

Community Farewell



Remembrance Day



New Logo!



Trentham Lions



The Plonkers

T H E T R E N T H A M
TRUMPET

Trentham
Twilight
Night

LAST FRIDAY EVENING IN NOVEMBER

Eat Drink Shop Celebrate

4.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Council news

THE MECHANICS TRENTHAM

The Trentham Community Hub has been officially renamed The Mechanics Trentham, following a poll that received feedback from more than 200 members of the community. Thanks to everyone who shared their views. We can't wait to open The Mechanics Trentham. It's expected to be finished in early 2024.

FOOTPATH WORKS



A new footpath and kerb and channel has been completed on Victoria Street in Trentham. Thank you to the community for your patience and understanding during the construction.

Stay tuned for more updates as we commence more infrastructure improvements at the intersection of Victoria Street and Bridge Street.

BULLARTO STATION



The Bullarto Station building is nearing completion. Since our last update, the veranda roof sheeting has been installed, the floorboards have been laid, the chimneys have been rendered and the finials have been installed.

Z-NET ROUNDTABLE

Are you passionate about the environment and helping the community to work towards zero emissions? Hepburn Z-NET is a collaborative partnership that brings together community groups, organisations, community members, experts and Council to help shift the Shire to zero-net energy by 2025 and zero-net emissions by 2030. Community members are invited to join the Z-NET Roundtable. Expressions of interest are open until 12pm on Tuesday 14 November. Register via the Participate Hepburn website at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/>

Join our team. We have career opportunities at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/jobs

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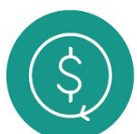
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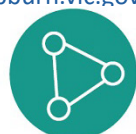
A healthy, supported & empowered community



Embracing our past & planning for the future



Diverse economy & opportunities



A dynamic & responsive council

BIG YEAR OF DELIVERY

We formally adopted the Annual Report 2022-23 at the Council meeting in October. The Annual Report outlines highlights, achievements and challenges of the last financial year. It also provides the community with a detailed report card of our performance for the year. We have made significant progress on the delivery of the 116 actions within the four-year Council Plan, with 102 actions completed or on track, ten being delayed and four actions to begin in coming years. To view a copy visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/performance

FREE GREEN WASTE

Throughout November you can drop off green waste for free at our transfer stations at Trentham, Daylesford and Creswick. It's a great time to clean up your properties in preparation for the upcoming fire season. Things to remember:

- Bring along proof of residency.
- Separate your load - green material should be separated from other items.
- Don't bring noxious weeds - it's illegal to transport noxious weeds in Victoria and for our transfer stations to accept them.
- Commercial quantities of waste are not accepted.

E-WASTE FOR SALE

After the success of the e-waste recovery pilot at Daylesford Transfer Station, electronic items are now available for purchase at all transfer stations - Daylesford, Creswick and Trentham. All items pass safety inspections and are sold as is. This work is part of unlocking circular economy opportunities and increasing resource recovery locally in our Shire.

Since commencing the e-waste recovery pilot in Daylesford in February this year, around 440 electronic items have been recovered and made available to the community. E-waste electronic items with a cord can be recycled for free at all our transfer stations.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Round one of our community grants is now open! If you are part of a local community group with a project idea that benefits local residents, we want to work with you! Applications are open until Sunday 5 November. Submit your project idea for funding of up to \$5,000. Check out the guidelines and apply on our website or contact Council's Grants Officer to discuss your project. Vist <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Grants>

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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

There's a bunch of stuff happening in town this month – so much we can't get it all on one page!

Trentham Twilight night is back – Friday 24 November, from 4.30pm!

For those who haven't been before, it's a wonderful family-friendly community event: local businesses stay open late to celebrate the year that was with customers and clients. For the community it's a great chance to support small business by shopping locally in preparation for the holiday season – and smugly have your Christmas shopping knocked over before December! Watch out for special offers on the night – and treats! Hosted by the magnificent GreenStore Team, with thanks to Belle Property & Bendigo Bank for their support. Pop it in your diary now!

Before then, the town will come together to farewell our fabulous post office team, Elizabeth and Leanda. The Lions & CFA will host a sausage sizzle at Quarry Street Reserve on Thursday November 9. BYO other food and drinks. Thank you to the organizing team and in particular Corinne for her lovely tribute on page 5.

Regards,
Chris & Penny

Remembrance Day

On Saturday, 11 November, commencing at about 10.45am the Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch will conduct a short ceremony of remembrance at the Cenotaph in High Street, Trentham. A minute's silence will be held at 11am to remember all those who made the supreme sacrifice.



There will be a formal wreath-laying ceremony after which members of the public are invited to lay their wreaths or floral tributes to the accompaniment of local singers. Local school children will be involved in the service, participating in the readings. The RSL feels it is important to include all generations in this ceremony.

In the lead up to Remembrance Day, poppies will be available at the IGA Country Grocers supermarket or from Mike Gretton.

For further information please contact:

Mike Gretton
Secretary
Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch
0493 271 496

TRENTHAM and DISTRICTS LIFE ACTIVITIES CLUB

AGM

WHEN: 23rd November 2023
WHERE: Cosmo Hotel
TIME: 12noon



Trentham Christmas Carols in the Park



Friday 1st of December 2023

Quarry St. Reserve, High St, Trentham

From 6-630pm

Hot Food, Carols & concert

Local performers & the Trentham Primary School

& of course "Santa" will visit!

Enquiries – 5424 8291 or 5424 1127

A Free Community Event organized by the



Lions Club of Trentham Inc.

