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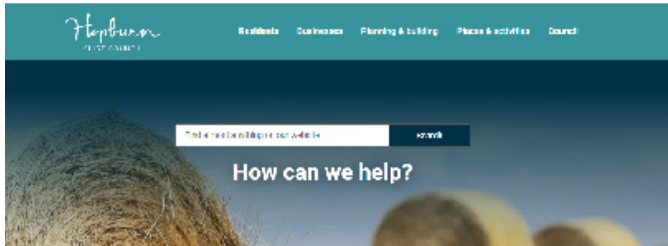




# Community News

## NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to have launched our new website. The new site features enhanced search function, easy navigation and updated online forms. Visit the site at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au) and let us know what you think at [shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au).



## COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

Sections of the Trentham Mechanics Institute have been demolished to make way for the Trentham Community Hub. The brick walls to the south and east of the original hall have been removed, uncovering some of the original timber framing. The gabled roof line will be echoed in the expanded facility, which will house a library, community hall, playgroup room, kitchen and Council customer and visitor information services. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of June 2023.



## PHOTO COMPETITION

We are pleased to invite storm-affected residents to take part in a photography competition. Photos can be from the actual event in June 2021, the aftermath, the intervening period or an emotion that has arisen from it. Please tell us your stories with a photo and anything up to 200 words describing it. Open to all storm-affected residents of Hepburn Shire. Find out more at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>.

## COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Our engagement website, Participate Hepburn, is updated regularly with opportunities for you to have your say. The draft Sustainable Hepburn strategy is open for feedback until Friday 8 July. Review the document and share your views at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>. While you're on the website you can also nominate for the following committees:

**Gender Equity Advisory Committee** - closes Friday 8 July. Contact Kate at [kprocter@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:kprocter@hepburn.vic.gov.au) or (03) 5321 6453.

**Reconciliation Advisory Committee** - closes Sunday 10 July. Contact Annette at [amillar@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:amillar@hepburn.vic.gov.au) or 0477 979 828.

## NEW PAVILION

Works are continuing at the Trentham Sportsground Reserve. Recent works by PowerCor and the contractor have seen the switchboard and electricity meter be relocated to the new position. This critical work has enabled the installation of the veranda steel framing. Other recently completed works include the installation of underground pipework for the fire service. Thank you to sportsground users for their patience during this project.

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## Editorial

### Hi Trentham!

While we're now well into the swing of winter, these recent blue sky days are a treat. Thanks to the hardworking volunteers at Trentham Quarry Street Reserve who help maintain the gorgeous vista on our cover this issue.

It's fascinating to see the old bones of the Mechanics Hall revealed, as layer by layer is removed. No doubt the stories these walls could tell would be wonderful... and there's a segue

The Trentham Words in Winter team has delivered an eclectic program for 2022. Many thanks to those involved - how fortunate we are to have so many published authors in town.

The Trumpet is participating with a Six Word Story competition again, see page 13 for details.

Thank you to the wonderful Trentham Sustainability Group for their support of The Trumpet. In addition to the wonderful produce exchange at the Farmers' Market each month we appreciate TSG's efforts in driving

community conversation about reliable energy. We look forward to sharing details of their new website & branding next issue.

As always, thanks to our contributors this month. If you've got something you'd like to include or share, email us at [trumpet@trentham.org.au](mailto:trumpet@trentham.org.au)

And lastly, a heads up:

We'll be out a little early with our August edition - you'll find it online & copies around town from Friday, July 29. This means we'll need to be super-strict with our submission cut-off date this month (July 25) for the August edition.

Please let us know if this will cause you, your business or community group any issues.

Stay warm!

**Regards,  
Chris & Penny**

### Trentham Town Survey



Wow!

We've been overwhelmed by the quality & quantity of response. Thank you to the 257 individuals, households and community groups who took the time to provide valuable & considered feedback.

Now we have the mammoth task ahead of us of distilling the thousands of words into a meaningful summary. In the interests of transparency, we'll provide the full list of all responses on our website (names redacted) and the summary for a final round of feedback & consultation before it's presented to council.

Timing wise, we hope to have this next step completed in the next couple of months. But we do have more information than we imagined (a wonderful problem to have) and day jobs! We'll keep you posted with how we're travelling, as we recognise it would be frustrating to feel your contribution has just slipped into the void.



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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:  
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Electronic subscriptions (which we encourage) are available at:  
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#### Community Groups Listing

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#### CFA

Open Day every Sunday from 9:30am

#### Hepburn Shire Council Meeting

28 June

#### Lions Schedule

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

#### Sunday Church Services

St George (Anglican) 9am  
St Mary Magdalen (Catholic) 8.30am

#### Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market  
18 June May 9am-1pm  
Trentham Town Square

#### Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap  
18 June 10-11.30am  
Trentham Town Square

#### Life Activities Club

Ladies' Petanque  
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#### Men's Petanque

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Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

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#### Mahjong

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#### TNC

see [trenthamnc.org.au](http://trenthamnc.org.au)

#### On Our Cover:

Quarry Street Reserve Lake  
Chris Campbell



## Art News

### Little Gallery

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Little Gallery, which was established as an artist collective in 2010. One of the founding artists Rose Wilson, says 'The gallery has grown from strength to strength and has housed the works of well over 200 regional artists since it was established. These group shows are about bringing the art community together and sharing it with the region.'

Little Gallery was set up by Fran Harkin, her vision was to have a privately run artist space that supported other local creatives. This was achieved by inviting artists for our mid year and Christmas Shows and allowing consignment artists to exhibit throughout the year.

Trentham's Little Gallery's Winter Show is a popular event highly anticipated by locals, art lovers and collectors. Consisting of emerging and established artists the annual Winter Show offers local visual creatives a chance to exhibit alongside one another and showcase to the region their diverse talents.

Opening Friday 15 July, the majority of this year's guest artists have not exhibited at Little Gallery before so patrons of the gallery will see something completely different from previous shows.

The 2022 Winter Show will feature prominent local names such as Julie Chandler, Phillips Edwards, Sylvia Hollis, George Lianos, Jo Linsdell, Gabrielle Martin, Akiko Nagino, Alison Parkinson, Marina Pribaz, Mike Rutherford, Taka

Sugawarra, Kirsty Williams and Peter Young. The show will also include works by the Little Gallery collective, Helen Cottle, Larissa Gray, Kim Haughie, Ri Van Veen and Rose Wilson.

