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COUNCIL NEWS

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.

All nominated trees have been removed from site and the sewer realignment has been completed. The contractor will soon establish their site compound with the demolition and main works to commence shortly. We are pleased to see this important project underway – stay tuned for regular updates.

TYLDEN BOUNDARY WORKS

Works will soon start to replace the culvert on James Lane in Tylden. This project is on a boundary road with our neighbour to the east, Macedon Ranges Shire Council. The project is co-funded by both councils and federal grant funding through the Bridge Renewal Program. Construction is expected to take two weeks. Traffic management and detours will be in place. Thank you for your patience.

SEE YOU AT THE MARKET

Come along and meet the Storm Recovery Team at the Trentham Farmers Market on Saturday 18 June. Cr Brian Hood and the Trentham Lions Club President Mr Tim Walsh will both speak about the storm experiences and future directions in relation to community wellbeing. Come along and share your concerns, discuss solutions and enjoy a bite to eat.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Participate Hepburn is being updated regularly with opportunities for you to have your say on different projects. We are currently inviting feedback on our draft Positive Ageing Strategy, No Barriers and will soon open feedback on the draft Sustainable Hepburn Strategy. Keep an eye on Participate Hepburn to find out how you get involved and be heard. Visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENING

Council will host a free event for residents to get together for a social catch-up and pizza. Psychologist Dr Rob Gordon will be at the event to talk about the practical and emotional recovery from the storm event in June. Register via www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/storm-and-flood-recovery or call the Storm Recovery Team on (03) 4373 7373. The event will be held from 6pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 23 June at Lyonville Hall.

CHAINSAW COURSE

The Storm Recovery Team is partnering with Creswick Timber Training Centre in providing free chainsaw courses, which will commence in August and September. These courses will use storm-thrown timber collected during the clean-up. The three-day courses will enable participants to link into community groups and make use of their skills to clear their own property of downed trees and assist other impacted community members with the clean up. For more information contact the Storm Recovery team on (03) 4373 7373 or StormRecoveryJune2021@hepburn.vic.gov.au.

UPDATE ON PAVILION

Big things are happening with the new pavilion at the Trentham Sportsground, sections of the steel frame are now in place. Another section of frame for the veranda will be installed soon, which will give a sense of the size of the new building. The pavilion will be a terrific community space for Trentham, with function and meeting areas, a catering kitchen, canteen and bar, covered spectator area and more. Construction is on track to be completed later this year. Temporary facilities are up and running throughout the footy and netball season while the project is underway.



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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

Congrats to the Spudfest team, volunteers, supporters, and stall holders. The wintry weather did nothing to stop an incredible number of people showing up to celebrate all things potato. The festival atmosphere was wonderful, particularly up the gorgeously autumnal coloured Market Street (dare we say Trentham’s best street?!) where the combination of stalls, shops and live music just screamed street party. Let’s do that again!

It’s difficult to believe it’s been almost 12 months since the storm last year. Thanks to Denise for sharing the beautiful tribute her daughter-in-law Rowena Howes wrote. We can only agree with Denise who says, ‘Her poem beautifully captures the love we have for our trees and the grief we felt following the storm, along with our community.’ Thank you to both Denise and Rowena for letting us share something so special.

And thank you also to the community groups, volunteers and individuals who continue to work so hard to repair

our town, including the now reopened racecourse on our cover. It’s been - and continues to be - an incredible effort, and it’s wonderful to have such important places reopening and able to be enjoyed again.

Finally, thank you to our contributors – we can’t do it without you! And thank you to our support network, we’re pleased to have donated to both Gardens for Wildlife (p13) and Burnbrook Fields NICU fundraiser (p9) last month.

**Stay Warm!
Chris & Penny**

Trentham Town Survey

The response to our Trentham Town Survey has been fabulous. We’ve over 200 responses - and over 25,000 words! We’re leaving the survey open until the Queen’s birthday weekend (it’ll close Friday, June 10), so it’s not too late if you haven’t yet had your say. It’s available on our website thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey and via the QR code below. There are also hard copies



around town – just drop it into the Neighbourhood Centre when you’re done.

We’ve been overwhelmed by the volume and quality of responses, and the overarching theme of community is heartwarming. Town planning wise, inappropriate development is a hot topic, and we’ll delve deeper to understand what that means. Sustainability is also a recurring theme, as is caring for our natural environment.

So, what happens next? From here, we’ll analyse the feedback, with an aim to present a summary in the August Trumpet for a final community review before it’s presented to Council (which we’ll also publish in the Trumpet). Transparency is important so we’ll have the full results (with personal information redacted) available on our website also. If you’re interested in learning more, have feedback or would like to be involved, email us here at the Trumpet trumpet@trentham.org.au

Thanks again to everyone who has already participated.



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Scan the QR
Code for a link to
the survey



or find it online at:
thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey

About the Trumpet

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as the Traditional Owners of this Country.
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The Trentham Trumpet is published on the first of every month except January.

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

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

The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month before. Please forward all items for publication to:
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What's on!

Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

CFA

Open Day every Sunday from 9:30am

Hepburn Shire Council Meeting

28 June

Lions Schedule

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

Sunday Church Services

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

Trentham Lions Club

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

Trentham Sustainability Group

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

Life Activities Club

Ladies' Petanque
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

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On Our Cover:

'The Path Forward is Open Again'

Trentham Racecourse
Chris Campbell



Spotlight On

Adam, The Good Baker

Trentham is well known for its bakeries attracting locals and tourists from far and wide. Could the town support another baker? Absolutely we say!



Welcome to baker Adam Kluga whose Sicilian heritage instilled in him a love in all things food. November of '21 saw him take up his dream of starting his own bakery business right here in Trentham delivering to 3458 (online orders at thegoodbaker.com.au) and selling at Ruby Goose on Tuesdays.

The Trumpet recently sat down with Adam to chat about his passion for baking.

How long have you lived in Trentham and what drew you here/keeps you here?