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:

thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com

Electronic subscriptions (which we encourage) are available at: thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au
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What's on!

Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

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

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see trenthamnc.org.au

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market
19 November 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap
19 November 10-11.30am
Trentham Town Square

Life Activities Club

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

Wednesday Walkers
9.30am 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

On our Cover:

**Trentham Twilight Night
Friday 24 November**



Farewell Elizabeth and Leanda of the Trentham Post Office

'You Can't Buy that Sort of Kindness...'

Those were Elizabeth's words when describing the care that she and her mother Leanda received from the community during the pandemic. However, it is they who have provided our community with not only an efficient postal service; but sincere care and kindness. And now it is time for them to move on.

Elizabeth wanted to find out if she could run a business, so in August of 2015, she bought the Trentham Post Office. Leanda joined her, and eight years later they can look back and know that they have developed a thriving business, and have become valued members of our community.

They moved from the old post office to their current location because the number of parcels they were processing dramatically increased and kept increasing. It was common to walk in and be greeted by Flynn and Fearghal, their two Irish Wolfhounds. But the number of parcels kept climbing, and eventually the boys had to give up their spot for more storage space.

It has been a busy eight years. None more so though than in the aftermath of the big storm of 2021. True to their dedication to this community, Elizabeth and Leanda went to extraordinary lengths to make sure that we received our mail, and, that ever-growing pile of parcels.

On the day after the storm, Thursday, it took them two hours to reach Trentham from home, but they weren't allowed in. The next day the scene was what Elizabeth describes as horrifying. They set about trying to find people who might have needed help, and advised locals where provisions were available. On Sunday they hired a moving van so they could drive to Daylesford to pick up parcels from the distribution centre. They were given permission to pass through the forest but were told they would be doing



so at their own risk. At that time, trees were still falling without warning, and the roads were blocked to motorists. It was a high risk venture. But foremost in their minds was that if they could get parcels through, it would be a glimmer of joy, and a bit of "normal" in what was a very distressing time. They got the parcels through.

Over the years, Elizabeth and Leanda have "come to know peoples' patterns". In other words, if they know someone should be at home, and they haven't seen them for some time, they do a quiet door knock. We have all heard them offer to drop off a parcel if it's too heavy, or cumbersome, for the recipient. They say they are just doing their jobs, but it has been much, much more. And we are grateful.

They are now moving into the next phase of their lives. The post office has been sold and the girls will move on. For Leanda, it's retirement; and for Elizabeth it's "sleep!!!!". More time on craft for both, and photography for Elizabeth.

On Thursday November 9 at 5.30 p.m. at Quarry St Reserve there is the opportunity to come and say farewell, and express our appreciation to two women who have well and truly gone above and beyond for all of us. The Lions club will run a sausage sizzle with soft drinks, but BYO alcohol and glasses. There will be some chairs available.

True to style, Elizabeth and Leanda do not want any gifts (strictly!). If you want to do anything in their name, donate to either the CFA (who they have supported for ten years), or Lions. They were insistent that this farewell event be a fundraiser.

And finally from Elizabeth..."thank you everyone, you have been very loyal and shown us a lot of care. Trentham is where my people are".

It's gone both ways. You can't buy that sort of kindness.

**Farewell to Elizabeth and Leanda
Thursday November 9, 5.30pm
Quarry Street Reserve**

Corinne Gurry

Above: Post Office Pup by Justin Walsh

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HOT TIP

Have Fun!

Frances Harkin
Proudly sponsoring
Oaks Day in Trentham
and supporting the local
and wider community



TRATA

At the Station

We have decided to open the railway station on "Trentham Twilight Night", 24 November, 4:30pm - 8:30pm.

In discussion with the primary school principal, the kids are going to colour in a choice of 2 drawings: a steam train that ran on the line, and a railway station. Parents and friends will be able to purchase the wonderful masterpieces coloured by the kids on that evening. They will be laminated, displayed in the station, and available for a small fee with all funds raised going towards the upkeep of the railway precinct.

We are also planning some other activities to bring the place alive on the 24th and get the community to enjoy such a great asset, so please come down and see what's happening.

The month of October has seen more upgrading of the gardens. We were thrilled to receive a Community Donation from the Kyneton RSL to complete the entrance circle garden and commence work between the garden shed and the station house. Trees and shrubs have been pruned and the area has been mulched. We have also planted a number of silver birches along the fence line to the left of the entrance. A big thankyou to Chris Perry who kindly purchased the trees, and it was great to see members come along to the working bee on October 14.

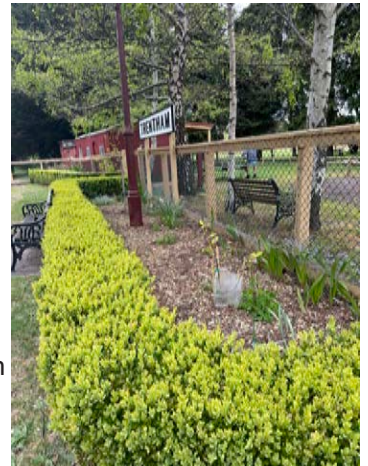
The Goods Shed has been cleared for VICTRAK to commence the restoration work we have desperately been waiting for. Whilst this work is underway, we will be starting an inventory of the assets that are within the railway precinct.

Membership

To continue the preservation and heritage of the Trentham Railway precinct, which is one of the best assets in the town, we are seeking new members. We are a very welcoming, not for profit volunteer organisation, and all membership fees (\$10) go towards the upkeep of the railway infrastructure, assets and ground. Lots to do!!!!