These artists have won a plethora of awards and accolades so it's a perfect opportunity for one to buy an investment piece or just own a beautiful piece of original art.

Every exhibition the Little Gallery has hosted over the years has included a generous donation to local charities as its way of giving back to a community that has supported it over the past 10 years.

This show, in addition to The Little Gallery donating the commission on all sold works, the gallery collective artists will each donate a piece of artwork to be raffled alongside donations from local businesses. The Winter Show Raffle is highly sought after as people try to purchase that lucky ticket to win an original piece of art.

Last year the gallery raised a significant sum for The Path of the Horse & Quarry St Reserve to rebuild after the storm. This year proceeds will go to Trentham Primary School.

The 2022 Winter Show opens on Friday the 15th July @ 5.30pm to celebrate the 10th anniversary. The exhibition will run for just over 3 weeks until the 8 August.

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## Trentham Sustainability Group

### Renewable Energy and Small Towns

Maybe something to do with the energy crisis and escalating electricity costs saw a strong turn-out of locals to hear how other small towns are tackling their future energy needs.

Newstead has a couple of hurdles yet to clear to get the final green light for their 2MW solar farm which will be sufficient to power their town.

The Renewable Newstead story was the main topic for Trentham Sustainability Group’s second community information session complementing our Council-Community Bank-funded Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham project. The event, supported by the Coliban Water Community Rebate, has proved to be one of the most-talked-about events presented by TSG.

As well as the renewable project, people attending were fascinated by the story of how the Newstead community identified and implemented this project and others (including a community garden, playground, Arts Hub, street tree renewal).

Their starting point was the Newstead ‘community summit’ in 2008 planned to coincide with, but one year more ambitious than, Kevin Rudd’s 2020 national summit!! What became ‘Newstead 2021’ saw 130 of the town’s 500 residents come together to decide their priorities and begin action.

The four members of the Renewable Newstead team told an inspiring story of a ‘can do’ community, of how their community works together, solves problems, supports projects and deals with other levels of government and funding agencies.



Geoff Park (Renewable Newstead), Sebastian Klein (TSG), Genevieve Barlow (RN), Jane Lane (RN), David Gormley-O’Brien (CVGA), Glenda Holmes (TSG), Ian MacBean (TSG), Mike Reeves (RN)

Check out [newstead2021.org](http://newstead2021.org) and [renewablenewstead.com.au](http://renewablenewstead.com.au) for further information.

The Newstead story was complemented by David Gormley-O’Brien from the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance who provided a regional perspective and insights into microgrid projects at Tarnagulla and Donald. This also emphasised the importance of community strength and advocacy.

So, how does Trentham find its place in the sun? (of course that’s the renewables sun!)

The **Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham** project report will be the subject of the third TSG community information session in early August – check for details or register your interest for notification.

The community building message that came through loud and strong from the Newstead story and CVGA is being taken up by people who attended the 16 June session reported above.

Please contact us to see how you can get involved in shaping the future you want to see for Trentham.

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## Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

### Plant of the Month – *Banksia marginata*

Maybe we're not venturing out into our gardens much when it's cold and a little moist but there is plenty going on!

Particularly at ground-level and below, the underpinning of the whole planet continues through the work cycle of the fungi, evident in all sorts of strange shapes and colours. This below the surface frenzy is breaking down the rotting wood left for this purpose to replenish the life cycle. The native tubestock planted in autumn will also be working below ground putting down roots to be ready to take off as the warmer air returns.

There can be plenty of colour out there too! Currently on show the Banksias, favouring us with a variety of flowers from these fabulous shrubs-to-trees.

*Banksia marginata* or Silver Banksia is our local variety (up to 6m) and it also comes in a dwarf form, just over a metre high. It is considered a hardy, fairly fast growing and long-lived species, flowering from February to June. It can form dense or more open growth, with distinctive green and grey foliage.

Banksias produce copious nectar and pollen and are ideal for attracting wildlife into gardens, especially for birds in winter. Seeds are also eaten by cockatoos, particularly the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo.



Photo: Jeremy Neal

Meanwhile, as winter progresses the huge contribution of this ancient land for our visual pleasure comes from the Acacia, over 1000 different species, many poised about to flower. Maybe watch to see which one you notice first. I'm currently betting on the Prickly Moses, *Acacia verticillata*.

**Fay Magee**  
Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife



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## Trentham Tales

### Winter

The so-described 'Travelling Correspondent' for the Melbourne Advocate newspaper certainly didn't hold back in his vivid description of a cold weather snap in Trentham. That was back on 2 March, 1889, and his readers would have readily concluded that the unnamed scribe was less-than-impressed with the bitterly cold conditions that greeted him on his visit to our town.

And that was in Autumn.

"In the first place the cold is intense," he wrote, explaining the elevated position of the district, "which stands at an altitude of fully 2,000 feet above the level of the sea." "Snow falls frequently," he continues. "And a gloomier and more uninviting picture than is presented by the great withered eucalypti, with the snow whirling through the leafless branches, or amongst the great bare trunks, could scarcely be imagined."

In those days, of course, the mud and slush brought its own problems to local roads and access. "Vehicular traffic is almost suspended," he declared, with soft, sticky mud turning roads into large quagmires of soft-yielding mud.

Imagine his reaction if he'd been here in July - mid-Winter! For example, 11 years earlier the Kyneton Guardian in its June 15 edition, ran a graphic description by one of its own correspondents of a severe storm that pounded Trentham and surrounds.

It was the heaviest storm in 10 years, the local journalist wrote. It went for "several days and continued without intermission" - similar to the storm experienced last year.

"The wind did its best and during the last two nights we have been every now and again awakened from our slumbers by the crash of a fallen tree," the article continued.

"The road between here and Blackwood is almost entirely blocked up with eucalyptus. The mail, which should have reached Trentham by about 1am, did not arrive until 9am, as the river was rushing in a torrent over the Glue Pot Bridge.



"Between the western portion of the district and the township of Trentham there was a great gulf fixed and access to the place was impossible."

Well, not for everyone.

The correspondent claims that he managed to make it across to the depot and back safely with only wet knees. "Women or children would have been carried away," readers were told.

With the storm passed, the correspondent tells of venturing outside and seeing the ground thickly coated with what he describes as "beautiful snow".

