



Trentham Town Survey



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- 7 May 2022 -

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# COUNCIL NEWS



## TRENTHAM PROJECT UPDATE

### Trentham Community Hub

Works are underway at the Trentham Community Hub. The Hub, located at the Trentham Mechanics Institute on High Street, will incorporate a community library, Council customer service centre, visitor information services, large community hall, commercial-style kitchen, playgroup area, on-site parking and landscaped surrounds.

Some trees were removed from the site earlier this month, and equipment is now on-site to realign the sewerage system. The main contractor will commence in early May.

We are very excited to see this important project underway – stay tuned for regular updates.

### Trentham Sportsground Pavilion Redevelopment

Works are progressing well and according to schedule. The main floor slab has been poured and structural steel framing is expected to be on-site from early May.

Temporary facilities are currently being established to allow for the continuation of training and matches.



## AQUATICS STRATEGY

### ADOPTED

The Aquatics Strategy was adopted at the April 2022 Council meeting held last week. It provides a 10-year priority plan to guide the future strategic direction, infrastructure development priorities, asset management and maximise participation and programming opportunities to contribute to the health, wellbeing and liveability of the communities of Hepburn Shire.

There has been a significant amount of planning and community and stakeholder engagement to inform the development of the strategy, with input from residents and sporting groups, along with Sport and Recreation Victoria, Daylesford Indoor Aquatic Centre (DIAC) Advocacy Group, Creswick and District Aquatic Centre Advocacy Group and Central Highlands Rural Health. Read the strategy at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/aquatics-strategy>



## DRAFT ASSET PLAN

Council manages assets of a combined value and replacement cost of \$440 million. We have drafted an Asset Plan about how these assets will be managed, and invite the community to review the plan and have a say.

The plan includes information about the maintenance, renewal, acquisition, expansion, upgrade, disposal and decommissioning of each asset class. Asset classes include roads, kerb and channel, footpaths, bridges, storm water drainage, playgrounds, aquatic and sporting facilities and more.

The Asset Plan has a ten year outlook and addresses how the Council proposes to manage its portfolio of assets to ensure they are developed, renewed or maintained to facilitate the delivery of Council services. It is strongly linked to the Council Plan and Financial Plan, and is critical to the service planning and delivery along with the efficient use of available resources.

To read the draft Asset Plan and to have a say visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/asset-plan>

Feedback closes **5.00pm on Tuesday 10 May 2022.**



## HAVE YOUR SAY

Participate Hepburn is being updated regularly with opportunities for you to have your say on different projects. Current projects open for feedback include the proposed sale of The Rex building, LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee, Creswick Structure Plan, Youth Strategy and Asset Plan.

We're also working on engagement for the draft Budget 2022-23, Postive Ageing, and Arts and Culture Strategy, which will be opening soon for feedback. Keep an eye on Participate Hepburn to find out how you get involved at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### CHANGES

Don't forget that we have initiated an online booking appointment system to provide comprehensive and quality pre-application advice. You are required to book an appointment online by clicking the Planning button on the Council website and following the link to 'Pre-application Service'. For all other planning enquiries, you can call to speak with a planner weekdays from 1pm to 4pm on (03) 5348 2306.

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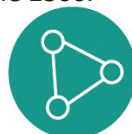
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## Editorial

### Hi Trentham!

Spudfest is back!!

Make sure you come along to everyone's favourite potato festival on Saturday 7 May.

After last year's success at the Trentham Railway Station, this year's festival will be back at the same location *and* extending up Market Street to include more food, music, and fun! Local artists will be showcasing their wares at the Makers on Market (meaning Market Street will be closed between High and Victoria Streets between 6am and 5pm)

And, we have it on excellent authority that Spudman is limbering up and looking forward to a day of frivolity!

This issue (again!) has a sustainability thread weaving through it. It's a key theme coming through loud and clear in many survey responses. We'll have some good news of Gardens for Wildlife next issue - but if you haven't already, we encourage you to check out our native garden outside the TNC - it's wonderful!

It's no secret we love local, which means supporting local – and we're pleased to see the upcoming Bank promotion for Hepburn in June. But why not get yourself a head start courtesy of the Vic Government right now?! The Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program offers 25% refund (up to \$125) on eligible dining and entertainment purchases across the state. More details at: [vic.gov.au/victorian-dining-and-entertainment-program](https://vic.gov.au/victorian-dining-and-entertainment-program)

As always thank you to our contributors – and welcome to our new ones. We love receiving emails out of the blue with written and photographic contributions! If you'd like to share your thoughts, send us an email at [trumpet@trentham.org.au](mailto:trumpet@trentham.org.au)

Regards,  
Chris & Penny

ps. Best wishes to our sketchiest of contributors for a continued speedy recovery. And thank you to SuperGal Sal for taking such good care of him.

### Trentham Town Survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to provide thoughtful, considered, and detailed responses to our Trentham Town Survey.



The survey will be running until mid-May, so it's not too late to add your thoughts to the mix. The more responses, the louder and clearer our message, so again we encourage you to please have your say!

If you'd like to complete a written copy, pick one up at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre, Petrol Station or Bank, and return it to the TNC.

It's also available on our website: [thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey](https://thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey) and via the QR code below!

If you've any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at [trumpet@trentham.org.au](mailto:trumpet@trentham.org.au).

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Scan the QR  
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## About the Trumpet

### Acknowledgement of Country

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



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

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

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

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

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### What's on!

#### Community Groups Listing

[thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community](http://thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community)

#### CFA

Open Day every Sunday from 9:30am

#### Hepburn Shire Council Meeting

17 May

#### 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  
21 May 9am-1pm  
Trentham Town Square

#### Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap  
21 May 10-11.30am  
Trentham Town Square

#### Life Activities Club

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

#### Wednesday Walkers

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

#### Men's Petanque

10am every Thursday  
Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

#### Knitters, Stitches, Sewers Craft Group

10am every Friday  
Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

#### Mahjong

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

#### TNC

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



### On Our Cover:

See you at Spudfest!