We really would love to hear from you. Please contact us on 0484 558 333.

Phil Davis
Vice President



Blessing of the Animals

Blessings gone to the dogs.

An ancient tradition was celebrated at the Trentham market in October, the blessing of the animals in honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

This was a combined activity of St. George's Anglican Church and St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Sherlock and Deacon Joe Leach doing the honours.



Dcn. Joe Leach blessing Joey, the grand dog of Paul Marson.

All animals were invited and welcome but only the dogs turned up – neither cat nor rabbit, chicken nor cow. That being said, there were small dogs and big dogs; dogs who sat attentively for their blessing and those who were far more interested in the doggie treat stall across the way. Then there were those who licked the hand that blessed them! Peta Sherlock made sure that each got a certificate and a prayer as a memento of their day.

All in all, a great time was had by everyone. Next year, however, we'd like to see some more of our animal friends. Maybe a budgie or an alpaca?

All God's creatures are welcome.

Deacon Joe Leach

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Reflections from St George's

Did you do anything for Halloween? Our household handed out lollies for the children from the well-organised Neighbourhood Centre. Yeah, I know. But it's good to be neighbourly.

9am worship on Sunday November 5 at St George's follows a Halloween theme, as we light candles for those who have died in the past year. The church invented Halloween: All Hallow's Eve, the eve of All Saints Day (November 1). Sometimes the names mentioned in church go back years, such as the tendrils of love. My big question for God is: How can love end at the grave?

A few days later we take part in the RSL's Remembrance Day service with a silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, the end of the war to end all wars.

Many thanks to Mike Gretton for his faithfulness in organising this. A timely moment when we hear every day about Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza and have few words left to pray. Just silence.

St Mary Magdalen's and St George's will be open on Thursday 2 November, All Souls' Day, from 10am-5pm for a vigil for peace. All are welcome to spend time in silence, to light a candle and pray.

The Jewish Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, and the Prophet Mohammed, sought Peace on Earth. My question for God: Will we ever build lasting peace?

The architects of the Uluru Statement were wise to take a week of silence before they responded to the loud No of the Referendum. We have taken down the Statement from our church walls. We had good feedback and are glad we made the effort. 40% listened, more in Trentham. My question for God: When will we build justice for all?

With all this heavy on our hearts, why not light a candle, say a prayer and even have a lolly?

Peta Sherlock

Lion's Club of Trentham

Cool Country Carers – Carers Support Group Trentham

Are you a Carer working tirelessly to support someone who is in need? Maybe we can be of help.

Maybe you are one of those special people in our community who is selflessly helping someone with their day-to-day living. Perhaps that person is someone who has a disability, an acute illness, a mental health issue such as dementia, a child with special needs or someone who is frail or aged.

If so, we might be of assistance.

The Trentham Lions Club recently established the Cool Country Carers Support Group to offer a service to those who are caring for someone.

This was an initiative started by our President Gita Khatri with the support of 4 other Lions volunteers – Kath Morrison, Mary Kennedy, Neil Steggall and Tony van Rensburg.

"The Carers Support Group recognises the significant commitment Carers make, often under very difficult circumstances. Our aim is to give Carers the opportunity to meet with others, share experiences, enjoy each other's company, find out more about the support that is available and importantly, know that they are not alone" Gita Khatri, President Trentham Lions.

We provide a secure environment where Carers can discuss the impact the caring role has on their lives, share information, and build their knowledge and capacity as Carers.



A priority is to also have fun and to encourage other Carers and relevant parties to join our group. A key objective is to enhance the mental health and well-being of Carers.

We have links to Carers Victoria which is a non-profit organization based in Melbourne and can also provide details about other helpful organisations such as Elders Rights Advocacy and Older Persons Advocacy Network. We meet for an informal chat on the 3rd Friday of every month at the Trentham Neighborhood Centre on High Street at 10.30am.

There is no cost and tea, coffee and snacks are provided. Carers can also bring the person they are caring for if they wish.

We have developed core principles which guide how we operate with a focus on confidentiality, mutual respect, empathy, being non-judgmental and listening carefully.

If you are interested in finding out more or wish to join our group, please contact Kath Morrison on 0419661630. Otherwise come to the Neighborhood Centre on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10.30am.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tony Van Rensburg
Trentham Lion

Councillor's Report

Council meeting – the major decisions arising from the October Council meeting were the adoption of the 2022-23 Annual Report [council-annual-report-2022-23-final.pdf](https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/council-annual-report-2022-23-final.pdf) ([hepburn.vic.gov.au](https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au)), the unanimous decision to issue a permit for five houses at 1 Raglan St. Daylesford and the adoption of a name for the Trentham Community Hub. The annual report discloses progress against Council's targets, as set out in the Council Plan, and provides a month-by-month snapshot of achievements and challenges throughout 2022-23.

The August poll attracted 205 submissions on the naming of our Hub. A strong majority (56%) wished to retain the name Mechanics. Council consequently resolved to adopt the name put forward by the project advisory group (five Trentham locals) – The Mechanics Trentham.

This name honours the building's past history and is consistent with the extensive efforts to restore the old hall to its former glory. The hall will become our new library. The next two highest ranking suggestions were Trentham Community Centre 15% and Trentham Hub 12%. The facility is due to be completed in March 2024.