I've lived in Trentham for about 3 years now. My partner and I had always envisioned moving to a more rural area and had been looking at a plethora of houses in many different areas. We fell in love with the little home we now live in at first sight, and we adore the community too. It's a beautiful, peaceful and quiet place filled with kind, caring people who have given me help and support in so many ways.

What got you started in baking?

I've always had an intrinsic interest in baking, and cooking more generally. I come from a background where all social events pivot on food, and so it seemed only natural that I'd always have an interest in it. I spent a lot of my formative years with my Nonna Rita, who instilled in me a passion for good, simple cooking. My Nonno Frank was actually a baker for most of his life and also taught Nonna to bake.

Tell us more about your business?

Everything I offer for sale is made only with sourdough starter/wild yeast. I think making breads this way gives really great results and has innumerable health benefits compared to "off the shelf" supermarket-style breads. So, my focus is to offer these high quality breads to the local community for them to enjoy and share with their families.

I have a stable of "core" loaves available every week, and bring certain specials in and out to keep things interesting. I'm constantly trying to think of new ideas for things I can offer to the community. So far I've predominantly sold my wares through some retail at Ruby Goose Foods as well as deliveries via online orders. That said, I'm currently exploring the possibility of setting up a more permanent location and/or trying out some local farmers' markets.

Did you learn to bake sourdough during lockdown?!

No, I started taking sourdough baking more seriously in 2019, prior to the pandemic. I started cultivating a bit of an online following in 2021 and then soft-launched the business in November that year.

Do you have a favourite?

Naturally, I'm fond of all the loaves I make! My personal favourite is the "Pane di Casa", which is my riff on a hardy, Italian-style table bread. It seems to have been really popular with my customers as well, as it's been the top-seller of late. People *really* seem to love the fruit loaf when I bring that on the menu every once in a while, as well.



Though I try to make sure I have something available for a wide array of tastes and needs.

Adam Kluga, The Good Baker

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with Chris Campbell





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June 2021 Storm

Ode to the Trees

You were here for decades before we came
 Oh the wonderful things you have seen,
 The kangaroos passing by at dusk and dawn
 The leaves changing from red to green

The kookaburras searching for worms,
 The rosellas feeding their young
 Heard newborn cries of lambs in the paddock
 behind
 And heard the firebell rung

Corellas, magpies, possums and crows
 All shelter in your arms,
 As you nurture and protect them
 And keep them safe from harm

You've seen houses built around you
 Snow and droughts and rain,
 And through it all, you stood tall and strong
 And never seemed to strain.

Over the last 10 years,
 You have watched my family grow
 We love to hear your branches sway
 As the children play below

Over the years you have seen them recover
 From surgery and broken legs
 And provided secret hiding places
 For them to find their Easter eggs.

You've witnessed many celebrations
 throughout the last 10 years,
 Birthdays, Christmases, Australia Day parties
 You watched as we drank our beers.

You have listened to us play piano
 And sing our favourite songs,
 We thought you would be here forever
 Unfortunately, we were wrong

The storm on the 9th of June
 Was like no other before,
 The wind just swirled around you,
 didn't just howl, it roared.

We heard your branches breaking
 and crashing to the ground,
 but nothing could have prepared us,
 for the devastation that we found.

When we awoke in the morning, we stared in
 disbelief,
 As we saw that you all had fallen, we were filled
 with overwhelming grief.
 Seeing you twisted and broken lying on the
 ground
 With all your beautiful leaves, brutally scattered
 around.

The clean up was enormous,
 Where on earth do we start,
 And how do we fill the gaping hole,
 left in our broken hearts.

But our friends and family rallied around us
 They came with chainsaws, rakes and gloves,
 They gently cleared your branches
 And surrounded us with love.

You now lie in a woodpile
 Stacked beautifully straight and neat,
 And you will continue to comfort our family
 Providing us with vital heat.

Now as we start replanting, and nurturing those
 trees that remain,
 I hope that these trees will grow tall, like you,
 and tower over us once again.

In time they too, will be filled again with birds
 and bees,
 But there will always be a special place in my
 heart,

For you,

OUR FALLEN TREES.

Rowena Howes

Councillor's Report

June 2022

Draft 22/23 budget – Council's draft budget for 22/23 is currently available for review. Community members are encouraged to make a submission, ahead of the 28 June meeting when the budget is due to be adopted.

Coliban ward projects funded in the draft budget include -

Project	2022/23 budget funding	Total project \$
Trentham Community Centre	\$4.4m	\$5.87m
Trentham Sportsground Pavilion	\$1.692m	\$2.67m
Bullarto Rail Station & Museum	\$277k	\$677k
Trentham off-leash dog park	\$40k	tbc
Shade sail @ Quarry St Reserve playground	\$35k	\$35k

Shire-wide budget allocations include an additional \$7m for storm recovery works; \$263k for urgent works to swimming pools and \$90k for the walking and cycling strategy. Investment of \$5.8m for roads, drainage and footpaths/ cycleways is also planned.

More detail on the draft budget can be found at participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/

Community Centre – construction work is expected to commence in late May with the removal of asbestos. Coliban Water have realigned their infrastructure and some other preliminary works have been completed.

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) please do so. The community's feedback will guide the new planning regulations so they reflect the community's wishes and protect against undesirable development outcomes. Recently local residents, in Coliban ward and across the Shire, have lodged well-constructed objections to proposed developments, and provision of compelling cases against inappropriate development are influential.

"No barrier" Positive Ageing Strategy - The strategy has been developed using extensive research, including local data and information received from community and stakeholder engagement. It includes 8 'focus areas' with a number of 'objectives'. The focus areas align with key topics in ageing identified by the Commissioner for Senior Victorians and the World Health Organisation. Council welcomes your feedback on the 'No Barrier' Positive Ageing Strategy via the survey or by sending a completed hard copy via mail. Your feedback will help us finalise the draft Strategy. participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/positive-ageing



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

Arts & Culture strategy – Council is inviting the community to help set key directions for the very first Hepburn Arts and Culture Strategy. Arts and culture can mean different things to different people, but supporting creative initiatives helps to grow and sustain local talent, gives emphasis to our diverse traditions and abilities, and connects us in inclusive and meaningful ways so that everyone has an opportunity to flourish. More information and (yet another) survey is available at participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/arts-culture-strategy

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

Spudfest – congratulations to the organising committee and their army of volunteers for successfully conducting another edition of Trentham's iconic festival. The community support of this important event was evident.