# The Great Trentham SPUDFEST

- 7 May 2022 -  
10am to 4pm

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## IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT SPUDFEST IN TRENTHAM!

Spudfest is a celebration of our wonderful village, of the bounteous food bowl in which we live and of our proud agricultural history. It continues a tradition of boosting community pride and connection, which is clear from the diverse range of people involved in the festival in various ways – as stall holders, sponsors, spudbuddies and supporters.

After last year's success with a very local "ChatFest" just at the Historic Railway Station, a new Committee has stepped up and decided to gently expand, adding more food and kids' activities to the Railway Station and reintroducing Music & Makers on Market Street.

It's also a day to celebrate our community & support the organisations that support us. Several groups are running fund-raising activities including the CFA, Trentham Primary School, Trentham Kindergarten & the Historical Society. Spudfest doesn't charge for community stalls, to help them raise as much money as possible.

Our High Street traders will be in the festival mood as well, with window displays, Spudfest specials and hidden spuds for the kids to find.

### FOR THE KIDS:

- Face Painting (funds raised go to the Primary School)
- Mini Golf (funds raised go to the Kindergarten)
- Animal Petting Zoo
- Free Hay Bale Maze



### TO EAT:

- CFA Chips
- Baked Spuds
- Spiral Spuds
- Calamari & Fries
- TRATA BBQ
- Devonshire Tea with Potato Scones, Jam & Cream on the Railway Platform
- plus great food from all the High St Cafés
- Flaming Skewers
- Whataburger
- Harry Hoo DimSims
- Potato Donuts
- Potato & Leek Soup

Check out all the fun either by catching the Horse & Cart around the village or by walking off your Spudly indulgences!



We're very grateful to our "Gold Spud" sponsors – Hepburn Shire, Trentham & Districts Community Bank® and Keane & Co Real Estate. Their financial support makes it possible for us to bring you such a rich & varied festival.

You can find out more at our website ([www.trenthamspudfest.org.au](http://www.trenthamspudfest.org.au)) or on our FB page (@trenthamspudfest) for regular updates. After the last couple of years, we're looking forward to welcoming visitors back to Spudfest.

Have you invited your family & friends yet?

### SPUD HUT BUS TOUR:

This tour visits three huts that were provided to the "Spud Diggers" - seasonal workers who came to the district for the potato season, then moved on when the crops had all been lifted. Their farmer employers provided a hut for accommodation, with no running water or electricity. Occasionally, a digger would be allowed to remain in his hut between seasons and sometimes that became a semi-permanent arrangement.

Tours run for about an hour and depart from the Railway Station at 11am, 12.30pm & 2pm. Tickets are available from the Info Tent - \$10 each; family of 4 for \$30 – all proceeds support the Historical Society.

### ENTERTAINMENT:

• Official opening - 10am at the Main Stage at the Railway Station with Welcome to Country from the Dja Dja Warrung clan and support from our local and federal politicians.



• The Railway Station music kicks off with the Walsh Family Band at 10.15, with "feel-good, toe-tapping" music all day, including local favourites The Cartwheels, the Lyonville Ramblers and the Greater Glider String Band.

• Entertainment from the fabulous Phil Melgaard with his particular brand of fun & magic to bring a smile to your dial and the Kyneton Walking Band to lead you to Market & High Streets.

• Market St is an Open-Air Licensed Café, with food trucks to boost Aterics Café, and a laid-back music vibe from Newbury Fog, Fingerbone, & others, starting with a special performance from the Primary School Band.

• Makers on Market showcases local artisans and craftspeople, with stalls selling everything from jewellery to wardrobe-dwelling fragrant blackbirds!

### SPUDBUDDIES:

Spudfest has always relied on volunteers. This year, a new & enthusiastic Working Party with an incoming Convenor, Kye Theobald, has us in good shape this year and beyond. When you see them on the day, thank them for all the work behind the scenes, so they'll do it again next year!

*(PS: We're always looking for extra Spudbuddies, so please call Belinda Tynan on 0498 333 235, if you have a couple of hours on Saturday to help!)*



## Burnbrook Fields

### Where the Grass is always Greener

Walden Park belted Galloway beef is grown on rich, red, volcanic soil at 650m altitude on Dja Dja Wurrung Country in Victoria's Macedon Ranges, Springhill, just out of Trentham.

The animals are bred with genetics from Australia's finest belted Galloway studs and a heritage originating in the harsh hills of southwestern Scotland. They are a hardy and slow-growing breed producing beef that is full of flavour.

The animals drink crystal-clear spring water and are grass fed and grass finished. Only low-stress stock handling is used.

Immense care is taken of the soil biology by rotational grazing through perennial pastures renovated using Soilkee technology and without the use of synthetic fertilisers.

Burnbrook Fields is privileged to sell this delicious beef. Donna Coutts, the owner of Walden Park, will be outside the Trentham store for Spudfest on Saturday 7 May to answer any and all of your beef questions.



Be sure to say Hi, and sample some of the exceptionally good quality beef straight off the sizzling barbeque!

**Burnbrook Fields,**  
**16 Market St, Trentham**  
open 9am-3pm Saturday & Sunday.

## The Trentham Garden

### Sustainability: How to Make a Beautiful Garden

*Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart.*  
Khalil Gibran

What's more lovely than spending time with friends outside with a drink in hand, seeing children playing in a garden, or local wildlife gathering around your very own pond? Gardens are at their best when they have a sense of beauty which goes beyond superficial appearances.

It's imperative to create spaces in a garden to enjoy spending time in to sit, eat and entertain. In contrast to Melbourne, Trentham clients often choose to locate these areas in places which receive sun and reflected heat to prolong the time they can spend outside.

Insects and animals are some of the main users of a garden and benefit from multi-level planting of trees, shrubs and groundcovers, and access to water. An indigenous section of the garden can add a great educational aspect that doesn't require additional irrigation or high 'inputs' to maintain, as well as great habitat for local critters.

