football Netball Club rooms are undergoing a major reconstruction at the sports ground reserve. More than ever, it's time to back your local team, support those who work so hard to manage the club, volunteer to help with any of the 100 jobs that need doing and make sure we all get along to a fun-filled season back on the playing ground. So, get along and cheer & support your local teams after these challenging times.

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TNC 30 year anniversary

Book launch

Join us to celebrate the launch of our new book to commemorate the first 30 years of the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

'30 Years Together, A History of the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre'



Saturday April 23
11am - 2pm
RSVP by April 18



Past, present and future members of the TNC are all invited to join us at the launch.

Women and Wealth

Morning Tea

An opportunity to meet for free general advice in a relaxed environment over a coffee. Bring your questions about superannuation, investments, insurance, pensions, aged care, Centrelink and any financial services.

Monday March 21, 11am
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Springs Medical News

New Registrars

Springs Medical is proud to introduce the new Doctors for 2022. Each year Springs Medical welcomes a new contingent of GP registrars - who are all fully qualified doctors completing their training in General Practice. This year we welcome; Dr Kerry Mc Glynn, Dr Ellie O'Connor, Dr Sorcha Stapleton and Dr Fred Jayawardene. Dr Sadia Asad, our 2021 registrar will be continuing with Springs Medical this year.

Dr Fred Jayawardene will be joining our Trentham GPs this year. Fred completed his medical degree at University College Cork in 2016 before moving to Melbourne in 2017. He worked at Eastern Health completing rotations in a range of specialties including emergency medicine, ICU, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, general medicine and surgery. In 2020 he worked as a registrar in clinical forensic medicine at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine before commencing his GP training at Mostyn Street Clinic Castlemaine. Fred enjoys all aspects of General Practice and is passionate about providing holistic and individual care for the Trentham community. Outside of work Fred enjoys hiking, swimming and camping.

Plonkers

On a bright fine Sunday summer evening, the Plonkers decided it was too nice to eat inside.

Accompanied by partners and with wine bags filled with local Enders Hill wine the Plonkers wandered down to Rachael and Ethan's Twinkle Town food truck. Both wine and food van are relatively new additions to Trentham hospitality offerings. Twinkle Town recently celebrated their first birthday with flashing cameras and a visit by supermodel Stefania Ferrario.

With Sophie the Zebra and Big Boy Gorilla, perched under the pavilion on cushioned packing cases we had a delightful meal in a relaxed, cool garden setting.

Perhaps more by luck than planning, the wines were a perfect accompaniment to the super tasty vegan fare on offer.

Despite COVID restrictions severely impacting the weekend tourist trade, Rachael and Ethan's big adventure has been a great success because of their unwavering belief in top quality, no fuss food and a strong following of faithful locals yearning for more of their fine fare.

Trentham's very own winery, Enders Hill endershill.com.au also had to battle the impact of the COVID plus the June Storm and the trade war with China which impacted wine prices across the country.

The winery was started in 2016 when master winemaker Rohan Meggs bought Enders Hill farm and planted the first vines. Rohan had spent many years working for large scale volume wineries and wanted a change. He was determined to produce quality wine for 'everyday Australians who love a good drop at a fair price' – and the Plonkers reckon he has exceeded in that quest.

New Students

Springs Medical is an accredited training practice with a strong track record of both undergraduate and post graduate education for our next generation of General Practitioners. This year we welcome students Robin Jessup and Nik Alexopoulos.



Nik will be our main student at our Trentham location. Nik is completing his second last year of medical studies. He will be on placement in Daylesford, Bacchus Marsh and Melton. As the year progresses he hopes to learn from the doctors, nurses and allied health staff at Springs and where possible, leave a positive impression on the community members that trust the Springs team with their health. He aspires to be back in Daylesford as a Springs doctor himself! His special Interests are: anesthetics, musculoskeletal medicine, exercise medicine, mental health, longevity and wellbeing.

We matched Twinkle Town's entrees of Crispy Chickpea Fingers, Tomato Provencal, and White Bean Skordalia with a 2021 Enders Hill Gruner Veltliner.

On to the review! The entrees were sensational, the crispy chickpea fingers were perfectly cooked and contrasted wonderfully with the astringent tomatoes and creamy bean dip. (as usual, Niles had to be scolded for double-dipping with the chickpea fingers and dip).

The Gruner Veltliner was a fresh, vibrant wine with good length and a dry lemon and lime aftertaste. If these young vines can produce wine of this calibre, Digby is excited about their prospects in a few years as they mature, and their roots drive deeper into the subsoil.

Digby then had a vegan carbonara which he raved about, whilst the rest had tangy Tofu Banh Mi rolls that put even the best Richmond Vietnamase offerings to shame.

With a side of fries, we accompanied the mains with a 2021 Enders Hill Chardonnay – a very drinkable drop with a more than fair \$25 price tag. Rohan's chardonnay was not the old world heavily oaked variety of yesteryear which Niles still loves, but rather an easy-drinking, well-balanced wine with just the right amount of oak to enhance the flavour and depth of the wine- a perfect accompaniment to a light summer meal.

After a cleansing Ale or two at home later, the Plonkers reflected on the future of this winery which will only grow in stature over coming years and a vegan food truck that is already overtaking the big boys in culinary experiences.