"It certainly had a fine effect to the eye but was far from pleasant to the other portions of the body."

John Toomey, who has lived all of his 86 years in East Trentham, well remembers 1952 as being the wettest Winter on record.

"We had well over 60 inches for the year, and of those 33 inches fell in the Winter. Our yearly average at the time was 40 inches. I was 16 at the time - just out of school - and that's the wettest Winter I've ever encountered."

The heaviest snowfalls, he recalled, were in 1965 when he counted four major falls which blanketed the district. "This was very rare," he added.

Of course, nothing will rival last year's horrific June storm which John says is the worst in his memory.

**Russell Robinson**  
Trentham and District Historical Society



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Left and above: James Lane covered in a heavy blanket of snow, Winter 1951. Photos kindly provided by Elizabeth Toomey from her family album.



## Friends of Trentham Creeks & Reserves

### Home for Beautiful Butterflies

Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly thrives in wetland areas, seen here on *Carex appressa* (the host plant for larvae).



*Bursaria spinosa* (below) is a butterfly attracting plant. Along with *Carex appressa*, it will be planted as part of the Stoney Creek bio-diversity project.



The Bright-eyed Brown butterfly is considered rare, its habitat is swampy wetland with healthy native vegetation. The loss of its wetland habitat to blackberry, willows and clearing has seen a decline in this butterfly's population across many locations.

A recent sighting of the Bright-eyed Brown butterfly at the Trent Ck Reserve, Trentham, where extensive planting of native wetland vegetation has taken place, is a great delight.

Friends of Trentham Creeks & Reserves continue to work on similar revegetation of the Stoney Creek riparian areas.

Currently work is in progress to create suitable habitat for the Bright-eyed Brown butterfly on the corner of High and Quarry Sts, south side, as well as improve the appearance of the Reserve as seen from High St.

*This project is funded by a Bio-diversity grant from Hepburn Shire Council.*

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## Storm Recovery

### More Funding for Storm Recovery

At the one-year mark following the devastating flood and storm event last June, Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas visited Trentham Fire Station, which was used as a Local Command Facility for four days following the storm event, operating 24 hours a day to help coordinate local response efforts. The station was a central point for those assisting on the ground, including CFA, Vic SES, Ambulance Victoria and Victoria Police.

Trentham CFA received \$17,000 for a new generator through the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program following the storm. The Government has invested \$8.2 million to help affected councils coordinate and drive recovery locally, including to help process planning matters quickly, and will now invest a further \$4.76 million to extend this funding to eight affected councils for another 12 months, including Macedon Ranges Shire and Hepburn Shire, ensuring they are resourced for the long-term recovery journey ahead.



Mary-Anne said "Recovering from a disaster is complex and takes time – we're continuing to provide support to local families, businesses and communities who were affected by this unprecedented event. We can't change what these communities have been through, but we are doing what we can make recovery that little bit easier and build back better and stronger."

## Rural Australians for Refugees Trentham

### Refugee Week 2022

The theme for National Refugee Week 2022 is 'Healing' and with so much uncertainty in the world, it is important to remember that we all can make a difference. When people come to Australia and share their cultures and knowledge, they enrich the community and make it vibrant and unique.



From little things, big things grow, and this sparked an idea with the Trentham RAR group. We approached Trentham & Districts Community Bank to sponsor the purchase of a range of books about refugee experiences for the school library and funding for Refugee Week activities that RAR was hosting at Trentham Districts Primary School. The bank jumped at the chance to get involved and work together with the local community.

Trentham RAR gave students a rich cultural experience during Refugee Week with an exciting African drumming performance by Rhythm of Life. The students heard first-hand from Rebecca Wuor of SisterWorks\*, who grew up in Southern Sudan. She shared stories of her childhood and how she and her family came to Australia from a war torn country to now live safely in Bendigo.

Trentham & Districts Community Bank also supported Trentham RAR to highlight Refugee Week, providing them with the use of their marquee at the June Farmers' Market. Through events like this, Trentham RAR wants to build a better understanding of Refugees' experiences and create

a more welcoming and fairer system to support their settlement here. We hope to run these events annually and involve other community groups in the future.

RAR Trentham is a local group that supports and encourages people who come to Australia as refugees and seeking asylum. We believe that everyone living in Australia deserves to be treated with dignity, respect and fairness. For more information please email [rartrentham@gmail.com](mailto:rartrentham@gmail.com)

\* SisterWorks is a not-for-profit social enterprise supporting refugee, seeking asylum and migrant women: [sisterworks.org.au](http://sisterworks.org.au)



Rhythm of Life drummers with Julie Suter (RAR), Arthur Lane (TDPS Principal), Helen van der Werff (CCCE Director)

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## Community

### Calling all Thespians

One of our local residents, Vicki Smith, who has been involved with community theatre for longer than she cares to remember, is directing a play with The Mount Players in November and will be holding auditions on July 23. 'When the Rain Stops Falling' is written by Andrew Bovell, a well-known Australian playwright, who also wrote the screenplays for the award-winning films 'Lantana' and 'Strictly Ballroom'.

The play is a sprawling family drama spanning four generations of dysfunction in one family's lineage of secrets, abandonment, and searching for answers. It travels backwards and forwards through time as each generation struggles to come to terms with family, legacy, abandonment and betrayal, inherited secrets, and the search for connection and forgiveness.

There are male and female roles for ages from 20s to 50s. If you would like to find out more, check out The Mount Players website at [themountplayers.com/auditions](http://themountplayers.com/auditions).

Vicki's contact details are included on the website if you would like to get a copy of the script and book an audition.

### New Website

Hepburn Shire Council has launched its new website, offering users a more streamlined and intuitive online experience.

Council Chief Executive Officer Bradley Thomas said the new site was redeveloped in response to feedback received during the Hepburn Together project, with the aim of making it as user-friendly as possible.

"We invite the community to take a look at the site and let us know what they think. The search function works really well, so I'd encourage everyone to jump on the site, search for something to do with Council and see how you go," said Mr Thomas.

Visit [hepburn.vic.gov.au](http://hepburn.vic.gov.au) and take a look.

### Macedon Ranges Bridge Club

The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club is looking for new players. If you enjoy playing cards or making new friends, you are invited to go along to its Learn to Play Bridge classes that commence on 11 July 2022.