Great Dixter garden in the UK recently did a study and surprisingly found that there was more diversity of wildlife in the garden itself than the surrounding more natural areas. The various habitats provided by the crumbly old stone buildings, rich planting and water features create a diverse range of habitats for local insects.

Soft-space elements (trees and plants) are generally more sustainable than paving or decking. Sometimes a water-permeable gravel area can be cheaper, softer-looking and better for the environment than a paved area. Recycled and locally sourced materials generally have lower 'embodied energy' than imported materials.

The quality of the design and build is also crucial: there is no point in creating a garden which needs to be re-done in a couple of years. Make your garden a beautiful place that both you and nature can enjoy together.

Happy gardening,

**Kaz Krasovskis**  
**Landscape Designer**  
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Natural water features such as this beauty in the Park St. Reserve are a boon for local wildlife

## Trentham Sustainability Group

You are invited to attend a Community Information Forum



## Power Outages and Essential Services

Thursday 19 May, 7.30 pm  
Trentham Neighbourhood Centre



Representatives from local and regional essential services have been invited to speak and answer questions at a community forum on 19 May in Trentham. This important event is the first of a series of activities planned during May and June.

The **Blackout Action Group** was recently formed by TSG in response to on-going unplanned power outages and the major disruption to essential services (power, communications and water) over an extended period following the June 2021 storm.

Powercor, the CFA and Coliban Water have indicated their participation. Telstra and Optus have also been invited to attend.

This and subsequent forums will contribute to the Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham project which aims to improve power reliability and promote renewable generation. TSG is grateful to Coliban Water for the Community Rebate which is supporting these forums.

**We know interruptions to the power supply are annoying and can be serious. This is your chance to learn more about how our essential services are responding to these challenges and how our community can support better services and encourage climate action.**

Hope to see you there!

Contact the TSG Team for further information

[tsg@trentham.org.au](mailto:tsg@trentham.org.au)

### Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

Recent working bees have occurred successfully on two Thursday mornings. It may be better to avoid scheduling these for weekends. If you have a spare hour or so during the week and want to be involved, please let us know. (Fay 0417 113 927).



Weeding and planting will continue, particularly along the creek. And there's still mulch to move.

**Fay Magee**  
**TQSR Committee of Management**

The photo shows a multi-fronted attack on maintaining the creek flow just below the red bridge, clearing out the waterway, looking for likely channels under the mixed concrete and rock 'bridge'. Thanks to HSC staff for removing the mucky green waste.

Daily watering of the new maples at the playground has wound down, but the smaller understory and groundcover plants will be watered at least weekly for a while yet. A huge thanks to those on the finely-tuned roster who watered daily!





## Bullarto Vintage Tractor Pull

Trentham welcomed the 27th Annual Bullarto Vintage Tractor Pull & Car Display at the end of March.

The event, which raises funds for the upkeep of the 100 year old Bullarto Public Hall was held at the Trentham Railway Station this year as the Bullarto Track is still damaged after last year's storm. Over 700 people attended, which in addition to the Tractor Pull had almost 150 cars on display and entertainment provided by the Daylesford & District Brass Band.

Scott Gordon, who kindly supplied the Trumpet with these pictures said: "A big shout out to the participants, officials, attendees, and sponsors of the Trentham Vintage Tractor Pull. Thank you! It was the first tractor pull experience and a memorable day for this new Trentham resident!"



## Cavalcade of Transport Trentham Historic Railway Station To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day



### SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

Victoria Street, Trentham.

Entry from 10am for Display vehicles & 10.30am for spectators  
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- Entry to venue by gold coin donation
- Catering available from local community groups
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## Trentham Tales

### Going on the Railways

Throughout the 1860s and '70s there was a widespread demand for timber, be it for firewood, construction materials, mine supports or mechanical parts. Timber was vital to the 1850s goldrush in our district, underpinning the later commercial mines of the area and becoming the mainstay of the colonial expansion, climaxing in the boom days of 'Marvellous Melbourne'.

In great demand, timber from the Wombat Forest faced serious challenges, including transporting lumber to market. Early mobile timber cutting camps relied on the only transport and haulage commodity available - draught horses. Jinkers hauled the big timber out of the forest. A tree weighing up to one ton would be dragged by a single draught horse, which in those days cost 50 pounds. While the larger commercial sawmills later built tram tracks, they also relied heavily on horsepower to transport their lumber in drays to the Kyneton rail depot, using roads that barely existed.

Around the same time the government was also opening up agricultural land, with the aim of providing employment for ex-goldminers. Potato farming, which was already undertaken in small ventures, was actively supported for development in the district, but farmers also faced their own transport problems.

For most growers the arduous journey to Kyneton with their goods was an overnighter.

The expanding timber and potato industries were clearly in need of more convenient transport and in January 1879, the Carlsruhe-Daylesford line began construction.

The Trentham leg was completed in February 1880 and a month later reached Daylesford.



"Every hamlet saw the railway as its passport to prosperity," wrote Murrell Osborne in his descriptive history, 'Timber, Spuds & Spa'.

Before long the railway itself became a reliable source of employment. All through the night lanterns would be burning at the station with men loading and unloading freight into rail trucks or preparing livestock for transport.



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'Going on the railways' became the ambition of many a young lad.

Outward tonnage of goods on the line increased rapidly in the 1880s. For example, in each of the years between 1884 and 1888, about 20,000 tons of both firewood and timber; 20,000 bags of chaff; 20,000 bags of potatoes; 3,000 bags of peas; 3,000 bags of oats; 1,600 bags of bran, and 180 tons of hides, hay and fruit were moved from the Trentham Station.

On top of the freight came about 50,000 passengers. Trentham Falls became an increasingly popular tourist destination, particularly for walking parties. Their presence benefitted new and existing hotels providing accommodation and respite for tourists and workers alike.

With the delivery of regular mail and availability of newspapers, locals now had better communication with the outside world and isolation for many evaporated. New arrivals also brought new ideas and growth.

Unfortunately, the 1890s depression saw demand for produce reduce, leading to cuts in railway services.