Councillors also unanimously resolved to reaffirm Council's unwavering commitment to reconciliation with First Nations people. Having previously adopted a positive position on the Voice referendum Council acknowledged that the failure to alter the Australian Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia is a lost opportunity to set things right. As Mayor it is my privilege to chair Council's Reconciliation Advisory Committee. My message to Dja Dja Warrung people and everyone else in the Shire is that reconciliation is not dead... at least not in Hepburn Shire.

Roads – I met with state MP Mary-Anne Thomas and funding for road repairs again featured strongly. RRV have subsequently advised that they will be undertaking repair works on the Trentham-Daylesford and Daylesford-Ballan roads. Council's website provides details on which organisation is responsible for roads and how to report an issue - [Roads Hepburn Shire Council](#)

Housing – Council continues to lobby the state government on its housing statement and the proposed introduction of a short stay accommodation levy. In its current form the levy will do nothing constructive for Hepburn Shire's housing problem as the funds raised will be directed 75% to metropolitan Melbourne and 25% to anywhere in regional Victoria.

Town structure plans – work is progressing to develop contemporary planning regulations that reflect the community's aspirations for our town. To that end 21 locals have been appointed onto an advisory body that will help guide Trentham's new town structure plan. Topics being considered include population and demographics (growth); land use supply and demand (infill and town boundaries); bushfire risk; biodiversity protection; flooding risk; heritage; Aboriginal culture and heritage; neighbourhood character and urban design; and integrated transport (walking/cycling/public transport). The objective is to create new town structure plans for Trentham, Creswick, Clunes, Daylesford and Glenlyon by the end of our term (October 2024).

Congratulations –

- The Big Storm book captured the stories of locals and paid tribute to the tireless work of emergency service organisations in the aftermath of the June 2021 storm, and was recognised in the state government's Resilience Awards.
- Trentham & Districts Historical Society was nominated and recognised for the fantastic Trentham Story depicting the town's colourful history on display at the old jail complex.
- The Lyonville Community Hall committee staged another wonderful Bake-off event. Well-attended and with a wide range of culinary delights the event was again a huge success and raised funds for the hall's maintenance.



Summer and fire season – I recently attended the Trentham CFA presentation night. It was wonderful to see volunteers recognised for their ongoing commitment to protecting our built and natural environment and keeping us safe. It is a timely reminder that forecasts are indicating we are in for a hot and dry summer period, which means the risk of fire is greater. Please take all precautions and don't forget that the whole month of November is an opportunity to dispose of green waste at the transfer station free of charge.

Planning applications – for information on tracking an application, lodging an objection, viewing the planning register, etc visit Council's website here [Track an application, view planning register or lodge an objection Hepburn Shire Council](#)

Upcoming Council meeting dates – 14 November (Mayoral election), 21 November, 19 December.

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Facebook - Cr Brian Hood, Coliban ward, Mayor Hepburn Shire Council

TRENTHAM FILM SOCIETY

2023 Program
Socialise – watch quality films

November 18

BELFAST



(WINNER)

Jude Hill

(UK, 2021, 97 mins., Coming of Age Drama)
Dir: Kenneth Branagh Lang: English
The film chronicles the life of a working-class Ulster Protestant family from the perspective of their nine-year-old son Buddy during The Troubles in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Features: Caitriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciarán Hinds, Colin Morgan, Josie Walker,

Quarry Street Reserve

This time of year brings out an array of colours across the Reserve, deciduous trees taking on new leaves, new sprouting on eucalypts and a variety of flowering plants.



The new Lions garden at the splendidly renovated High Street corner will start to show blue and yellow blooms in the small flowering groundcovers and plants, hopefully a fitting tribute to the efforts of club members over many years.

Part of the 'magic' and joy of working with the revegetation projects is starting with tubestock and observing how quickly the plants take off once established. Planting in the Lions garden started back in winter allowing root systems to establish ready to take off in the warmer months.

This month's flashback photo (below) is of the November 2021 work on the Lelant St corner and carpark repairing storm damage after which the planting began. This area of assisted revegetation is now a mix of greens, textures, habits, flower colours and types. Several shrubs are flowering for the first time, in particular the Daviesia



leptophylla, the Narrow-leaf bitter pea, but one of many native pea shrubs which contribute to a balanced habitat.

Our new logo – designed by Dianne Caithness - is part of the plans for educational signage in the Reserve which was included in the biodiversity funding.

Meanwhile, the weeds have not gone away and you are welcome to make contact to help as you are able, an hour here or there can make a big difference!



Fay Magee
faymagee@gmail.com

Left: Lelant St Corner, Nov 2021
Above: Hop Bitter Pea



Community Farewell

An open invitation to join in the farewelling
of our two Post Office girls

Elizabeth and Leanda

who have 'delivered' eight years of outstanding
service to Trentham and beyond.



5.30 - 7.30pm
THE QUARRY STREET RESERVE
Thursday 9th November

Trentham Lions and CFA will provide a sausage sizzle.
BYO other food/drinks

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers
from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"



Enquiries
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Trentham Tales

Cool Country Classics

As well as being a meeting place for like-minded classic vehicle enthusiasts, the Cool Country Classics Car Club serves to connect modern Trentham with its historical roots. Comprising mostly of local and surrounding members, the club has over the years celebrated Trentham's rich historical traditions.

The club members collectively own a significant number of classic vehicles including cars, trucks, motor bikes and farm equipment- many of which have been part of our local history for well over 100 years. A good number of these vehicles are still operational and you'll often see them on our local roads.