"Bridge is a fantastic card game that challenges the mind and keeps us mentally active. It can take a little effort to learn but provides years of enjoyment, social interaction and friendship" the secretary of the Woodend-based club Cate Carr said.

"It has been a difficult few years for the community and the club struggled through Covid like everyone else" she said. "We had to play online during the lockdowns but now we are back and looking for new players".

Bridge is played around the world, with clubs in the major cities and most regional centres. The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club attracts players from Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne, Macedon, Lancefield, Daylesford, Sunbury and all places in between.

Bridge is sometimes likened to chess with cards – it requires brainpower and logic but also partnership skills and perhaps a little luck. It is thus both social and challenging – so fun for all.

"It is a partnership game, but you don't need a partner to come to the lessons, as we can match you up with another learner" Ms Carr said. "If you have played 500 or solo, bridge might be for you, but you do not have to have any card playing experience to learn the game".

The ten week Learn to Play Bridge classes start on Monday 11 July at 12.30 pm in the meeting room at the Woodend Library. The cost is \$70, which includes refreshments and class notes. Bookings are essential. For more information or to book ring Cate on 0417 549 041 or email [cate2010@live.com.au](mailto:cate2010@live.com.au) Covid vaccination required.

The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club plays at 12.30pm every Monday and Thursday at the Woodend Tennis Club rooms. For more information see the club website at [mrbc.asn.au](http://mrbc.asn.au)

### Help Needed

Tylden working couple, with two young children need help in cleaning/tidying their home and some garden/lawnmowing work.

In addition, they are looking for a carpenter or builder to timber line an 'old school' garage and fit off.

If you can help, please ring:

Alisha: 0410 628 575

Andy: 0415 768 383

## Words in Winter



## 2022 Program Theme: It's Cold

- **Clever Towns Challenge** Trentham Library Saturday Aug 6 from 10am.
- **Modern Poetry Readings** Chaplins Saturday Aug 6 from 4:30pm. Submissions due by Aug 1 to TNC. \$150 first prize and an appearance from the "Little Dictator".
- **Poetry Book Launch** John Scott and Ross Gillett. Cosmopolitan Hotel Cellar and Wine Room Sunday Aug 7 from 3:30pm
- **School Competition** Submissions due Aug 12, winners announced on Aug 19 with \$200 of prizes.
- **Bush Poetry Retrospective and Open Mic** TNC Saturday Aug 13 from 2pm.
- **Henk Bak discusses 'Language and the sounds of words'** Men's Shed Sunday Aug 14 from 11am
- **Short Stories Readings** Cosmopolitan Hotel Cellar and Wine Room Sunday Aug 14 from 3:30pm. Submissions due by Aug 8 to TNC. 500 words max. \$150 first prize.
- **Redbeard's 50-Word Story** Entries to be written and submitted at Redbeard by Aug 15. Redbeard vouchers as prizes.
- **Meet the Author: Rosalie Ham** Aterics Café and Bar Saturday Aug 20, 2 course dinner fundraiser from 6pm. Contact Aterics for bookings. (32 guest maximum).
- **The Writing of Hymns and Sacred Songs** Guest speakers Fay Magee and Maria Forde. St. George's Anglican Church Sunday 21 Aug 2pm (byo cushion).
- **Six Word Story** Submit to The Trentham Trumpet online by Sunday August 21. \$100 first prize announced in the September issue.
- **Meet the Author Expo** Come and chat with up to 12 local authors. TNC Saturday Aug 27 (time to be announced).
- **Book Launch** details to be announced. Cosmopolitan Hotel Cellar and Wine Room Sunday Aug 28 3:30pm.



## Poetry

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I wish I could write a poem like Seamus Heaney, but I am not of his ilk.

Yet sitting alone at 4am I am wondering what tomorrow will be like.

A house spider normally greets me.

I watch it through the complexity of my room wondering what I can call it.

I decide "hero". Is hero thinking about the new day?

Imagine being a spider in Jim's room, going over an Escher puzzle or walking through the 3-D model of New York or climbing over the many places the many plugs he needs to get him through to the next day. It is about the frailty we all see; we all try to fix to make a better world for humanity and nature.

In the distance you see bare hilltops and nowhere for "hero" and others to climb, to hide, the wind is now my enemy, shadows are gone.

I am now alone again at 4am in the morning.

If I had my way, I would fix upright the wind downed gums and make those now dead trunks upright again.

Some gentle person knew of my needs having watched his "hero" spider. He is 80!

You can't climb, bare hilltops now.

He started to dig little holes in the ground and lift those little branches sitting down on the ground and in no time had a place for "hero" to climb and wind protection for others from those now standing little trunks.

Soon people from all over started lifting those now big dead trunks at fifteen per hectare. No roots, no crown, less fire danger and the creatures of the forest returned to land and to take cover in wounded openings, shadows, and wind shelter.

Thanks to all those people that lifted logs on those bare hills, life quickly returned nobody thought was possible!

### Jim Sinatra

## Six Word Story - Trentham Words in Winter

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We loved the responses to our Six Word Story competition last year, so we're back participating in the Trentham Words in Winter festival this year!

We're again celebrating flash fiction - the super-short story. Flash fiction (also known as micro fiction) is characterised by the word count, generally less than 100 words and more often than not needs to fit an exact word count- no more no less. Our Six Word Story competition is - you guessed it, 6 words.

While the key feature of flash fiction is brevity, it often contains a twist, humour or play on words.

Here are some questionable examples by our 'Plonkers' to start your creative juices flowing:

**No Digby, sadly the Cosmo's closed.** (Niles)  
**History never repeats. History never repeats.** (Digby)



Mary White won last year's competition with her beautifully evocative entry:

**Mother's teacup forever measures my flour.**

The Trumpet will be offering a \$100 prize for our favourite Six Word Story. Stay tuned for more details on how to enter next month - the winner will be announced in our September issue.

Good luck!

## Councillor's Report

### July 2022

**Pedestrian crossing at Trentham Primary School** – the school committee has raised a number of safety concerns related to the existing crossing in Bridge Street.

A road safety audit was subsequently performed for Council by suitably experienced and skilled specialists. The audit report states "The overall finding is that the current signage and pavement marking does not adequately delineate the unsupervised school crossing on Bridge Street. Coupled with the road grade, lack of connectivity to the existing footpaths and the poor speed compliance observed on site, the auditors are concerned that school children (and other pedestrians) using the crossing point are at a greater risk of being struck by vehicular traffic."