Power resilience – congratulations to the Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) for organising a very informative community workshop on the project to improve the resilience of our electricity supply. Powercor, Telstra and Coliban Water all gave presentations on their plans to strengthen their respective networks. Another two workshops are planned and residents are encouraged to attend. The project is a joint effort sponsored by TSG, Council and Trentham & Districts Community Bank.

Council – monthly meetings will be held at the new starting time of 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. At this stage the public may attend in person (while no COVID restrictions apply)

Upcoming Council meeting dates

- 28 June,
- 19 July,
- 16 August.

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Facebook - Cr Brian Hood for Trentham & Coliban ward

Community

Trentham Reserves Committee of Management

The Stony Creek, Trent Creek and Old Racecourse Reserves are managed by a volunteer committee, the Trentham Reserves Committee of Management.

The Committee has worked for many years to restore and revegetate the Reserves as well as create and maintain the Wombat Trail.

The last 12 months have been particularly difficult for the Committee in terms of damage done to our Reserves and Trails following the big storm in June and floods causing tracks to be washed away. It has been a long wait for assistance from DELWP and Hepburn Shire/Storm recovery teams.

The Old Racecourse Reserve walking track is now cleared.

The walking track through Stony Ck Reserve is open, but the section off Stony Ck Res, called the Wombat Loop, is again closed due to unstable trees overhanging the path. Trent Ck Reserve lost many trees during the storm event. While most of these have been removed, tracks and access to the old pool area have not been reopened. A lot of work to do there!

Friends of Trentham Creeks & Reserves is a volunteer-working group which carries out weeding, brush-cutting and planting on the Reserves.

Jan Robertson
Convenor
Friends of Trentham Creeks & Reserves

Words in Winter

Words in Winter is returning this year!

August 18 - 21 has been locked in, stay tuned for the program of events. An interim committee is currently speaking with local venues, and has some fabulous ideas in the works.

COVID restrictions last winter unfortunately meant the in-person events had to be cancelled, hopefully 2022 will be kinder. Here at the Trumpet we loved participating with our Six Word Story Competition, we'll have details of this year's challenge in our July edition next month.

The committee is keen to hear from anyone interested in being a part of the committee, or has ideas for the festival. If that's you, contact John McLaren on 5424 1127 or mclarenjr@bigpond.com.



Creative Hepburn – Have your say!

Hepburn Shire Council is excited to invite you and your community to help set key directions for the very first Hepburn Arts and Culture Strategy.

The Strategy will create a roadmap for Council and the community to work on together, strengthening arts and culture across the Shire, and helping to guide the focus for Council's services, programs and facilities so that the creative community can thrive.

Fill in our survey

We would like to invite you to participate by filling in our online survey. We have two surveys - one for individual community members and one for those operating within the creative sector - including artists; designers and makers practising across all art forms; as well as producers and organisers of professional arts and cultural activities/ events. For more information and to complete the survey visit participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/arts-culture-strategy. The survey closes on Friday, 3 June 2022.

Questions or comments?

Please contact Community Development Officer, Kelly Bevan kbevan@hepburn.vic.gov.au, or Co-ordinator Community Partnerships Rosalie Hastwell rhastwell@hepburn.vic.gov.au if you have any questions about the Strategy or how you can contribute.



SHIRE COUNCIL

mental health

first aid

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Places are limited so please get in early.

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 - or via QR Code



Have you ever considered training in Mental Health First Aid?

- We are conducting a free two-day (12-hours in total) training course for residents, members of community groups and professionals who would like to qualify as a certified mental health first aider.
- This course is run by Kate Riddell, a Black Saturday survivor and the co-founder of Firefoxes Australia.
- It is a great opportunity for personal development
- This is a certified course with accreditation valid for three years (following a satisfactory assessment).
- Most professionals can claim continuing professional development with their industry body
- The course covers signs and symptoms of common and disabling mental health problems, how to provide initial help and where and how to get professional help, (following a satisfactory assessment).

Kate is a Mental Health First Aid instructor and trainer, with qualifications including Master Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Dip Ed (Secondary), Grad Dip (Social Ecology), Grad. Cert (Rural Leadership), Cert IV Training and Assessment. She sits on the Department of Education Trauma Recovery Team Advisory Group and spent time in 2020 contracted to the Department of Education working with communities and schools affected by the Black Summer Bushfires.



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Burnbrook Fields

We as the team of Burnbrook Fields, have likely been only one of many many cases and families that went through a troubled start into the "life of parenting".

Our son Theodore was born 5 weeks premature at Bendigo hospital and shortly after needed to be transferred to the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, due to complications. Even though you know that you're in the best possible care, you still go through an emotional rollercoaster and have conversations with specialists that I wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy.

We've spent a total of 11 days on the Butterfly Ward of the NICU and were fortunate enough to be released with our beautiful and healthy little boy.

Not everyone is blessed with such luck.

From that day on it has always been my wish to "sponsor" a bed such as the one our Theodore had been lying in and I would like to make that wish become a reality.

We will from now on hold a "free" bbq in front of our shops on Market Street Trentham and Main Street Romsey, as often as it is possible, and will accept gold coin donations with the entire value going towards fulfilling that dream.

Throughout the process we will give regular updates on the value raised up until a total of \$6k - \$8k has been achieved and we can contact the hospital to bring the good news.

We love what we do and we thrive even more if we can pursue a good cause.

If you'd like to know more about our story or even have or feel the need to share yours, we are all ears and will receive you with open arms and compassion.

Starting this Saturday... let's do it!!

Lots of love Burnbrook Fields

*Editor's Note:
We love this idea: combining bringing our community together and supporting a great cause. The Trumpet has donated \$100 to this initiative and encourages everyone to support!*



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The Great Trentham Spudfest

Spudfest 2022

Weather-wise, May 7 was far from an ideal day, but that didn't stop the 2022 version of The Great Spudfest being a great success. The cold, fog, drizzle, and rain were treated as a mild inconvenience by the thousands of people - locals and visitors alike - who arrived to celebrate all things potato and experience a bunch of other food and fun.