**Digby & Niles
The Plonkers**



Golf

Captains' Reports

At long last the 2021 Club championships have been run and won. Congratulations to Robin Wilson for claiming the championship with an excellent score of 291 for the four rounds, including a 68 in the final round to equal his previously set course record. In B Grade the honours went to John Smithwick and Neale Hull was the scratch winner in C Grade. The nett winners were A Grade Liam Murray, B Grade Chris Campbell and C Grade Mike De Jong.



The other major events in February were the Drummond Niddrie Par 3 day which was co-sponsored by Bendigo Bank Trentham and a round of the Vic Fourball Qualifying. Local golfers claimed the major prizes in the Par 3 event with President Keith Webster topping off the day with a hole-in-one on the 13th however in the Vic Fourball all prizes were claimed by visiting players.

The February Monthly Medal winners were John Payne (Thursday) and Ray Poole (Saturday). The next major event is our annual fundraiser (four person ambrose). This year funds raised will go to Hepburn Shire SES.

Good Golfing

John Hudson Captain

February sees the start of our yearly program which was kicked off by the first monthly medals. The Wednesday medal was won by Jenny Clarke (27) nett 64 and Clare Perston (15) nett 62 won the Saturday medal. Great scores by both players.

The women have also introduced a 'Kookaburra' on the 18th green - nearest the pin for the second shot. So far we have winners who have mastered the second shot. Well done to Sue Byrne, Mandy Bestwick and Rhonda Bradley.

Competition has also begun in the Golf Victoria Silver Spoon, Graeme Purton Trophy and the Elaine Hanson Trophy. These are ongoing events with a number of rounds before the winner is determined. All players are eligible to compete in these events and towards the end of the year the pressure is on to record a good score.

We held our annual beginners' program with 43 women registered for the lessons. This is an excellent result for our club and for the introduction of golf to another group of women who hopefully will go on to play and enjoy the benefits of golf. Thanks to all the Trentham members who have volunteered to help and to Sue Byrne and Trish Mann for their organisation of this program.

Finally, due to the Covid interruptions last year most of our events were not played. The one exception was the Doubles Knock Out which was finally played this month with the winning team of Helen Young and Pat Kinnell winning the event 4/3 from the team of Trish Mann and Lorna Beaumont. Congratulations to the winners.

Veronica Maher Women's Captain

Greener Golf

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas announced the local community organisations who will share in funding to deliver projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1,695 tonnes annually, while slashing energy bills.

Sustainability Victoria's Community Climate Change and Energy Action program helps organisations reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency, making community facilities cheaper to run and more comfortable year-round.

Trentham Golf Club was one of the successful recipients, and in conjunction with support from Hepburn Wind and the Hepburn Solar Bulk Buy Program will install two Tesla Powerwall batteries with a storage capacity of 28kWh.

The batteries will further reduce the club's carbon footprint and complement the current 12kW solar system by offsetting night time grid usage of electricity by the clubhouse refrigeration and the irrigation bore. Their fleet of six lithium-ion electric hire golf carts will be fully "solar powered". In the future the club will look at further expanding the solar system, with the aim of installing one or two electric car charging points as the demand for electric vehicles increases.

Congratulations and credit to Colin Wilson (TGC) and Taryn Lane (Hepburn Wind) for their work on the successful grant application.

A further \$1.8 million in grants is available in the next round of funding which opened in February. For more information and to apply visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants.

Apprentice Green Keeper Certificate III, Sports Turf Management – AHC 31319

Trentham Golf Club is seeking applications for an Apprentice Green Keeper who wishes to learn all facets of golf course maintenance. The position is based on a 72 hour fortnight, predominantly Monday to Friday, but some weekend work may be deemed necessary from time to time.

The role includes:

- Maintenance of all areas of the course.
- Assisting with course renovation and improvement
- Learning to identify emerging problems on the course.
- Set up the course for various competition formats.
- Assist with maintenance of machinery and equipment.
- Learning the principles of the water management on the course including Irrigation and Drainage

Further information about this position is available on request via email info@trenthamgolf.com.au

Applications close March 5, 2022 and may be addressed to the Secretary via email info@trenthamgolf.com.au or post PO Box 54 Trentham Vic. 3458

For general information about Trentham Golf Club, visit; trenthamgolf.com.au

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Eating Your Garden



Fabulous February Favourites in many Trentham veggie gardens have been zucchini and beans.

But will the tomatoes, pumpkins, corn and cucumbers ripen???

Josie Reid

(Editor's note: we can confirm these veggies tasted as delicious as they look!)

SpudFest 2022

It's back!

Bigger than last year; (not as big as 2019), SpudFest is being reimagined this year into 'TaterFest' on May 7.



With a new Convenor and Committee, the festival will be stretching up Market Street from the Station this year. That means more stalls, more music, more fun for everyone!

The Committee is keen to hear from people who want to be a part of the creation of the festival or can help with the set-up/pack-up during the 6/7/8 May. Or maybe you'd like to volunteer to be a "Spudbuddy" on the day of the festival? The more hands, the lighter the load for everyone! Contact **Convenor Kye Theobald** (0418 432 691) or **Volunteer Coordinator Clare Jones** (0421 824 824) to get involved.

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