The report has made several recommendations. Council will undertake to have the crossing supervised, have flags on display and will carry out works to improve footpaths leading to and from the crossing.

Other recommendations including the installation of flashing speed limit signs to replace the static signs, installing speed humps or cushions at the approaches to the crossing, reinstating all line markings on the road and augmenting existing signs fall within the responsibility of Regional Roads Victoria (RRV – formerly VicRoads). As Council does on a regular basis it will liaise with RRV to have those recommendations implemented.

In the meantime, everyone is asked to exercise appropriate caution when approaching the crossing.

**Storm recovery** – as a result of ongoing advocacy the State Government announced additional funding to carry out further recovery works. The announcement of an additional \$3.1m for Hepburn Shire came on the one-year anniversary on 9 June. This is most welcome news.

For Trentham it means more work can be done on Racecourse Reserve, Domino Trail, Wombat Trail, Stoney Creek Reserve, Trent Creek Reserve and on the Daylesford Spa Country Railway.

To date the cleared timber has produced 4000 metres of fence posts, 25,000 cubic metres of mulch distributed to local farms and 7000 tonnes of firewood distributed to local residents.

As part of the habitat recovery plan the Cool Country Men's Shed in Trentham is producing 150 nesting boxes. Made from recovered timber the boxes will be distributed locally. Other activities conducted by Council include a photography competition, a 3-day accredited chainsaw training course and the focus on mental health was aided by the latest presentation by Dr. Rob Gordon at Lyonville.

**Sportsground** – work continues on-track for an October completion. Council has arranged for temporary buildings onsite to provide changeroom facilities.

**Planning survey** – thank you to those who completed the planning survey. The community's feedback

will guide the new planning regulations so that they reflect the community's wishes and protect against undesirable development outcomes. It is noteworthy that in recent times local residents, in Coliban ward and across the Shire, have lodged well-constructed objections to proposed developments. The provision of compelling cases against inappropriate development is influential.

**Off-leash dog park** – following consultation with representatives of the "Dogs of Trentham" community group a six-month trial will be conducted at the Market St Reserve. Changes will be made to signage and fencing erected to enable the off-leash exercise of our canine friends to continue safely at that location. The group continues to work with Council to identify a suitable long-term site and define the park's needs.

**Community Centre** – construction work is well underway and progressing towards completion in mid-2023. The demolition of the supper room has been completed which has exposed the original timber structure.

**Rex** – the process to engage with the community on the proposed sale of the Rex building in Daylesford is now closed. This is a contentious project with significant implications for Council's finances. Councillors will closely consider the suggestions and feedback provided by the broader community before a final decision on the building's fate is confirmed. It is anticipated a decision will be taken at the July Council meeting.

**Council budget 2022/23** – the budget for next financial year is due to be adopted at the 28 June Council meeting.

**Council** – monthly meetings will be held at the new starting time of 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. The public's attendance in-person will be determined according to prevailing Covid restrictions. At this stage the public may attend in person.

#### Upcoming Council meeting dates –

- 19 July,
- 16 August,
- 20 September.

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## Trentham Lions Club

Tickling the wintery days by, we were fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day for our Farmers' Market on Saturday 18 June.

The Storm Recovery Team came along to talk about progress and achievements since the Big Storm in June last year, and how we are all tracking since then. Cr Brian Hood and Lions Club President Tim Walsh gave informative presentations with Brian detailing some mind-blowing statistics about what has been dealt with and achieved by the various service organisations, government and our local council.



Thanks to Narelle Conroy, Hepburn Shire Council was engaged at their marquee with a number of storm recovery representatives including Pete Greenfield and Rebecca Briody from DELWP, Eva Parkin, Sue Ellen Cook, Kathy Mexted and Ross Evans from Hepburn Shire Council, Mary Christodulaki and Michelle Cox from Central Highlands Rural Health. They all shared lots of information brochures and informed the community how the various organisations could provide assistance. Thanks Team HSC - you did a great job and the community really appreciates your ongoing support.



The Trentham & District Community Bank's marquee was occupied by the RAR group (Rural Australian for Refugees) promoting the great work they are doing to support refugees.

Alice Petherbridge utilised her left over wool to knit up a mountain of beanies to aid the Trentham Historical Society's fundraising efforts. Well done Alice.

The entertainment this month was again outstanding with the young "Trentham Trio" team Malachy, Amelia and Coen providing spectacular music along with Katrina Buttigieg and our music stalwart, Lions President Tim Walsh.

Huge thanks to our Lions members who, as always, put in their time and efforts to ensure that the Farmers Market continues as this wonderful monthly event, a great treat for visitors and an integral part of Trentham life.

Our incoming Trentham Lions President, Gita Khatri, is overseas and has visited the Lions Club of Bangalore Centennial Spandana Vijayanagar. Gita and her partner Darren have witnessed some of the diversity of work undertaken by the Lions organisation, including a Lions club operating a blood bank. More than 100 donors visit the blood bank bus each day to donate blood. This is another example of the great and varied service work that the Lions Clubs International organisation does throughout the world.



### Like to join Trentham Lions Club?

Lions' mantra is family first, work and your special interests next, then give to Lions and community if you have a few hours to spare! Having FUN and forming friendships are key elements to any club's success. Your support as a member will insure that the service contributed in your community and throughout the world continues. You've heard it before, but the work of many hands doing little things brings great results!

Every person offers unique talents to any organisation. When we combine our efforts and work toward a common goal, the results are usually mind boggling. Lions' work is like a gigantic puzzle. Until the last piece is found, the picture is never complete. Your unique piece in the puzzle is a vital part of our community service. Join the Trentham Lions Club and help contribute to our local and worldwide efforts.

The Trentham Lions Club offers opportunities for families to volunteer together. Become a Lion with your spouse, children, grandchildren and siblings, and start spending quality time together while serving the community.

If you would like further information about our club and Lions in general please contact Tim Walsh 0417 006 146, Ceri Spain 0400 619 729 or myself 0418 555 035

**Stan Falloon**  
Secretary  
Lions Club of Trentham



## Interior Design

### The Piano in the Room

Large spaces can be arranged for multiple uses, using design tricks to define each zone. An area rug, furniture layout, artworks, and different finishes on vertical surfaces – all of these delineate each area in a large space.