Although the railway maintained its fundamental importance into the early 20th Century, with a brief resurgence in the mid-1920s, the peak levels of the 1880s boom years were never revisited.

So next time you visit the old Trentham station (editor's note: maybe at Spudfest?!) just take a moment and reflect on the days 140 or so years ago when it served such a vital commercial and cultural link with the rest of Victoria.

### Sue Worthington Trentham and District Historical Society



Although the above photo is Lyonville, it with Trentham had the largest output on our line. It's pretty evocative with the logs by the rail. These logs belonged to August Miller who ran the Lyonville General Store at the turn of the 20th century (sadly, there's no date for either of these photographs)

## Councillor's Report

**Anzac Day** – congratulations to Trentham Lions Club and Kyneton RSL for staging a wonderful ceremony. An excellent crowd was in attendance and a feature of proceedings was the contribution by Trentham Primary School students who presented and spoke so beautifully.



**Community Centre** – construction work is underway, with Coliban Water realigning their infrastructure as an important first step.

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

**Planning survey** – if you haven't already completed the planning survey ([thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey](http://thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey)) please do so. The community's feedback will guide the new planning regulations so that they reflect the community's wishes and protect against undesirable development outcomes.

**Storm recovery works** – Council continues to advocate for more funding from the State government. It is anticipated that upcoming programs will include

- A habitat program to support wildlife back into storm affected areas in partnership with DELWP.
- A Public Clean-Up program - Council has submitted the highest priorities for this fund as the restoration of: Wombat Trail; Stony Creek Reserve; Domino Trail; Daylesford Spa Country Railway; Wallaby Drive, Wheatsheaf (fire access track).
- A Community Support Fund
- Community Clean Up Support Program- under a joint application with Moorabool and Macedon Ranges Councils.

**Rex** – the process to engage with the community on the proposed sale of the Rex building in Daylesford is expected to start in late April and will run for one month. This is a contentious project with implications for Council's finances and it is critical that input is received from across Hepburn shire before a final decision on the building's fate is confirmed. I encourage you to complete the survey (see page 22).

**Creek renaming** - At the April meeting Council resolved to request Geographic Names Victoria to rename the Jim Crow Creek to Larni Barramal Yaluk. Council has worked closely with project partners, Mount Alexander Shire Council, North Central Catchment Management Authority and Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation on the proposed renaming of Jim Crow Creek for some time. The decision to recommend the renaming has occurred in recognition of Aboriginal heritage, the importance of reinstating Dja Dja Wurrung language and the removal of a name that is offensive and derogatory.

**Grants** – April saw the Trentham & District Historical Society and Trentham Lions Club successful in their grant applications for the Timeline Project (\$2500) and "firewood for the needy" (\$2000) respectively. Both very worthy and deserving initiatives for the benefit of the community.

**Aquatic strategy** – Council has resolved to adopt the proposed aquatic strategy, with further work to be undertaken on the potential creation of an indoor heated pool for the shire and the necessary repair works to existing pools.

**2022/23 budget** – work is underway to compile the budget for next financial year. A draft will be released for public comment. More detail will follow on which projects may be included for Trentham.

**TNC** – congratulations to Trentham Neighbourhood Centre who recently celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. To have sustained such valuable service to the community for such a lengthy period is a tribute to all involved.

**Spudfest** – please mark May 7 in your diary as Trentham's iconic festival is back... and sure to be bigger than ever.


**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 – 17 May, 21 June, 19 July.

**Cr Brian Hood**

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## Anzac Day

*Here are the thoughtful words of Cr Brian Hood, delivered on behalf of Council at the Trentham Anzac Day Service.*

Today we meet on Dja Dja Wurrung country. I acknowledge the Djaara people, Traditional Custodians of this land, and I pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have served Australia in both peace and war.

Anzac Day has become an occasion to honour all who have worn our country's uniform in service. Today, we reflect on that service. We recognise more than 100,000 Australian service men and women who have lost their lives in military operations carried out in our country's name.

We honour the values that have been invested in the original Anzacs – loyalty, selflessness, courage – and the ways in which later generations have measured their own achievements against those of the soldiers who fought on Gallipoli.

For a nation with a population of just 4.5 million the First World War cast a long shadow in the decades that followed. But through every challenge and the darkest of days Australia still showed resilience and perseverance, time and again.

Australia is a nation built on the foundation of mateship – rolling up our sleeves, helping our neighbours and doing it with a smile. The resilience of Australians has been shown through the First World War, the Spanish flu, the Great Depression, the Second World War, Korea, Vietnam and the subsequent conflicts in East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. That we have persevered through bushfires, floods and coronavirus, among other things, is nothing short of remarkable.

Australia has fought and stood for something, every time its freedoms and way of life were threatened.

On Anzac Day, it is important that we come together, pause, remember and honour those heroes who have shaped the very fabric of the nation that we hold dear today. We honour those whose names appear on the many memorials across Hepburn Shire.



We remember and honour the 47 from Trentham who made the ultimate sacrifice in WWI; the 14 who died in WWII; and especially the four families who lost two of their sons.

That is a remarkable contribution from such a small community.

The freedoms we enjoy today were won by others, such as those named on our memorials.

What we can do is to honour the two million women and men who have worn this nation's uniform. Their service and sacrifice is not in vain.

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## CCCE

### Bank in Community

The last couple of months have seen many community groups run festivals in our local area. With no idea of what a post-Covid event would look like, other than having a positive attitude and a mantra that says “the show must go on”, the results have been mind-boggling and far exceeded everyone’s expectations.

Community Bank Trentham & Districts is proud to support, sponsor and assist with getting these events off the ground. We have been actively engaging in this space, creating opportunities to build close working relationships with many key members of our local community groups to make their events a success.

We are happy to be a ‘Support Act’ from sponsorships to in-kind facilities (such as our community EFTPOS, marquee, flags, etc) and hands-on help where needed.

### Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival



This year’s event, celebrating its 120th anniversary, was a huge success and the biggest year ever! Our warm congratulations to the Blackwood Progress Association on a great day.

Community Bank Trentham & Districts sponsored the prize money for the ‘300mm Open Underhand’ Woodchop event and purchased high-vis vests

for the volunteers working on the day.

Our “Community EFTPOS” system, a facility offered to all community groups that bank with us, helped process entry fee transactions making it easy for the administrators to manage the crowd flow entry.

### Blackwood & Barry’s Reef Landcare Group

It was great to partner with this enthusiastic group under the shade of the Trentham & Districts Community Bank marquee to showcase the ‘WaterBug Project’.



It was a real hit with the kids on the day, who concentrated on finding and identifying the different types of river bugs. The ‘WaterBug Kits’ will be used to monitor the health of the Lerderderg River by checking what waterbugs are living in the river and waterways.

### Think ‘Support and Shop Local’ in Hepburn & win!

Shop anywhere in Hepburn Shire for a chance to win \$250 each week during June.

This is the first time that Bendigo Bank Community Banks in Trentham, Daylesford, Creswick & the Clunes Agency have come together and partnered with Hepburn Shire Council in a “Support & Shop Local” campaign.

No matter where you shop in the Hepburn Shire, this promotion is designed to stimulate spending with local businesses in the region as we come out of the pandemic. All you need to do to get onboard is shop local!

A winner will be drawn every week from each of the community bank branches for \$250 in vouchers (total value of \$3000) to be spent locally. Simply drop your receipt into your local branch or upload a photo of your purchase (and keep your receipt), tag the business you purchased it from and add the hashtags #shoparoundhepburn #trentham #BendigoBank.



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## Trentham Lions Club

### Busy and Smiling as Ever!

We continue to welcome new members into Trentham Lions Club bringing wonderful new ideas and a brilliant group of community minded people. What a great vibe it has!!

Alan McGaughey and Ceri Spain have so much fun delivering the 'Over 80's Birthday Cakes' to local residents. The response when arriving unexpectedly to deliver the cakes is wonderful. The program is appreciated by so many elderly residents and their families. Alan is pictured here with a treat for Jim Craig.



Lions Teddy Bears are donated to local service organisations such as the CERT team, Trentham and Kyneton police, and the ambulance service. These special little bears are a calming friend when given to children when they are confronted with a difficult or stressful situation such as family violence, car accident, fire, storm, flood or some other catastrophic event. Sometimes even adults are comforted by these furry friends in such events.

Recently the club was able to make a donation, funded by our local residents, to the Creswick Lions Club to assist their community after the horrific storms that left a significant number of residents impacted with uninhabitable homes, loss of possessions, and family relocations. Lions have also been assisting with working bees to clean up residents' homes and gardens.

On the home front the club has been very active working with the local CFA collecting funds for the 2022 Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Together with the assistance of local residents we collected \$6,586. What a great effort and thank you so much to everyone around town and surrounds for responding to the tin rattles.



Our Lions Club Farmers Markets are always great events with an abundance of residents and tourists coming along and having fun. The entertainment provided by talented locals including a young guitarist Mal Walsh is a great



highlight. Our BBQs have raised funds to support local groups and the Children's Hospital. We are so pleased to see so many volunteers come along and help our club run this great family and community event.

The newly formed local Dog Group came along with their beloved furry friends to greet the many different breeds of dogs here in Trentham. While having a lot of fun the group also shared information with interested visitors to the market. Well done doggie friends.



Councillor Brian Hood accompanied by Vicki Steggall provided information to residents about the present planning survey being conducted. ([thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey](http://thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey))

Lion Bette McLaren created the April market theme last month. Of course, it was no surprise that it was all about Easter! There were some great Easter bonnets parading around – and is that a basket of Easter eggs??



The Lions Club of Trentham provides the facilities, equipment and entertainment for this great community Farmers' Market. Funds raised at these events enable us to support our wonderful community and those in need.

Oh... and our special thanks go to the vendors who provide the wonderful local produce and artisan products that make our market such a special place to visit.

Interested in joining our club or finding out how you could be part of these great monthly events? Please tee up a coffee and chat with Stan 0418 555 035 or Tim 0417 006 146.

**Stan Falloon.**  
Trentham Lions Club Secretary



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## Gardens for Wildlife

### Three Bs or not To Be – Birds, Bees, and Butterflies in your habitat garden

Often we think of biodiversity in terms of the larger animals, hoping to see a wombat, an echidna or a platypus. But of course, much of our biodiversity is also found with the smaller creatures down to the micro-organisms, all contributing significantly to the big picture.



When deciding to add local native plants to your home garden it's easy to focus on the three Bs, birds, bees and butterflies as a good starting point. Our local season has recently been featuring the various grasses all of which contribute to butterfly habitat – weeping grass, wallaby and kangaroo grasses, Poas, Dianellas. Then the smaller flowering everlastings and groundcovers, Brachyscome Cut-leaf daisy, Chocolate and Bulbine lilies add more variety and colours.

Smaller birds need safe shelter, usually in prickly bushes and some of our good local species are Acacias "Prickly Moses" and Paradoxa, the Cassinia aculeata, Prickly Tea-tree and Sweet Bursaria. We're learning more about our native bees but many of the plants already listed will provide for them too – more to come!

You can learn more about gardening for wildlife at the second of our two workshops, on Saturday 28 May. This is part of TNC's "School of Gardening". Presenters will be

Jill Teschendorff, author of "Grow Wild" and Brian Bainbridge, Biodiversity Officer for the Hepburn Shire with extensive knowledge and experience in this field.

Theory covered in this course includes: Introduction to the breadth of biodiversity in the garden; Food web in the garden; Preserving habitat; Lizard lounges.



Register through Trentham Neighbourhood Centre where you can also register for a home visit from our mentors to help you plan your habitat garden.

Thanks to Josie Reid and The Trentham Trumpet for generous donations to our group – more info next time.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Is Hepburn Shire Council viable?