The festival has several goals: to celebrate our favourite local crop - the humble potato, to lift the spirits of the community (especially as we slowly recover from the trials of the past couple of years) and to provide a fundraising opportunity for some of our wonderful community groups.

It was a success by all those measures!

Parents from the Primary School ran the face painting stall & petting zoo and collected \$2200. The kindergarten parents looked after the Mini Golf and created a "pop-up" Potato & Leek Soup stall in the Carriage Café which quickly sold out. These two activities put \$1150 in their coffers.



The Historical Society ran their wonderful Spud Hut bus tours to rave reviews for a fundraising result of \$700 and our CFA raised \$1000 through sales of their famous local double-fried chips and, new for this year, potato cakes.



Funds from entry donations, horse & cart rides and the very popular Devonshire Tea stall on the Railway Station platform will be used to boost these fundraising efforts by an additional 50%, as well as topping up the Spudfest Latrobe University Agribusiness Bursary to support a student in the second year of their academic journey.



We are very grateful to our major sponsors - Hepburn Shire Council, Trentham & Districts Community Bank and Keane & Co. Real Estate, as well as the generosity of Country Grocers IGA Trentham for providing the supplies for the Devonshire Tea stall and the Thank You BBQ held for our Spudbuddies.

Spudfest is one of the biggest events of our community calendar.

To share a few more numbers: this year, we brought together thirteen local bands, nine food stalls, eight committee members, five community groups, four spud farmer families, three fabulous sponsors, one magician and a Spudman with a spud-covered fork!



Thank you to Jen Williams and others for the kind use of your photos.



Trentham Sustainability Group

Power Outages and Essential Services

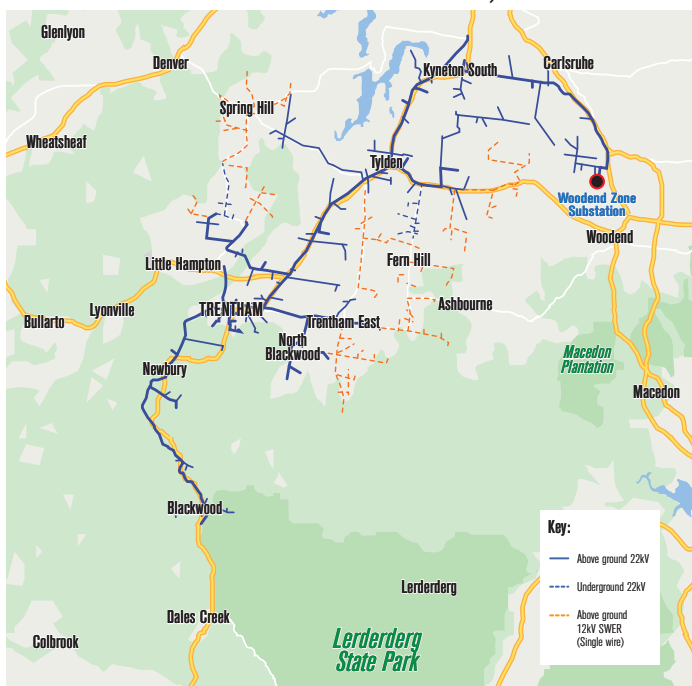
Locals attending the TSG community information forum on 19 May, were treated to a line-up of top speakers from Coliban Water, CFA, Powercor and Telstra who outlined what their respective organisations are doing to ensure continuity of services when power outages occur and answer questions.

We left with a much better understanding of measures already taken and planned, reassured that the agencies actively coordinate their activities and with a clear message that power reliability and good communications are fundamental in dealing with any emergency. The forum was chaired by Cr Brian Hood who represents Council on the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee which comprises HSC, SES, CFA, DELWP, Vic Police, Red Cross & Dept of Health.

Each of the essential services agencies could have commanded the whole forum and filled all of this report which, for brevity, will focus on Powercor for the centrality of their role.

Powercor’s Jo Parfumi, General Manager, Corporate Affairs, outlined their resilience strategy, based on a national report, and the need to balance costs and safety (e.g. undergrounding) which they must negotiate with the regulator. This was explained relative to the local supply and outages over the past year by Powercor Major Client Manager, Richard Scholten.

Trentham’s power supply comes via the Woodend long radial line: originally designed for the 1950s/60s. This feeder comprises 257km of overhead lines and 110km of underground cable, serving 2,600 customers (2,330 residential and 270 commercial/industrial).



Greater reliability and world leading bushfire safety are being achieved with the addition of a Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter at Woodend. Installed at a cost of

approx \$10M plus line upgrades, the REFCL is delivering measurable safety benefits to customers as it successfully activated 100 times over the past summer fire danger season preventing possible fire starts while maintaining power supply to all customers 85 of these times. Additional reliability is being trialled in Trentham and Blackwood with the installation of cutting edge Automatic Circuit Reclosers technology which will further reduce power outage durations.

The extended outage resulting from the 1 in 500 year storm last June resulted in significant re-construction of the Powercor network at the time.

As the powerline to Trentham and Blackwood is radial, there is no option to back feed these areas which impacted restoration times. The multiple outages experienced in Feb-March this year were finally tracked



down to a single faulty high voltage fuse in Blackwood similar to the one in the image above.

Sebastian Klein, TSG Project Leader, concluded the session with a brief overview of the current feasibility study into how greater resilience can be built into 5 essential service sites in Trentham and the potential for households and a whole town microgrid. The results of this study will be the subject of a further community information session after the ‘What can Trentham learn from other towns’ forum 16 June – see p 22 for details.

TSG would like to thank the six speakers who contributed to the ‘Outages’ session some of whom had travelled considerable distances and will post links to further information they have provided on our website. We also acknowledge the Coliban Water Community Rebate which has enabled us to present these information sessions.

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Sketchy, Sketchy Musings

I recently wrote silly columns about being a hypochondriac and being left-handed.