Janet, Sven and their two teenage sons immigrated to Australia prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; the family had been serial renovators in Denmark. After a few months renting in Melbourne, they bought a functional, non-descript 1950's cream brick veneer house.

The rear of the house was north facing, but without any direct access or windows overlooking the sizeable rear yard. It was the perfect location for a simple extension, without causing much disruption to the existing house.

They added a long 14 metre room with sloping ceilings lined with timber lining boards; three exposed recycled timber trusses contributed visually to separating the space into an open plan living and dining area. A liberal coating of white paint over exposed brick and plastered walls united the room. The wooden frames of the floor to ceiling sliding doors and windows were highlighted in black. The windows were spaced evenly between the trusses, making an architectural statement.

At one end of the room a stone feature wall containing an open fireplace, with a raised hearth, and no mantle was installed. Recycled planks lacquered with a very dark stain were used as shelves in the 2 metre wide cavities either side of the chimney.

A modern sofa group was placed in a central position opposite the fire, surrounding a coffee table, visually grounded by a large exquisite Persian rug. By moving furniture away from the walls, the room was allowed to breathe and felt more spacious.

The sofa space was further delineated by several banks of floor to ceiling shelving along another wall, tastefully styled with books, plants and a selection of ceramics. This provided a visual boundary to the sofa area. A contemporary pendant light fitting was hung low over the coffee table.

Sven's grandfather's baby grand piano was placed in the centre of the room, commanding prime position, its ebony lid open in anticipation of special occasions and impromptu performances.

The final third of the room is dedicated to dining: a scrubbed back Baltic pine table with an assortment of classic leather and mismatched wooden chairs are there. It wouldn't be Danish without a selection of assorted candles on the table.

It's always enjoyable re-visiting this family. On my last visit, afternoon tea was served in the dining room, while one of the sons played the grand piano in the background. We then relocated to the other end of the room, in front of the fire. Each area of the room had its own function and purposeful décor, feeling in empathy with every other part



of the room and the existing house. We don't all own a grand piano, but the design of a difficult space can become easier with the clever use of furniture, rugs and lighting.

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## Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

### One Year On

The storm anniversary has provided a good time to observe the way our biodiversity project at the Reserve has progressed and in particular how the landscape along Lelant Street has “bounced back”, with just a little help.

It’s a good time for those “before and after” photos.

The photo below on the left from July 2021 shows the chaos of trees that had fallen, but more significantly also those deemed unsafe and taken out as well, a total of five of our rare Brooker’s gums near the corner and two further over nearer the lake.

Plants that had been recently installed as part of our HSC-funded native Biodiveristy Project were mostly smashed or buried under debris.

This seemingly large distribution of small branches etc in the photo remained after the large trunks were removed and has largely been left where it fell, contributing to a potentially rich level of activity on the ground – mess can be good!

On the advice of Brian Bainbridge, HSC Biodiveristy Officer, the five stumps were left and significantly started re-sprouting within six months, some of which are thriving. This has been the highlight of our storm recovery story, along with the hard work with shovels and wheelbarrows and the negotiating of timelines for bigger challenges.



The June 2022 photo on the right demonstrates just how quickly change and re-growth can occur.

The loss of the big trees meant the canopy was opened up, and along with good rainfall during the ensuing months and throughout summer ensured that whatever was planted has thrived.

Also, some of the specifically local plants have shown their own enthusiasm for re-generating, including the useful ground covers, Bidgee Widgee and the Crane’s Bill Geranium, as well as Blackwoods and recently, eucalypts.

Potentially larger shrubs that were planted 18 months ago have also become well-established and are rising above the grasses.

So keep watching the space!

**Helen van der Werff**  
**Chair**  
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## The Trentham Garden

### Winter in My Garden

Surprisingly, winter can often be the most interesting and creative time to work in the garden. With fewer hours spent on maintenance like weeding and mowing, you have time to make the 'big decisions' about the larger structures of the garden.

I'm in the process of creating a new garden in Trentham East and currently find myself spending a lot of time planting new trees and shrubs. Evergreen plants planted now will generally only go downhill during a cold Trentham winter, but the upside is that they will be ready to take full advantage of the spring weather. I generally avoid planting smaller and more fragile plants as they occasionally won't make it through.

Bareroot trees are available in winter, with a wider range of fruit tree cultivars to choose from and at a cheaper price. I usually advise clients to stick to pome fruits (apples, pears, quinces, nashis) as they grow well in the Trentham climate and maintenance is greatly streamlined compared to a mixed orchard. Bareroot buxus (English Box) is also available in winter; this often figures out considerably cheaper, as well as being easier to plant and transport.

Winter is also a great time to make the difficult decisions about whether to remove any trees and shrubs which might be too large for their spaces. Consider whether some of these unruly, high-maintenance plants can be replaced with new well-behaved dwarf cultivars of eg. Rhamphiolepis, Banksias or Lorapetalums.



There's still lots to do in frosty Trentham gardens in winter

When I was working in gardens in Europe, winter was often spent cutting back and dividing perennials (place bamboo canes on the soil to remind you where the clumps are) as well as pruning trees and shrubs. It's worth doing a quick google before you grab your pruning saw; for example spring-flowering shrubs prefer to be pruned after flowering rather than in winter.

Wait for a lovely crisp, sunny winter day, carefully select your gardening outfit (comfort is everything) and wipe away your winter blues with a bit of gardening!

Happy gardening,

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Saturday  
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Pig & Whistle Hotel

THEME:

# life is still



Strictly for amateur artists it's not about ability, but your creative ideas and having **fun with the theme**. Judging on the day by local professional artists, prizes awarded and an auction of all paintings by adults. Proceeds to a worthy local group or community project.

Details: Madelene 0408 765 495 or [Janine.artattack@bigpond.com](mailto:Janine.artattack@bigpond.com)

## CCCE

**Community Bank Supporting our Community****Hepburn Shire Council Storm Recovery Program.**

There's a lot to be said about how far we've come since the June 2021 storms turned our town upside down. Hepburn Shire Council officers attended the Farmers' Market in June to engage and open up conversations with the community about what's been achieved and how we are tracking, as well as offering ongoing support.

Recovery has many facets and whilst a lot has been done, there is still work to do. The current focus is on addressing the mental health and well-being of individuals and the community. Hepburn Shire Council is offering several free courses to support and continue to empower our town as part of their Storm Recovery Program.