The Kennett government amalgamation of municipalities, mid-1990s, was designed for the regional centres. Five separate councils became the City of Greater Bendigo ending years of wasteful competition and duplication. The government then proceeded to roll-out a '3-4-5 equals one' model to the rest of Victoria – without the consultation and time for acceptance given the regional centres. Boundaries were largely drawn by the metro bureaucracy to create new municipalities each with their own challenges: geographic, socio-historical and financial.

Hepburn Shire, which has been described as a platypus\*, was one such. There was no wider debate about what was the best municipal configuration between Ballarat and Bendigo. Informed advice is that Trentham was still included with the rest of the former Kyneton Shire in the new Macedon Ranges until a week before the new municipalities were announced. Apparently someone had a last look at Hepburn and concluded that it didn't stack up financially, resulting in Trentham's late inclusion. For the next 25 years Trentham (and Coliban Ward) has cross-subsidised the rest of Hepburn: and still does – refer Cr Hood's total rates comparisons (March Trumpet). A 2010 State review identified 14 'non-viable' councils – including Hepburn.

Cr Hood's April report paints a precarious picture of Hepburn Shire Council today: negative cash reserves; planning backlogs; project management issues, notably the REX fiasco; no strategies for managing built assets or the workforce; and declining services.

Comparing Trentham with Macedon Ranges is instructive - the rate (cents in the dollar): Hepburn 0.29270 Macedon Ranges 0.23310... that's over \$400 difference on a property valued at \$700,000. Residential waste & recycling charges: Hepburn \$479 Macedon Ranges \$498. For the additional \$19 we'd get 4 bins *plus year-round free green waste* at the transfer station.

### Community Lunch

Neighbourhood House Week is an annual national celebration, recognising the important contribution over 1,000 neighbourhood houses make in local communities. In 2022 it will take place from Monday 9 to Sunday 15 May with the theme 'Building resilience by bringing people together'.

The theme recognises the important role neighbourhood houses will play in a post-lockdown environment, as Victoria aims to re-emerge and rebuild a harmonious and resilient community.

In celebration of Neighbourhood House week TNC are hosting a "Community Lunch" on May 10th at 12.30pm. Bring your friends, book a table and come along and join us.

TNC staff are looking forward to seeing you there!

[trenthamnc.org.au/event-details/tnc-community-lunch](http://trenthamnc.org.au/event-details/tnc-community-lunch)

If we argue that municipal councillors have responsibilities similar to company directors, i.e. a primary duty to the best interests of ratepayers or shareholders respectively, should we be asking our Council to implement a searching investigation into the viability of Hepburn Shire Council and the value-for-money it is able to deliver to its residents? In any case a review of local government 25+ years after amalgamation is overdue.

\*reactions to the first specimens to reach Europe – 'a creature made up of parts that didn't fit together'

Ian MacBean

### Wombat Forest Salvage

The clean-up and salvage of fallen trees in the Wombat State Forest following the June 2021 cyclonic storm event has finally begun in one of the hardest hit areas near Lyonville. Harvest and haulage contractors have been doing an impressive job which will enhance forest safety, amenity and access for a future National Park and importantly reduce fire hazards near the township prior to next fire season.

It's sad and hard to fathom why some people would see the need to protest about these restorative works finally being undertaken as they did on Good Friday. The timber is also being utilised at a time when there is a real shortage of this valuable resource, and all hollow and moss-covered logs are retained for ground habitat along with others to meet Ecological Vegetation Class benchmarks.

postscript - I believe all the royalties for the fallen trees salvaged will go to the Dja Dja Wurrung traditional owners - a great outcome.

Gary McIntosh

Retired forestry and Landcare consultant  
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## Trentham Neighbourhood Centre Committee

### More Members are needed for the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre Committee of Management.

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre (TNC) is a not-for-profit incorporated association that has been running for 30 years. TNC assists meeting the cultural, social, educational, economic and recreational needs of the people in our town and surrounding areas.

The TNC has a volunteer Committee of Management elected from the local community. There are three permanent paid staff. The role of the Committee of Management is to govern the organisation by:

1. Setting the vision and values and developing a strategic plan and implementing the plan over a three year period
2. Engaging with our community to identify specific needs and opportunities annually; overseeing the marketing and running of classes, activities, groups, community events and services; then evaluating whether we have met the needs and ensuring improvements are made
3. Ensuring we comply with our Constitution, relevant Acts and all legal obligations
4. Developing and implementing all policies
5. Managing our finances in a responsible manner
6. Managing our assets
7. Managing risks to the organisation
8. Measuring performance and setting strategies to improve our performance as an organisation
9. Building relationships with and working with Community Groups and Government
10. Selecting and ensuring the ongoing high performance of our manager
11. Providing oversight to ensure we have the right team members, that they perform well and are satisfied in their roles.



This year we will be developing our new three year strategic plan.

The Committee of Management now comprises of me as President, Vicki Smith as Secretary, Corina Sabo as Treasurer and Debbie Power and Glenda Marshall as Ordinary Members. We need at least two more Ordinary Members on our committee. People from all different backgrounds are welcome to do the role. You just need to be interested in helping make Trentham and surrounds a great community to live in. To help round out the skills and experience of existing committee members, it would be great to attract new members who have been successful in for example running a small business or a community based organisation. If you are interested in being on the committee, please get in touch with me.

We would be delighted to receive suggestions about what TNC can do to further support and help develop our community, and if there are any suggestions on how we can improve what we currently do, we would like to hear them. Please do not hesitate to approach us.

**Anne-Marie Pedeau**  
**President Committee of Governance & Program Volunteer**  
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## Eating Your Garden

### Lemon Potatoes

In honor of Spudfest, here's our current favourite potato recipe.

If it weren't for the lemon (which is non-negotiable!) this could be the perfect Trentham recipe as potatoes, garlic and oregano are top growers here.