Shortly afterwards, the observant people at Springs Medical noticed things were not quite right with my head and an emergency scan detected a very large brain tumour. The neurologist who removed 95% of it with a \$300,000 medical vacuum (at that cost, probably a Dyson!) told me after the surgery that the brain cells which control my left side had been squished by the boiled egg sized mass. He further informed me I would have to stop being left-handed and learn how to write, sketch and paint with my right hand. Given the strange karma flowing from those two columns, the Trumpet editor told me I should have written a column about my failed 40-year attempt to win Tattsлото. So here goes...

I was a sheltered, naive youth when I transferred from Perth to Melbourne in 1976 - my first ever visit to the eastern states. I had never heard of Tattsлото but it made a big first impression - the size of those first division prizes was staggering. I remember being surprised going to parties on Saturday nights to find the whole gathering stop for the televised Tattsлото draw to watch those seductive numbers bounce up and down before being drawn out one at a time.

I moved into a share house where my house mate subscribed each Saturday. Being easily influenced and easily led I trotted off to the newsagent and spent ages working out which numbers to put on the coupon. On week one I got a division three and a week later I got division four.

Early on, a kid in Tasmania got a lot of publicity for winning \$800,000 - a staggering amount back then given the Melbourne median house price was about \$80,000. He was on a TV current affairs program and when asked what he was going to do with his fortune he said he planned to buy new tyres for his 1964 EH Holden station wagon.

Nearly 50 years later and my combined Tattsлото takings have not added up to enough to buy one tyre.

Despite the child bride regularly high fiving about \$10 Saturday night payouts, I do remember my sobering financial advisor lecturing me early in my working life that the path to eventual comfortable retirement would require decades of sustained hard work, thrift, and careful planning with things like superannuation and paying off the mortgage. Part of the specific advice was that you cannot plan your financial future around an ambition to win Tattsлото - how right was he.

Although he did get it wrong when he expressed severe doubt about the wisdom of buying a house in Trentham!

An investment which was paid off handsomely in tree change peace of mind and the ability to grow and eat our own veggies. Our Neurotic dog likes that it is a doggy town with lots of doggy smells to sniff. And our joy of living with wonderful neighbours who keep an eye out for you and bring you delicious olive bread when you are a little crook.

Peter Young



*editor's note:
Sketchy Pete - While we've no doubt that your right-handed sketch is better than what many of us can do with our preferred hand, we're sending you our very best wishes for a speedy recovery (and a Tatts win) xx*

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Gardens for Wildlife

A busy time with two workshops has been productive in promoting how to develop habitat gardening. The first event on 30 April with Elspeth Swan from the Moorabool G4W group provided a great introduction to native biodiversity, and the interconnectedness of all living things, including us! Information in the Hepburn Shire Council Strategy demonstrated the local state of biodiversity and relates to the role that home gardens can play in supporting the local flora and fauna. Two garden visits enabled participants to assess the elements of a habitat garden, 'ticking the boxes' of a comprehensive list provided by Elspeth.



The second workshop was led by Hepburn Shire Council Biodiversity Officer Brian Bainbridge. Subtitled "Lizard Lounges and Butterfly Bars", there was much to learn about the importance of starting with the small stuff, the micro-organisms, in order to provide for the birds and other animals. With his excellent photography to support, Brian explained the basic principles for establishing a wildlife garden, demonstrating from the development of his own Melbourne property over 10+ years, gradually attracting local birdlife, allowing different zones for the nectar and pollen eaters than the insect eaters. A recurring theme was the almost magical properties of the Sweet Bursaria shrub, and not to overlook the huge role played by leaf litter, fallen logs and branches and of course, mature trees!

The practical part of the workshop was carried out along the Bath Street edge of the Trent Creek Reserve, looking for small critters in situ or evidence of their presence. There were some great finds including a Black House Spider's



web near a suitable hollow in a tree, a very small frog amongst the leaf and branch litter, and significantly, an Emperor Gum Moth cocoon in a tree trunk. The photos of each 'item' have been turned into our own documentary of the day!

Overall, it's been a great season of workshops and we thank The School of Gardening for including HG4W in the program. More workshops and catch-ups will be organised.

Further to our noting of the generous donation from Josie Reid and The Trentham Trumpet, these funds will be spent on signage for the small garden at the TNC plus suitable labels for the various plants. In addition plants will be purchased to extend the habitat garden at TNC.

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CFA

Commissioner Visits Trentham Brigade

CFA chief Andrew Crisp paid a welcome visit to the Trentham Brigade last month. The Emergency Management Commissioner was last in Trentham about a year ago - shortly after the extraordinary storms of June 2021.

“We reflected on what happened then and what we’ve learnt since that time,” tweeted the commissioner.

Acting Captain David ‘Twig’ Wheeldon said the visit was a great opportunity to catch up with the Commissioner, who

was instrumental in securing a new power generator for our Brigade.

“He told us last year he would re-visit us to check how we were going, and he followed through. That was much appreciated,” David said.

Commissioner Crisp’s visit concluded with scones with jam and cream, baked by Madelene Sutton.

Left to Right: Pat Sutton, Brian Smith, Ned Ryan, Ethan Brown, Commissioner Crisp, David ‘Twig’ Wheeldon, Rob Callant, Paul Smith.



Virtual Reality Training

Trentham CFA members were given a glimpse into the future during a regular training session last month.

Members were introduced to the latest in virtual reality firefighting training systems, a hands-on program specifically designed for firefighters on the ground.

Pat Sutton, Trentham Brigade’s chief training officer, told the Trumpet the innovative Flaim Trainer and Flaim Extinguisher provided volunteers with the real-life abilities to assess their skills without exposing them to danger.

Pat said the feedback from participating members was positive, with each given a specific task from a wide-ranging series of fire fighting scenarios.

These ranged from serious house and scrub fires to burning cars, farm vehicles and large and small planes. In some cases participants were required to conduct a search and rescue operation for any residents.

“They were all real-life situations, and gave our members an opportunity to develop their skills in a safe environment without endangering them,” he said.

“It has the potential to become a real game-changer.”