Left to right: Sue-Ellen Cook, Eva Parkin, Kathy Mexted, Narelle Conroy - Back row: Ross Evans

**Trentham Districts Football Netball Club**

Co-Chair of CCCE Ltd, Brian Hood, had the pleasure of attending Trentham Football Netball Club's sponsors' and life members' day on Saturday 4th June. While Trentham managed to turn on its coolest and wettest wintry weather that didn't deter club sponsors and life members enjoying an afternoon of football and netball, a warm welcome and fine hospitality. The day was successful on the field and court and all present heard an encouraging update on the Club's outlook from president Jason Shaw. The Club's impressive new facilities are taking shape and heading for an October completion and it is expected they will help attract new players of all ages. The Trentham & Districts Community Bank proudly sponsors and supports TFNC and acknowledges the numerous benefits the Club provides to our community. With the 2021/2 season being badly affected by Covid delays and cancellations, everyone in the club is looking forward to a fabulous season ahead – go Sinters!

**Woodend Music and Arts Festival**

This year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival opened with a bang – literally – with a fabulous fireworks display! Trentham & Districts Bank – with an emphasis on the "and Districts" – was a co-sponsor of the opening of this annual festival, which was another community event coming back from a Covid-induced pause. Hundreds of Woodend locals were joined by people from all over the area, who braved cold and damp conditions to watch Japanese Drummers and an A Capella Choir entertain the crowd prior to the biggest item on the agenda – the fireworks. Board Director, Helen van der Werff, helped to count down to the big bang with many oohs and aahs from the crowd.

**Trentham's Biggest Morning Tea**

When the ladies at the Trentham Op Shop put a sign up saying they'll be opening late, you know it's an event to put on your social calendar... and this year's Biggest Morning Tea was no exception. If there's one thing our community knows how to do it's to give back! More than anything, this event was a chance for the community to get together in person after COVID-19.

Thank you to all those who braved the cold and brought a plate to share. The TNC provided a toasty warm place for us to host The Biggest Morning Tea to raise awareness and funds for the Cancer Council. With a bottomless cuppa, tasty goodies to share and a host of activities & games, we raised \$410 on the day. We all know someone who has been affected and the Cancer Council does an incredible job of supporting, educating and researching that makes a big difference to those impacted by cancer.



Congratulations to Victoria on winning the major raffle prize and a big shout-out to the local businesses who donated beautiful prizes which all contributed to making the day a huge success.







## TNC Weekly Classes

### Monday

**PEACE MEDITATION  
MONDAY 8:30AM**

Sessions consist of movement ('pre-yoga'), short guided meditation, period of stillness and then conversation. Newcomers always welcome.

**EVENING HATHA YOGA  
MONDAYS 7PM \$15**

Awaken and energise your body with intense breathing, joint movements, heat building postures and deeper stretches.

### Tuesday

**DANCERCIZE  
TUESDAYS 7PM \$16.50**

Dance fitness - cardio and toning workout using dance inspired movement, all genres of music are used and different dance styles incorporated.  
Term Pass 10 weeks - \$150.00

### Friday

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Dance fitness - cardio and toning workout using dance inspired movement, all genres of music are used and different dance styles incorporated.  
Term Pass 10 weeks - \$150.00

### Thursday

**STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY  
THURSDAYS 8.45AM \$15.50 / \$140 TERM**

Strength classes for men & women individually tailored to maximise muscle and strength in older adults to ensure mobility and flexibility.

**PILATES  
THURSDAYS 9.45AM \$15.50 / \$140 TERM**

Improve your core strength, flexibility and posture.

**DANCE FITNESS  
THURSDAYS 11AM \$15.50 / \$140 TERM**

Dance to Latin rhythms giving your body a workout in this low impact, fun aerobic exercise class.

### Thursday Kids Classes

**FIRST STEPS (2.5-6 YEARS)  
THURSDAY 3.15PM - 4PM \$13.50**

Dance and creative movement for pre-school children.

**LETS DANCE (5-7YEARS)  
THURSDAY 4PM - 4.45PM \$13.50**

Dance and creative movement for pre-school children.

**DANCE & MOVEMENT (7-9 YEARS)  
THURSDAY 4.45PM - 5.30PM \$13.50**

Dance and creative movement for school aged children

\*Term Pass for all kids dance classes - 10 weeks \$120.00

## July Courses / Workshops



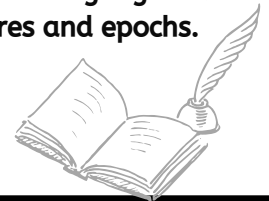
**First Aid  
(HLTAID 009/011)  
Saturday July 30th  
9.30am - 3.30pm**

Participants must enroll via the following link:  
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## The Poetic Treasures of Sufism

Join local writer Alice Melike Ulgezer in this 8 week course. The course will take learners on a mystical journey to the heart of Sufism and its poetic treasures. It will contextualise Sufism within a historical framework and highlight its various practices across cultures and epochs.

**Wed July 20th  
10.30am -12.15pm  
\$150**



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## Golf

### Men's Captain Report

Winter has come with a vengeance and many players are finding good scores hard to come by. Field sizes have stayed at a good level although slightly reduced as some members have opted for the northern states for warmth!

The major events in June were the Monthly Medals and winners were: Thursday Andrew Holdsworth and Saturday Mark Trinder. The third round of the Mixed Championships has been played with the pairing of Colin Wilson and Julie Hanson winning the round. As it is the best three of four rounds the overall scratch and nett winners will not be decided until the final round is played in July.

June 9 marked one year on from the intense storm that devastated our course and the surrounding Trentham area. Seventy-five large trees were blown over, fences damaged and our practice nets destroyed. The course was closed for nearly two months before it was playable again.

Looking back and a year down the track, the efforts of our greens staff, club members, visiting greenkeepers and contractors have achieved a wonderful outcome. While signs are still visible around the course in the form of a few remaining fallen trees, timber piles in the rough, and mulch piles where trees once stood, the course is fully playable and back to its best.

It's an ill wind that doesn't blow some good, and the course has improved in some areas. The 2nd and 12th greens have more sunlight and better grass health with fewer tall trees shading them from the north. The 12th hole is much better without the two large gum trees overhanging the fairway on the left side of the approach. The 14th hole has been opened up with fewer trees on the left side and the removal of the large eucalypt near the 15th tee. Our new and much improved practice nets are currently under construction.