A starchy potato will soak up the juices best, but Dutch creams are also delicious. Allow an hour and a half to prepare, but the oven does the heavy lifting, your effort is minimal! These are the perfect accompaniment to lamb.  
 Serves 4

#### Ingredients:

- 1.2kg potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups of chicken stock
- 1/2 cup of olive oil
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- Zest of one lemon
- 5 garlic cloves chopped finely
- 1 tbsp dried oregano
- 2 tsp salt

#### Method

Preheat oven to 200°C  
 Peel and cut potatoes into chunky wedges.

Combine all ingredients in a heavy roasting pan, add potatoes and turn to coat well.

Roast for 30 minutes, remove from oven to turn potatoes, and baste with the reducing liquid.

Return to oven and roast for another 20 minutes, by which time most of the liquid will have evaporated or been absorbed by the potatoes.

Oil, zest and garlic will remain in the bottom of the pan, toss potatoes through this again, and roast for a further 20 minutes to crisp and brown.

Keep a close eye on your potatoes at this time, you don't want the garlic to burn.

Serve with any remaining garlicky lemony oil drizzled over the top, garnish with fresh oregano and lemon slices.



## Interior Design

### Gustav in the Bedroom

During the Easter long weekend I decided to finish painting our guest bedroom.

After emptying the room, patching cracks in the walls, placing drop sheets, and covering windows, we were ready to paint the ceiling. I strongly recommend using a good quality ceiling paint – it makes a tricky job so much easier.

In the past, I have used combinations of different colours when painting ceilings, highlighting ceiling roses, cornices, and picture rails. More recently, I tend to use the same single colour for the ceiling and the portion of the walls above the picture rail, often using a standard off-white to keep things simple.

For the walls I chose Dulux's Gustav: it's an interesting, moody grey. This time, I decided to use Gustav mixed to half-strength, creating a true "greige" with a mauve undertone. I highlighted wardrobe doors, skirting boards, and window frames in white.

Gustav's warm undertones work well with a timber side chair, bedside table, and the mahogany mantelpiece. Being a grey-beige combination, Gustav really is a fantastic neutral: multiple textile colours in the room can be readily interchanged.

I dressed the bed with white duvets and sleeping pillows. If I didn't have an upholstered headboard, I would use

European pillows against the painted wall, to give the room a little height visually. I purchased some off-white ready-made drapes with blackout lining. A few striped cushions and an adjustable reading lamp made the space inviting.

I finished off the room with a simple round paper shade for the ceiling light fitting; a large coir rug makes the room casual and comfortable.



All is now ready for our guests, and Gustav is a colour I'm thinking of using more often with my clients.

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# Trentham Saints



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At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the first round on 23 April & our first home game on 30 April. This year's fixture is below, be sure to mark all the dates in your diary.

Temporary facilities are arriving and building is progressing on the new development.

Watch our socials and website for all the latest updates and news. Auskick & NetSetGo registrations details are on website too.

Our 2022 coaches are super excited. Football Rick Dowling (Seniors), Dolf Reid (Reserves & U11.5) and Jason Shaw (U14.5) together with our netball coaches Sharna Ford (A&B), Charlene Dowling (C & U17), Emma Whelan (U15) & Georgia Harvey-Courts (U13).

New members, supporters and sponsors are always welcome. Come and join the fun!

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## Golf

### Captain's Report

This is a busy time of the year with several major competitions underway or completed. The first two rounds of the Mixed Championships have been completed and the present leader in both scratch and nett is the pairing of Alan Snowden and Kirsten Jensen. The Billy Roberts Memorial was taken out by David Fry and the Arthur Moloney Trophy by Alfredo Dean. The Graeme Purton Memorial Par event was held Saturday April 23 and won with + 6 by Geoff Dalglish.

Thursday April 21 was the Des Kirwan Memorial and it was a memorable one as Barbara, Des' wife, passed away only last week at the age of 100. Three family representatives played on the day. Max Pearman easily won the event with 45 points, including an ace on the 13th.

The run of holes-in-one continues, all on the short 13th hole. These were Garry Ford on March 17, John Kerr on April 16 and Max Pearman on April 21.

There have been mixed results in the pennant with the Restricted Handicap team two wins from three matches, and the Handicap team one win from three.

A temporary local rule has been introduced allowing preferred lies on closely-mown surfaces due to some bare areas on the green surrounds and fairways. This will continue until fairways recover, which hopefully won't be long with the recent good rain.

I was deeply saddened by the news that Judy Rothe had passed away as I found Judy to be a truly wonderful person and my condolences go to Neil and the Rothe family.

**John Hudson,  
Club Captain**

### Life membership for David Nugent

In a Special General Meeting at the club on April 2, David Nugent was unanimously elected to Life Membership of the Trentham Golf Club.

David has been an active member of the club in a number of roles for 27 years since joining in 1995. He has been Treasurer for 18 years since 2004.

The role of Treasurer has become one of ever-increasing complexity. Governance and audit requirements, insurance, employment, contracting, taxation, accounting systems, grants and more recently Covid-19 financial management have all made the Treasurer's task more time-consuming and difficult.

David has undertaken this role with strength, wisdom, co-operation and great diligence.

David's exemplary service to the club over a long period of time qualifies him well for the awarding of Life Membership



### Women's Captain's Report

The Kyneton/ Trentham Challenge was played last month at Kyneton. The Kyneton team won with an average stableford score of 32.5, Trentham's was 31.5. It was a great day of golf and friendship with a shared lunch at the end of play. Unfortunately, we won the potty trophy but next year we may get to give it back. Our next challenge is with Gisborne and this will be played at Trentham in May. Let's hope our home ground advantage gets us in the winning position.

Another annual event is the 4BBB Royal Women's Hospital Day. This was played on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April and was won by the Rahill sisters, Rhonda Bradley and myself with 50 points. We raised \$150 for the hospital. Thanks to all the players who donated on the day.

Coming up is the qualifying round for the doubles knockout. This will be played on Wednesday and Saturday with the best 8 teams going into match play for 2 elimination rounds followed by a final. Good luck to all teams.