The Flaim system has been developed by a Geelong company in conjunction with Deakin University.

**Russell Robinson
Trentham Brigade**

Moira Macdonald, Trentham CFA volunteer



Cool Country Men's Shed

Men's Shed Transforms IGA Notice Board

Ever been spiked on a drawing pin near the (old) IGA notice board? Had that important notice pinned over? Those days are past!



The new board is a magnetic sheet, with bent metal washers holding on notices. It has been working well since it was installed on 30 March: notices stay on, neatly arranged, there are plenty of washers - and the ground area is safe.

A local resident suggested a new board to Cool Country Men's Shed members. Paul Keane, whose real estate office is next door to the IGA, funded the materials, and shed members got the job done.

A sheet of magnetic material was ordered from interstate and found to work with common steel washers. Shed members designed and made a new frame, and a tray to catch stray washers.

Charles Sherlock
Secretary,
Cool Country Men's Shed Inc



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Trentham Lions Club

With winter approaching the Trentham Community is now rugging up for the cold weather ahead.

Our club has agreed to collect coats for the Lions Club of Alfredton Lucas Winter Coat Drive. Coats collected will go directly into the community to keep our homeless warm during winter. If you have no longer needed or outgrown winter coats, just get in contact with us and we can find them a new home with someone who really needs it. With respect in mind, coats must be clean and in reasonable condition. Coats for women, men and children will be passed on to the Alfredton Lucas club for distribution.

The theme for our monthly Lions market is always a source of fun and anticipation. For May, of course, it was, autumn and... potatoes! This followed on from the town's wonderful Spudfest event held earlier in the month. Lion Bette McLaren had prepared a number of recipes and had these on hand to share with those attending the market. And there were plenty of local spuds and veggies on hand for people to fill their shopping bags.

This month the Trentham Hospital Auxiliary ran the market BBQ and what a great job they did. All funds raised will be used to fund their wonderful community activities.



Robyn and I recently had the pleasure of attending the Lions Australia National Convention held in Melbourne, with incredibly inspiring keynote speakers including Stefan Romaniw OAM speaking about Ukraine and the humanitarian crisis there.

The presentations of the finalists in the Lions Youth of the Year were uplifting, entertaining and thought provoking. By emphasising qualities like academic skills, sporting and cultural involvement, public speaking and contribution to the community, Youth of the Year aims to bring forth the next generation of outstanding young Australians.

Lions LEO of the Year also provided outstanding presentations from each finalists. The youngest Lions, LEOs are devoted young people who realise the power of action. Through service to their community, they make the world a better place and find their own lives improved too. LEO clubs may be based within a school or in the local community. A member of the sponsoring Lions club is appointed as a LEO Club Advisor, and school-based clubs will often also have a staff member to assist.

LEOs for Trentham? Wouldn't it be great if we could establish a club like this in Trentham engaging our younger people in worthwhile community service, environment projects, humanitarian support – whatever service project they are interested in...? with the local community's support, we actually could do this.

**Tim Walsh
& Stan Falloon
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**JUNE
2022**

Saturday

meet + greet

As a chance to gather and share in some food and companionship with other locals, you are invited to join us for a morning at

TRENTHAM FARMERS MARKET

Trentham Town Square, High Street, Trentham 9am-1pm

In stepping towards recovery from the June 2021 storm event

Cr Brian Hood

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Lions Club President Mr Tim Walsh

will speak of the heart of the community and look at what has been achieved and how we are tracking. Members of the Storm Recovery Team, Trentham Lions Club and Bendigo Bank will be on hand to chat with residents and answer questions.



Art News

Hairy Arch 2022

Back after a COVID-hiatus, Trentham’s much loved Hairy Arch is back for its 17th show

Strictly for amateur artists, this year’s theme is ‘Life is Still’.

Back in its home at the newly renovated Pig & Whistle, this event promises to be a wonderful afternoon and a lot of fun for guests and participants. The last show attracted over 70 entries (including the infamous Spudman portrait you’ll see on page 27. Does anyone know where that is these days?!)

Entry is open to all ages, with separate categories for younger artists.

Even if you’re not an artist, have a go! Or come along for the hilarious auction. The auction has previously raised significant money for a wide variety of local groups – from the footy club to the Men’s Shed.

Works need to be ready to hang, and not oversized and should include a title.

Saturday 9 July - save the date!

Contact Madelene or Janine for further details.

HAIRY ARCH
fun art competition 2022

Saturday
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Catherine King MP

Congratulations Catherine King

Congratulations to our local member Catherine King who retained her seat in the recent federal election.

Catherine King was first elected to Federal Parliament in 2001 to represent the electorate of Ballarat and has been re-elected at every subsequent Federal Election since then.

Despite the electroate stretching from Ballarat to Bacchus Marsh, she’s a regular visitor to Trentham, supporting, celebrating and promoting our local community.

And it was great to see her at Spudfest!



The Trentham Garden

Designing for Winter

Trentham... in winter. It's not necessarily the cheeriest place to be and it's when we feel our chilly sub-alpine elevation the most. And then there's the rain, fog, drizzle, and snow... it's not for the faint-hearted!

That's where good-quality knitwear and a warm, well-insulated house come in. But how do you make the most of your garden during winter?

Enter the world of evergreen plants both native and exotic, creatively clipped and shaped shrubs and beautiful hardscaping features like characterful retaining walls and paths. Think of plants with textured and colourful bark, and the curious-looking dried-out remains of ornamental grasses and perennials.



The robust leaves of evergreen plants allow for a rich variety of shapes and forms as the plants can afford to 'invest' in growing leaves that last right through winter. *Viburnum davidii* do brilliantly as a low-maintenance shrub in Trentham. Frost tolerant, clumping bamboos such as the large *Bambusa textilis gracilis* give a dramatic statement which could complement other characterful plants such as *Melianthus major*.

Evergreen natives such as tree ferns *Dicksonia antarctica* pack a strong impression throughout the year, and I often clip and topiarise natives such as *Correa alba* to add a cultivated, structured element to an otherwise informal garden scheme.