But the club may not have existed had there not been a chance meeting back in mid 2011 between two classic car enthusiasts.

The unexpected pairing was at the Trentham Football Club. The conversation, not surprisingly, turned to cars - namely classic vehicles of all types. Wouldn't it be great, they enthused, if their fellow classic-vehicle owners could gather together, swap stories, offer advice and generally assist one another in various ways?

From there the idea of such a car club evolved. A notice of intention was then posted in The Trumpet asking for people who might be interested in forming a structured group.

The response was immediate and enthusiastic.

Over the years the Cool Country Classics Car Club has grown to the point where today it has more than 140 members from across the region, from the Macedon Ranges to Ballarat.



The club has monthly meetings and runs regular club outings and events. The club members are also very active in the community on projects such as the upkeep of the Trentham Railway Station grounds.

The club is also steeped in local history, with a number of members having lived in the district for many, many generations.



Trevor Brown, (above) for example, was an early member and his family have farmed at Bullarto since the 1800s. He has an extensive collection of cars, tractors and agricultural equipment that have been handed down by generations of his forebears.

Trevor is an active member and regularly brings his vehicles to club events. He has among other things: a 1947 Bentley, and various Austin, Morris and British Leyland cars.

The annual Cool Country Classics 'Show and Shine' will be held on Sunday November 12 at the Trentham Station from 10:00am.

Greg Smith Cool Country Classics Club member

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Friends of Trentham Creeks and Reserves

Celebrating our Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly

What is it?

Heteronympha cordace wilsoni
It is a distinctively coloured, orange and black small butterfly with large black eye spots with a pale blue centre.

What is its life-cycle?

Bright-eyed Brown butterflies lay their eggs on *Carex appressa* (tall sedge) which is the caterpillars food plant. Butterflies emerge over summer around the last week of December until February. The butterflies feed on nectar from flowering plants within the wetland. Prickly tea-tree and sweet bursaria flowers are a great source of nectar for the butterfly.

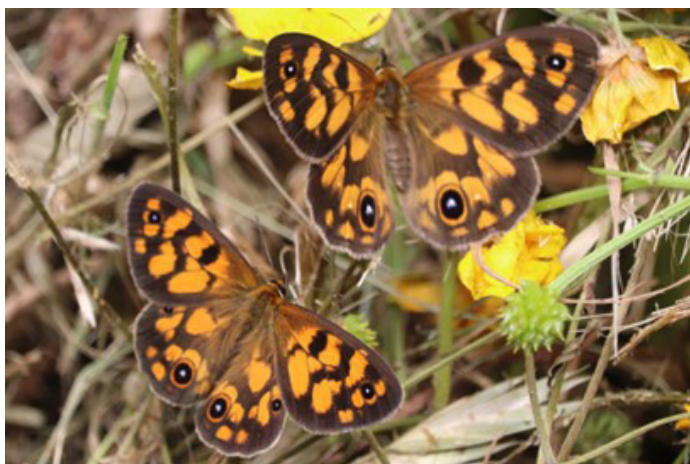
Where is it sighted?

Recently, the Bright-eyed brown butterfly was sighted within the Trent Creek Reserve and the Stoney Creek Reserve. These are isolated communities as the Bright-eyed Brown do not fly far, and generally only travel via connected dense sedgeland vegetation.

Bright-eyed Brown butterflies thrive in wet, cool climates, so Trentham may well be a refuge in the future as conditions change in areas further north.

How can we protect it?

Wetland areas need to be preserved and enhanced. Planting *Carex appressa* and tea-tree in riparian areas will



help create a suitable habitat in which the butterflies can breed and thrive.

Keep an eye out for the new information sign to be installed at Butterfly Corner (corner High and Quarry Streets Stoney Creek Reserve side).

See Friends of Trentham Creeks & Reserves Facebook for updates.

*Credits:
Notes from an informative and inspirational talk presented by Brian Bainbridge, Hepburn Shire Environment Officer. Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly Stoney Creek Reserve photo courtesy of Hepburn Shire Council*



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Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

Thirty enthusiastic gardeners attended the workshop on 21 October to hear from the inspirational Dr Cassia Read.



She spoke of her experience as a plant ecologist, educator and landscape designer and her passion for creating habitat gardens. We are grateful to Hepburn Shire Council for a Biodiveristy Grant which has enabled three workshops to occur this year as well as the production of the banner.

Her Castlemaine garden attracts birds, insects and reptiles and additionally, she has started a neighbourhood project which sees little steps of indigenous planting contributing to the overall betterment of habitat in the town. Residents have mapped out corridors to enable birds and other wildlife to move safely through the town.

The main messages:

1. Shrubs and understorey plants (grasses and wildflowers) are the backbone of habitat. Trees are important too and there are many smaller species that are suitable for town gardens.
2. Water is an essential part of a habitat garden.
3. Rocks and hollow logs contribute shelter.

We are fortunate to have nearby nurseries where our local plants are propagated from seed collected in the area, a great starter for successful gardening in our climate.



If you missed the workshop, or even if you were there, you might like to arrange for a free home visit with our mentors to learn more about achieving your goals for habitat in your garden. Useful and colourful local plants can always be added amongst exotic plants. Contact Trentham Neighbourhood Centre to book.

Three of our mentors are pictured here with Cassia, Susie Kilby, Marg Allan, Judy Weatherhead (L-R)

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Open Space

What makes the character of Trentham so appealing?

For many people it's the High St streetscape, the Falls, rural setting and nearby forest and the feeling of open space.