A year down the track the club would like to thank everyone who has helped either by giving time, expertise or financial contributions over the last 12 months. It demonstrates what can be achieved by community effort and good organisation, motivated by a love of the club and the course.

**John Hudson**  
Men's Captain, TGC

### Women's Captain's Report

Winter weather has impacted some of our golf this month but we have managed to complete most competitions.



Our Doubles Knock Out final was played between the pairing of myself and Rhonda Bradley against Claire Perston and Alex Evered. The winners were Claire and Alex on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 5/3. A very good win, congratulations to the winning pair. Due to the increase in women players we were able to program a qualifying round for the knock out which meant fewer byes and a more streamlined approach.

The June Saturday medal was played in very wet conditions with a 3 way draw between Alex Evered, Alison Borchner and myself, score 75 nett. We will play off for the medal in October. Captain Veronica won the Wednesday medal with 68 nett. Amazing what a difference the weather made to the scores as that Wednesday was played in far better conditions than the previous Saturday.

One of the Golf Victoria's events was also played this month. It is called the Doris Chambers and is a straight foursomes game. We had 7 teams compete on the day and the winners were myself and Rhonda Bradley, 34 nett. The winners go on and play the state final at Sanctuary Lakes in October.

Another Golf Victoria event is called the Silver Spoon and we played the 2<sup>nd</sup> round this month with the winner Alison Borchner able to play in the final Silver Spoon in October to decide who represents the club at the state final in November to be played at Chirnside Park.

**Veronica Maher**  
Women's Captain, TGC

#### Upcoming events

- Saturday July 23: Mixed Championship 4th round
- Saturday July 30: Men's Winter Cup 1st round
- Saturday August 6: Men's Winter Cup 2nd round and Men's Singles Knockout qualifier
- Saturday August 13: Women's Singles Knockout qualifier
- Wednesday August 17: Women's Singles Knockout qualifier
- Saturday August 27, Wednesday August 31: Women's championships 1st round

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## Food For Thought

As we battle to limit our waste in reducing carbon dioxide, I thought that as we live in a potato growing area this initiative would be of interest. Along with other food related topics, it was discussed at the last Food for Thought gathering.

A major Victorian food processor has slashed its reliance on coal and gas by more than 40 per cent by turning potato waste into power and investing in solar.

The Ballarat plant of McCain Foods has built a co-generation biodigester on site, which creates an energy-rich gas by placing organic materials into an airtight container to break down. Engineering project manager for CO2 reduction, Scott White, said it was an Australian-first innovation and was the most efficient way to maximise carbon dioxide reduction.

"This is such an exciting project," he said. "We had a waste stream from our food manufacturing process that had a low value add market so we looked at how we could get more beneficial use out of that. We are taking all of the waste that comes out of our factory and putting it through an anaerobic digester, creating green biogas (methane)." Biodigesters work like a stomach to break down food waste into energy.

## The Plonkers

A cold Wintery Friday night this month saw our Plonkers settle in at a cosy candlelit fireside table at At Eric's Café and Bar.

Paintings by local artist Gayle Cykner hung about the restaurant with familiar local scenes such as the Loddon Falls in Glenlyon and the old horse trough just outside on Market Street.

Gazing at the horse trough moved Digby to exclaim out loud "I need a drink Niles to warm my cold bones, shall we start with a beer?"

From a generous list Niles chose an Asahi, a super dry Japanese rice lager.

"Why do you nearly always order that one Niles?" Digby asked.

"As I've explained countless times Digby, I like a dry beer." Muttering under his breath something to the effect of "How can a beer be dry, it's mostly water", Digby ordered a glass of the Birthday Villa Gerwurztraminer sparkling, a straw coloured fresh and lively fine beaded favourite of his, grown and produced locally in Malmsbury.

They cast their eyes over the menu. Very reasonably priced and comforting offerings including chicken scallopini, parmigiana, fish and chips, lamb shanks, duck leg, beef curry and more made their choice delightfully difficult.

Potato and leek soup for starters followed by the scallopini for Niles and the duck leg for Digby.

Mr White said utilising 23,000 tonnes of unsaleable food to create power saved approximately 1,600 garbage trucks full of waste per year and reduced CO2 emissions by 15,100 tonnes. "Normally that food waste would be land-spread, but now we're getting best value use out of that by creating the green biogas," he said.

"All the solid waste gets watered down and pushed into a mill, creating what's almost like a papier mâché type substance, and that is pumped into a pre-acidification tank. That tank is like a cow's first stomach and it's pre-digesting the food waste, and then it's pumped into the anaerobic digester where there are heaps of healthy bugs that eat the solid matter.

"The cogeneration system will reduce CO2 emissions by 15,100 tonnes per year and save 23,000 tonnes of waste and reduce the plant's electricity consumption by over 30 per cent and lowering the use of natural gas by 16%"

The Ballarat plant is certainly leading the way and is one of the many industry-led projects that are contributing to a better and healthier lifestyle. So next time you're cooking those chips, think of the inventive work of our industrial scientists that will lead the way to a cleaner and safer planet.

And the wine, which wine to have? Like the food, the wine offerings were generously priced and all local. Old favourites like the Curly Flat Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Passing Cloud Shiraz and Shadowfax Pinot Gris, to name a few. Ordering a bottle of the Curly Flat White Pinot they settled into conversation. Eric himself brought the bottle to their table, "No, no we ordered the White Pinot" Digby said, "That's a pinky peach colour!"

"That'll be fine thank you Eric" said Niles explaining to his quarrelsome quaffing friend once again "It's all about the skins Digby, I've explained this before."

"Yes, well, I like it whatever it is, reminds me of Summer, I'm warming up already with the taste of blood orange and the smells of summer berries."

The Rosé was a lovely accompaniment to the chicken and duck. Conversations soon crossed tables, some patrons back for a third Friday in a row just for their favourite dish (yes, the duck!) A gathering of half a dozen sat outside under the heaters despite the cold and our Plonkers decided to kick on with a bottle of Passing Clouds Graeme's blend Shiraz, a particular favourite of Digby's.

The dark berry flavours of the Bendigo grown grapes filled out the evening perfectly.

"Soon Digby, we'll be blessed with more dining options in Trentham, the future is looking bright."

"Aha. Do you think the Cosmo is still open....?"

**Digby & Niles**  
**The Plonkers**



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