Think outside the box when it comes to creating a winter garden. Traditional favourites such as hedges work beautifully but what about using Japanese-type dwarf conifers together with the moss-like native *Scleranthus biflorus* and some ornamental grasses? Silver birches are great but what about trying a Chinese red birch *Betula albosinensis* var. *spertentrionalis* with coppery, peeling bark?

Rug up well when working outside, and when all else fails retreat back into the house, whip up a batch of mulled wine and call your friends over for a 'Christmas in July'. Trentham is no tropical paradise, but with a little creative thinking it can be a beautiful place to be in winter!

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
Landscape Designer
kazkrasovskis.com.au

Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

Weekday working groups have made significant progress on general maintenance and improvements in the Reserve, with wonderful members of our community working alongside the volunteer committee. Thanks to the 10 people who have contributed over the past month. Future dates will be announced on our FB page, so stay tuned – all hands are welcome!



As we approach the first anniversary of last year's storm, it's good to see the area near the Lelant Street carpark has recovered and new plantings are flourishing. This was where one of the huge Brooker's Gums smashed everything in its path. The next garden section has now been cleared out, excess soil relocated to fill in hollows further down the path and rocks have been moved to where they're more use. The garden beds along the carpark include some of our local *Geranium "Crane's Bill"* which keeps coming up itself and is making great ground cover areas. There is a mix of small-to-medium shrubs with Poas, *Dianellas* and *Lomandras* doing the main work so far. There will be some lovely surprises in Spring when the *Wahlenbergia*, local *Hardenbergia* and various native daisies bloom.

The HSC Budget is also of great interest as our local Councillor Brian Hood has advocated for \$35,000 to install

shade sails in the playground. This is a project that the Committee has been working on for some time and we're very excited about the potential funding. We're hopeful that expressions of support from local parents and other users of the playground have encouraged the Council to approve the funds.



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- Write your name and telephone number on the back of the purchase receipt.
- Drop your receipt into the entry box at Trentham & Districts Community Bank branch.

A winner will be drawn randomly each Wednesday in June (except June 1). Winners will receive \$250 in gift vouchers to spend at any local business of their choice.

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Happy to be a Support Act in Refugee Week

Trentham & Districts Community Bank are funding a joint venture with Trentham RAR and Trentham District Primary School (TDPS) to mark Refugee Week (19-26 June 2022). We believe knowledge is power and educating our kids on humanitarian issues aligns with our values of giving back and supporting our community. We are pleased to be part of this worthwhile cause, purchasing books for the school library to educate students about refugee experiences.

TDPS students will have the opportunity to engage in several interactive activities during Refugee Week, including music & dance, a drumming workshop, and a special guest speaker from Sudan sharing age-appropriate stories.

**The Biggest Morning Tea – Wednesday 15 June**

In June, we invite you to join us and enjoy a morning to raise awareness and give back, which our community knows all about. The Cancer Council does a great job at supporting, educating and researching that makes a big difference to those impacted by cancer.



Come along on Wednesday 15 June from 10.30-12pm. Bring a plate and join us for Trentham's Biggest Morning Tea. Get in early and book your table. Tickets can be purchased at Trentham & Districts Community Bank branch or online via Trentham Neighbourhood Centre (TNC).

Offering more than financial support at Spudfest

As well as being a Gold Sponsor, Trentham & Districts Community Bank came to the rescue with extra marquees for Spudfest. We're always happy to support local events and were pleased that the Bendigo Bank marquee was used as the Information Tent and our local Community POS system (available to all community groups) made payments easier on the day. Thank you to the kindergarten kids for decorating our Community Bank branch window with Mr Potato, a massive papier-mache sculpture and all his hand-painted friends.

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TNC Members Meeting

Garden Project

Come and hear about our plans and give your feedback about the redevelopment of our outdoor space.

**Tuesday
14th June
5pm
at TNC**

Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance

Learn to use and maintain a chainsaw and fully understand the safety features of your tool. Get hands on experience of using a chainsaw in a variety of situations. Participants must provide Safety goggles, boots, earmuffs, gloves, a helmet and chainsaw protective chaps.



**Sat June 4
1pm - 5pm
Sun June 5
10am-5pm
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How to Live at Home Longer

Do you have questions about Aged Care services available to you or your parents?

Many in the community are not aware of the options available when they enter this age group and are starting to look for help in the home, or are confused by the information available.

**Monday
20th June
11.30am**

This information session covers

- Commonwealth Home Support services, My Aged Care & Home Care Packages

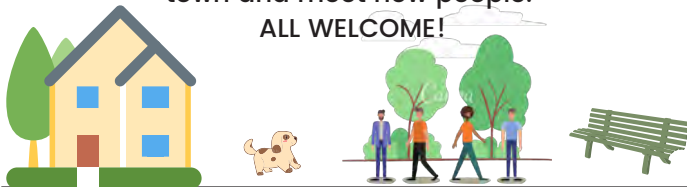
New Residents

“Welcome to Trentham”

Morning Tea - Wednesday June 8th, 11am

Come along to learn what’s on offer around town and meet new people.

ALL WELCOME!



Thirty Years Together - a book on the history of the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre



A new book on the history of Trentham Neighbourhood Centre is available for purchase at the Centre. It covers the establishment of the Centre, the principles under which the Centre was established, the TNC building, the leadership of the Centre, the classes and programmes, the use by the community, finances and funding and the future.

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Trentham Tales

Another Trentham Doctor

Most Trentham residents are familiar with the great contributions Dr Gwen Wisewould made to the district, beginning in the late 1930s.

In fact, her dedication to providing medical assistance to all is celebrated in a wonderful memorial in our main street. Many would be aware that Dr Wisewould established her practice following a long line of male medical practitioners.

However, Gwen Wisewould wasn't the first female doctor to set up practice in Trentham.

A decade or so earlier, between 1922 and 1924, Dr Ruth Anderson settled into practice rooms on Victoria Street. She was the daughter of William Anderson and Mary Siddall, well known Trentham identities who ran the produce stores in Trentham and Blackwood.

Dr Anderson remains somewhat of a mystery, with little information about her time here.