We are richly endowed with open space inside the town boundary, most obviously along the creek reserves that wind their way through our town (and the rail reserve running east west). Tree-lined streets and wide verges provide much of the charm of our town. Trentham is a town that breathes the freshness of its open areas. There are other open spaces that don't immediately come to mind.

Larger housing blocks (and our rich volcanic soil) have traditionally allowed for lush gardens adding to the 'leafiness' of Trentham. Growth, subdivision and the extent to which land is paved is changing the amount of vegetation and soil permeability available on private land. (Council does charge a sub-division levy which is to enhance open space but that's another story...)

Community facilities and 'public domain' land also form a valuable part of Trentham's open space.

The sports-ground is the stand-out but is one oval and one netball court sufficient for our growing population? Do we need a soccer pitch? A basketball court (and maybe a half-court somewhere closer to the centre)? Should the tennis courts be re-located to the sports-ground?

Our town square (with its car park?), the land surrounding the churches, around the swimming pool, the Council-owned 14A Victoria St next to the historic railway station and other small parcels of land are all part of Trentham's open space.

Sub-division, lot size and community facilities, including their significance for open space, are part of the Town Structure Plan discussions currently underway. Twenty local citizens are working with Council planners and consultants to find how the features so valued by our community and which make Trentham what it is, can be protected while allowing further growth. (State guidelines require Councils to ensure a 15-year supply of housing lots.) The Town Structure Plan, once approved by the Minister, provides the guidelines against which planning applications are determined.

Open space, housing, heritage, transport, biodiversity, economic development, bushfire risk are all on the table. It's your town: how do you want it to look in the future?

Talk about it with your neighbours (they could be a member of the community panel) and watch out for the exhibition of the draft Town Structure Plan in the next few months and the final opportunity for public submissions.

Ian MacBean

Ambulance Victoria: Heart Safe Communities

Trentham has graduated as a Heart Safe Community. Minutes matter in a cardiac arrest and Trentham is now equipped to save more lives, becoming one of 11 new Heart Safe Communities in Victoria.

It is a joint initiative between Ambulance Victoria (AV) and the Heart Foundation. AV Grampians Community Engagement Coordinator, Jacinta Read, said the program in Trentham has empowered the region. "Cardiac arrest occurs when a person's heart suddenly stops beating and can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime," Ms Read explained. "Starting chest compressions and early application of an AED is crucial to give a cardiac arrest patient the best chance of survival.

Ms Read said bystander CPR and use of an AED increases a patient's chance of survival by more than 70 per cent. "Currently about 20 Victorians suffer a cardiac arrest each day and only one in 10 survive," she said.

"The minutes between a cardiac arrest occurring and paramedics arriving are an important time for bystanders to act. "Anyone can save a life in three simple steps. Call, Push, Shock: Call Triple Zero (000), Push Hard, Push Fast on the middle of the chest, Shock using an AED." In Trentham, 190 community members have been engaged through the Heart Safe Communities program, with increases in the number of active GoodSAM responders and registered public AEDs throughout the year. There will be a further boost for the town in coming months, with AV to donate an additional AED.

24/7 AEDs in Trentham are located at:

- Victoria Police, 12 Cosmo Rd, Trentham
- Cool Country Community Enterprises, 37B High St, Trentham
- Trentham Golf Club, 54 Falls Rd, Trentham

Want to learn more or get involved?

- For further information on the Heart Safe Community program and how locations are selected, visit www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/community/community-partnerships/heart-safe-communities/
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Auditions for our first production in 2024 will be held on November 11 and 12. 'WILD' written by Mike Bartlett and Directed by George Benca, is a darkly comic play that explores the unexpected, bewildering and life-changing consequences of challenging the status quo at a global level.

Last week, Andrew was that guy with his girl lunching at KFC discussing their plans for the future. Today he's in Moscow, in an undisclosed hotel room, on the run and at risk of assassination. Last week a nobody. This week, America's most wanted.

This is a 3 hander with 2 M & 1 F required. To read more about the play, performance dates and obtain a script contact the director georgebenca@gmail.com Auditions are by appointment only between 10am – 2pm.

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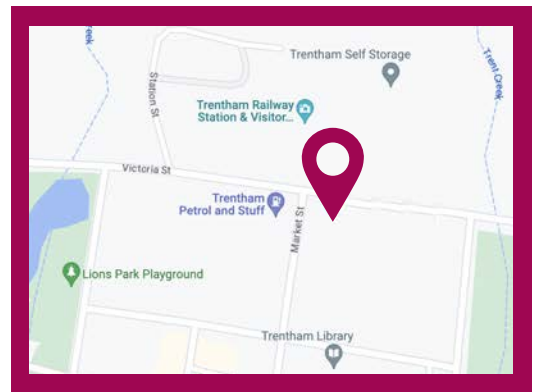
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The Trentham Garden

Getting Maximum Bang for your Buck

Who doesn't like saving a bit of cash? Here are some tips for a beautiful garden with limited funds...

Plants – Advanced plants are exponentially more expensive than younger plants. Try also buying bare-rooted plants in winter (mostly deciduous trees, berries and buxus) which are often also easier to plant. Don't cram plants in too tight; if you want to fill in gaps in the first couple of years use some cheaper, fast-growing annuals. I go through fits of enthusiasm for plant propagation, but I'm often out of town too much to give the activity the attention it deserves.