Our pennant season will commence in May and all players have been issued new pennant shirts. Thanks to Simon Ovenden for organising the shirts and thanks also to our new sponsors Hanky-Kingz and Crucis Group. Good luck to our 2 pennant teams.

Finally, Judy Rothe, one of our life members, passed away this month. Judy was a wonderful supporter of women's golf at our club and also at district and state level. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. RIP Judy.

**Veronica Maher  
Women's Captain**

### Course notes

Our focus is currently to increase root depth of the greens. The deep coring recently undertaken was a first step. A good example of poor root depth was where damage occurred during the coring process on the 14th and 17th greens due to shallow root growth causing the turf to lift. Greens were rolled with a 1-tonne roller after coring to smooth them out. The 1st and 12th greens had noticeable amounts of Thatch Collapse, a fungus that causes the thatch to collapse in on itself and create a crater.

Tees and surrounds have found to be infested with Red-headed Cockchafers that have been attacking the roots and causing bare patches. We are looking at the option of nematodes as the best method of control.

A massive thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean up the cores and prepare the greens for top dressing. Your time and effort certainly helped speed up the process. Volunteers are always needed for firewood, garden beds and rough mowing whenever available.

**Ricky Mether  
Course Superintendent**

## Sale of the Rex

### Consultation Commences

In November 2021, Council decided not to proceed with the Hepburn Hub project at The Rex building in Vincent Street, Daylesford. Council purchased the building in 2016 to accommodate a new library, Council offices, public toilets, community auditorium and community co-working space. Some building works had begun before the project ceased.

Mayor, Cr Tim Drylie, said that "Councillors made a difficult decision to end the Hepburn Hub project and undertake a process to sell The Rex building, understanding that it would result in mixed feelings in the community."

"Council recognises the benefits of the services and facilities the Hepburn Hub at The Rex would have offered, however, the uncertainty of the final cost, previous construction issues, Council's financial position and the financial impacts of COVID, storm recovery and operating in a rate capping environment, meant Council determined the additional costs and other risks were too much to incur."

"While at this point, we don't see a clear purpose for retaining The Rex, given the lack of finances to undertake any works at the site, if there is strong community support for using The Rex for a worthwhile and suitable purpose, we may be open to exploring alternate ideas, but they would need to be assessed for financial viability and on a range of other factors," said Cr Tim Drylie.

### The Plonkers

Digby and Niles ducked into the Cosmo to check out the new menu.

Shown to their favourite table (no. 8, overlooking the rear deck) Digby commented on what a delight it was to see the smiling mask-less faces of all the staff after so many months hidden away.

They shared a serve of the new entree of Manchurian veggie balls. Sticky, sweet and sour deliciousness. The crisp citrus sharpness of their copper coloured Brunswick bitter complemented the food perfectly.

"I can't help but recall Sinatra's performance in The Manchurian Candidate, one of my favourites," said Niles.

"You always did love a good conspiracy theory movie Niles. Are you sure these are vegetarian? They're very tasty!"

"We can't be sure Digby, can we be certain of anything?!"\*

A bottle of the Sutton Grange Fairbank Rosé followed, a favourite of both Plonkers. "So drinkable Digby. I smell melon and lemon thyme. Quite a refreshing mineral finish too".

"Well, I'm having the steak tonight" said Digby. "After this talk of conspiracy theories and ethereal Rosé, I need something solid and reliable"

Council is inviting individuals and community groups to complete a short survey regarding the intended sale of The Rex building. Community groups are encouraged to discuss the proposed sale with their members. Council is not seeking detailed submissions or business cases.



"We encourage groups from across the Shire to take advantage of the discussion pack that has been created and make a submission on the intended sale of The Rex," said Cr Tim Drylie.

More information on the survey and the discussion paper is available on our Participate Hepburn website.

"It is important to note that Council will not revive the Hepburn Hub at The Rex project. We understand the disappointment many people are feeling now we are beginning the sale process. However, it is important we focus our energies on the next step: to undertake a planning project that will review possible solutions of staffing accommodation and community facilities that were to be included in the Hepburn Hub," said Cr Tim Drylie.

Complete a short survey via Participate Hepburn at [participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/](https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/).

Submissions can be made until 5pm on Friday 20 May 2022. It is expected that Council will make a decision on the sale of the building at its June or July meeting.

Digby was pleased to see the steak offering was his favourite, a Sher wagyu rump steak (with a marble score of 8-9) which came with hasselback potatoes, heirloom carrots and horseradish cream. Niles chose the new crispy skinned salmon with mango and pomegranate salsa.

The Cosmopolitan is dedicated to their mantra "eat, drink, love local" and their wine is a testament to the fabulous quality wine (perhaps underrated) of the Macedon Ranges and surrounding regions.

"Let's treat ourselves tonight and have a bottle of the Curl Flat Pinot, it should go well with both my salmon and your steak" suggested Niles. Digby agreed and the wine was delivered to their table minutes before the food arrived.

"Good choice Niles! This Pinot really is a special drop, like Autumn in a bottle, earthy, spicy and such a deep red colour". The conversation ceased as they enjoyed their food and wine.

"Come on Niles, let's join the locals at the bar for a cleansing ale..."

**Digby & Niles  
The Plonkers**



\*editor's note: don't listen to Niles, they are absolutely, definitely vegetarian!



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Spudman's Signoff

Weary from the harvest, finally rested at last.  
 A chocolate dirt smudge has been my lockdown mask.

Dust from a dead volcano has nurtured another crop.  
 Now my arms and legs have begged me to stop.

Yet now it's time to flex and stretch,  
 Spudfest beckons and it's my hat I must fetch.

The people of Trentham and from other places,  
 Will flock for the spuds and smiling faces.

The Dutch Creams, Maris and Kipfler as well,  
 Too many to name and stories to tell.

So, on the 7th up and down Market Street,  
 Spare a thought for old Spudman's feet.

These tators don't jump out of the ground on their own,  
 Hard working farmers harvest what they've sown.



Spudman by Peter Young  
 Oil on Canvas

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