Hardscapes – The choice of materials will have a huge impact on the overall price; a gravel area is generally the most cost effective option, and also has an appealing softness to it. Landscape rocks are generally the cheapest way to retain soil, although may not be stylistically appropriate for your garden. As a last resort, hedges can be used to disguise almost anything.

Timing – When building a house, clients will usually want the insides finished asap so they can move in. Country gardens are usually built in stages as time, energy and money become available; it's good to have an overall plan so that areas do not need to be redone.

Scale – Reduce the scale and therefore budget of a garden by focusing on areas where you will spend time in, as well as the important views from the house.

DIY – I truly believe that gardens are the most beautiful

when they show the unique touch of the owners. Care seems to be the magical ingredient that separates a good garden from a great garden, particularly in a country garden where a 'homespun' element is part of the charm.



Creativity – Unique 'limitations' can often lead to a distinctive and beautiful final result.

Money is just one of the factors that go into a garden, so think outside the square and amp up the creativity for an outstanding result!

Happy gardening,

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Above: As well as having a lovely softness, gardens focusing on plants will often be more affordable than a heavily built and constructed outdoor space

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Interior Design

Dining Room, or Not?

Our preferences for eating spaces are changing: some favour a separate dining room; others prefer a combined open-plan living and kitchen space. Both options have advantages: a separate dining room works well for more formal occasions such as Christmas, while more casual gatherings can be hosted in a main living space.

Dining rooms

Separate dining rooms can look inviting with specialised furnishings, decorative light fittings, and more detailed wall and window coverings. You want to create a room which feels and looks used.

Your largest surface will probably be the table: it needs some form of decoration. I always suggest a table runner down the centre, or placing a decorative tray or basket on the table. These items trick the eye, making the table appear more intimate.

Arrange a couple of vessels on the table, either empty or filled with foliage. Living plants and fresh flowers put energy back into a room. Adding some candles - either in candlesticks or glass hurricane lanterns - lets you bring in some contrasting colours, as well as extra texture, fragrance, shape, with contrasting materials and heights.

Open space

The more open concept dining and entertaining space will have a lived-in atmosphere; use floor rugs and furnishings to demarcate zones within your room.

Lighting is a major component to create ambience in your open plan area. Consider installing dimmers for overhead lights, and placing a number of lamps around your room. Guests will feel comfortable and relaxed mingling into the kitchen area, perhaps around a central island or peninsula counter, including the chef in all conversations.



If space permits, another option is using a partially separated alcove, large enough to hold a table, with room to expand if required. Built in banquette / bench seating along one or more walls (often seen in restaurants) is worth considering, it takes up less floorspace and can be designed with concealed storage.

It all comes down to personal preference and lifestyle.

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Trentham Mobile Network

As a resident of Trentham I've been doing some of my own research on improvements available to Trentham Mobile Network because Optus and Telstra customers had become frustrated with the poor regional mobile signal or reliability. Here's what I've uncovered:

Improvements and upgrades to the Mobile Network / What's available in Trentham?

5G Optus Mobile for Trentham

Did you know that some Mobile Networks in Trentham now have 5G? Some of these mobile towers had been upgraded since last August eg. OPTUS has introduced a 5G mobile tower located behind Station Street, Trentham and it is operational.

Telstra mobile for Trentham

The Vic Gov website states that two Trentham Telstra mobile towers are listed to be upgraded as government funded projects. There's no information of when as they're "still in the planning phase".

I have both 4G and 5G smartphones (Android) with Optus and have noticed huge improvements in data speed with Optus Mobile in Trentham; above 92 Mbps download, for both Optus 4G & 5G mobile. Not all smart phones are the same. Some have poor built-in antennae providing poor signal strength in regional areas, while others are better. I've had to refer to professional online reviews such as Cybershack where Android smart phones and their signal have been tested and these results published. Do your research about which phone model is most suitable for your budget, location and usage.

What can I do to improve the quality of mobile phone coverage in my area?

Coverage can be influenced by a number of factors such as location, local terrain, distance from the base station, number of concurrent users and physical obstacles such as trees and buildings that may degrade the quality of the signal being received from the nearest mobile base station. It is important to note that these factors can also change over time. The particular type of handset and its settings can also affect mobile reception and mobile customers will need a compatible device in order to access the mobile network operator's 4G and 5G networks.

Access to Optus 5G

If you want access to the Optus 5G Mobile network you will need to pay for a SIM plan for access to the 5G.

Keep your SIM card updated & current

Another simple fix for better or faulty signal strength could be a SIM replacement particularly if it's outdated. Or it might be time to update your mobile phone. Mobile phones more than 3 years old are reported as dated technology.

Car external mobile antenna

If you drive a lot and your mobile phone communication is not reliable or having a weak mobile signal you may need an External Antenna professionally installed in your vehicle with an Induction Cradle. You can choose from a phone specific or universal type of induction cradles. Consult a professional auto electrician, ask for their advice.

CEL-FI Go Mobile Booster

If you must rely on mobile phone connection at home or business and you've been experiencing blackspot or poor mobile signal strength you may need a CEL-FI Go Mobile Booster professionally installed (with a suitable outdoor antenna) because it is one of the few which are legal in Australia. Consult a professional installer and ask for their advice about improving your mobile signal strength for your location.

Note: Australia's 5G bands differ from some other countries so it is important that you buy 5G smart devices made for Australian use eg. An Australian model. In Android System Settings there is Regulatory Information which should display the phone's model and 'Australia' R-NZ (not grey market mobile phones).

What is the Mobile Black Spot Program?

The Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP) is a Government initiative investing in telecommunications infrastructure to improve mobile coverage and competition across Australia. The MBSP is supported by co-contributions from state and local governments, and mobile network operators. The Federal Government's MBSP is one of the largest ever expansions of mobile coverage in regional and remote Australia.

The improved coverage means increased access to new technologies for key regional sectors like agriculture, transport, mining and tourism, all of which rely on a fast, reliable and affordable mobile network. Under Rounds 1 to 5A of the MBSP, more than 1,270 mobile base stations have been funded and are being deployed across the country to improve mobile coverage in regional, rural and remote Australia.

Where can I find independent advice and information to assist me with my connectivity issues?

You may also wish to contact the Regional Tech Hub (the Hub) for further advice on your specific connectivity challenges. Funded by the Australian Government and launched in December 2020, the Hub offers independent and free advice about telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote Australia. The Hub includes a website, online helpdesk, phone support line and social media access through Facebook and Twitter. You can contact the hotline on [1300 081 029](tel:1300081029) or visit the Hub's website at www.regionaltechhub.org.au

Here are the links to Australian Government MBSP: infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-program

For more information on the Telstra or Optus Mobile Blackspot Program, here are the links: telstra.com.au/coverage-networks/mobile-black-spot-program#blackspot-sites optus.com.au/living-network/mobile-black-spot-program

*Hope you find this helpful,
Christos*

Food for Thought

A Reflection

Recently I attended the funeral of a very close friend, this time not as the celebrant, but one of the 100 people who gathered to remember and honour him. He was our family's friend for some 41 years: a fellow restaurateur. He managed 80 people, and guests recalled the mentoring and encouragement he provided to his young staff. He was never a boss but one of the team, often a confidant and for a few, a firm friend.

Through his appreciation of good food and wine he was a regular guest at our place. More than the eating and drinking, it was the enjoyment of sharing good company across a table, where the meal was the conduit for a most pleasant, relaxing and happy time. Often after a Sunday lunch he and other lingering diners shared time with the staff and my family, and perhaps a few songs around the piano. He was known to host many fine tables in some of Melbourne's excellent restaurants, remembered for his enquiry, his genuine concern and his generosity.

After he was laid to rest, many gathered to share more memories of Howard and again the food and the wine, the refreshments, played a vital part. For now it was time to relax and recount, to catch up with people you had not seen for ages, even years, and to be introduced to others

and hear of their relationship and connection to a man who enriched their lives, as he had enriched mine.

Of course we must eat and drink in growing and feeding our bodies, and for many millions on this planet it is just that in endeavouring to stay alive; where it is nothing more than rice and water or a gruel, day in day out. Where there is no table, rather a hard dusty or sand covered ground, and the only conversation is that of how to survive or, if you are fortunate, be recruited as a refugee into a far-away land.

Hopefully this new land, our country, will ensure these people have every opportunity to eat nourishing food across a proper table; and moreso, that the sharing will cause delightful conversation, new friendships and happiness. Good food is far more than a necessity or a physical pleasure: it also feeds the soul, and when shared through warmth and friendship, well, it is one of the true delights of life.

Vale my friend, your table of hospitality and love for others was well earned.

Sylvia Johnson
Food for Thought, Trentham

The Plonkers

Trentham General - Local's Night

Joined by the very entertaining Dabney and Sabina, the Plonkers visited Trentham General for a long-awaited revival of Thursday night local's night. Not surprisingly, this charming and cosy venue was full, with many regulars and friends returning to Trentham's once a month fine dining experience.

The boys began with a selection of top shelf cleansing ales – the Moon Dog lager, Golden Daylesford pale ale and Bad Sheppard were truly tasty treats and made a nice change from the traditional Carlton Draught on tap.

Their partners forsook the traditional glass of bubbly and went straight to a bottle of Harbinger Pinot Gris – an ultra-drinkable, bright and crisp wine. Harbinger Wines is a new local label created just last year – based out of Kyneton.

Notably, the Harbinger was not on The General's wine list, but cellared at Mr Peacock (the Plonkers' favourite pizza and wine bar). The fact that on a busy night, ducking across the road to grab a couple of bottles was not a problem, and that The General's chef created a truly delicious one-off meal for our vegetarian Plonker, makes owner and Maître De, Mitch Reed-Rogers a genuinely exceptional host who makes a dining experience special.

The entrée of the night was a salmon delicious salmon tartare, accompanied with wafer thin toasted bread slices, served with blackcurrant jus, radish slice and fennel frond. The mains consisted of two dishes, melt in your mouth slow cooked lamb shoulder served with puree, and assortment of vegetables including some perfectly cooked, glazed baby

carrots and crispy skinned Barramundi served with a wild garlic salsa verde and a rocket and citrus salad. Both dishes were first class and such a great change from the Plonkers' regular Thursday night steak and schnitzel dinner.

Accompanying the meal was a hand crafted, Welshman's Reef, 2019 Shiraz from Maldon. The Shiraz was a good example of not judging a book by it's cover: initially a bit rough, but once some air hit the wine it transformed into a rich, full bodied treat with gentle tannins and medium acidity.

The Plonkers and their guests enjoyed the wine so much a second bottle was ordered to wash down the perfectly set pannacotta: topped with berry compote, crumble and peppermint crisps.

The General's Thursday night revival (last Thursday of the month) was a great hit and once again destined to be a central feature of Trentham's dining calendar.

But be warned, next time it will be best to book early to avoid disappointment at what we are sure will be sold out events.

Cheers!

Niles and Digby
The Plonkers



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