However, my mother's family over the years has credited her with having saved the life of a newborn baby, and a very unwell Mick Dwyer of 'Glenwood', Newtons Lane. (Dr Gwen also features in several items of interest in the 2013 publication, 'Strength of Mind: 125 Years of Women in Medicine', which traces the early struggle of women wanting to enter the medical profession.)

Little is known of Ruth Anderson's academic beginnings; which university and college she attended.



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But what we do know is that on 1 May 1926, she was appointed the Health Officer of the Western Australian Education Department.

Then on 14 November 1935, an item appeared in a West Australian newspaper, The Daily News, suggesting: 'that in all probability Dr Ruth Anderson, who is at present stationed in the country will be asked to come to Perth to relieve Dr E. Stang Senior Medical Officer of Schools, and Government Supervisor of Infant Health'.

Two years later Dr Anderson is recorded in a local newspaper as having visited her parents here in Trentham.

Dr Ruth Anderson lived a rich and varied life and died on 5 November 1970 from a cerebrovascular accident while living at 102 Ascot Street, Ballarat. She was 76.

Reading the 'Strength of Mind' publication, it gave me an interesting insight into the struggles and prejudices experienced by women wishing to enter medicine back at the turn of the last century.

Some of the accounts were humorous, some were astonishing, while others were almost unbelievable from today's viewpoint.

But at least one local family is thankful for her medical skills and perhaps there are those out there who can add to this brief story of a local woman who made an impact in a somewhat male environment

Here's to you Dr Ruth Anderson.

If anyone has information about Ruth Anderson the historical society would love to hear from you.

Elizabeth Toomey
Trentham and District Historical Society



This 1914 photo of Melbourne University medical students indicates the gender imbalance, but can you spot a familiar face?

Energy



Trentham Sustainability Group

You are invited to attend Community Information Forums

**(i) Reliable & Renewable Energy:
what can we learn from other small towns?**
7.30 pm, Thursday 16 June, TNC

- Members of Renewable Newstead will tell us the story of their journey over the past ten years and the solar farm they are now rolling out with support from their retail partner, Flow Power, and funding from the Victorian Government.
- The Renewable Newstead story is a story about community problem solving to achieve the goal of renewable energy and the key steps along the way.
- TSG hopes to have some additional commentary from the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance and perspectives from other towns to tease out ideas which will help us achieve our hopes for Trentham – see next forum (below).

**(ii) Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham
- report of the feasibility study**
7.30 pm, Thursday 30 June (tbc), TNC

- Funded by grants from Hepburn Shire Council and Cool Country Community Enterprises Ltd (which operates the Trentham & Districts Community Bank) the feasibility study makes recommendations for increasing the energy resilience of key essential service sites in Trentham and the potential for households and a whole town microgrid.

Following a report from the consultants the forum will discuss ‘Where to from here for energy resilience in Trentham?’

These forums and the Emergency Services forum, 19 May 2022, complement the Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham project. TSG thanks Coliban Water for the Community Rebate which is supporting these forums.

Hope to see you there!
Contact the TSG Team for further information
tsg@trentham.org.au

More electric vehicle charging stations for Hepburn

The Hepburn Shire will soon have three more electric vehicle (EV) charging stations thanks to a new collaboration between Hepburn Energy (formally Hepburn Wind), Hepburn Shire Council, and Chargefox.

Chargefox has secured \$89,500 through the Victorian Government’s Destination Charging Across Victoria Program (DCAV) for three 50 kW DC fast-chargers. The three DCAV charging stations will be installed in Creswick, Hepburn Springs and Trentham by January 2023.

This collaboration will help the shire reduce transport emissions by supporting electric vehicle use.

The charging stations will be deployed on the Chargefox network, the largest EV charging network in Australia and will be installed by local service provider, Fells Electrical. Evan Beaver, Head of Charging at Chargefox stated “We are excited to expand our network in the Hepburn Shire, which is a beacon of sustainability initiatives.”

Cr Tim Drylie, Mayor, stated "The DCAV program will ensure our community and visitors have access to fast charging infrastructure that will offer high connectivity across our major towns, whilst showcasing our shire’s efforts to implement meaningful emissions reductions strategies.

The desire to reduce emissions and support tourism was something that came out very strongly in the feedback from the community during the development of our Council Plan.”



“Transitioning transport is critical to enable our shire to reach zero-net emissions by 2030. We have been delivering complimentary programs such as the EV Bulk Buy to support access to affordable EVs. It is paramount that our community is well supported with sufficient charging infrastructure to further expand on these activities.”

If you would like to find out more about the project, visit the Hepburn Z-NET website here: hepburnznet.org.au/program/destination-charging-across-victoria/

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Interior Design

A Bathroom without a Bath is a Powder Room

Bathrooms can be tricky spaces to get right. In this article, I'm focusing on powder rooms used by guests and visitors. These small spaces are used infrequently throughout the day for brief periods; their design provides an opportunity for some fun or quirkiness.

In this room, consider taking a different approach to the décor of the other areas of your home, using a bold colour or pattern which might be uncomfortable or awkward in a larger space. A busy floor tile pattern in a large area might be unsettling visually, but in a small space it will appear more balanced.

Being a smaller space, you can be more creative, using finishes and details which are more adventurous, with a more dramatic impact. An unexpected chandelier or mirror finish over the vanity can provide a wow factor. Perhaps add an interesting, framed artwork or an oversized poster?

I like to use wallpapers in different ways, perhaps something unexpected; a vertical bold stripe will make the ceiling appear higher. Consider displaying on a plain painted wall segments of the same wallpaper using a selection of picture frames of different sizes and profiles.

For a recent project, on the window wall I installed timber panelling to hip height, with a floral wallpaper above, to the ceiling. The wallpaper pattern of flowers, leaves and

tendrils made the room appear wider. We painted the wood panelling a complementary colour, reflecting one of the shades from the wallpaper.

Little details in bathrooms stand out. There is great scope for expressing your style by carefully choosing the bathroom accessories, always remembering that ease of cleaning is vital.

If space permits, perhaps select a feature piece of furniture which is not usually found in a bathroom, which also adds bonus storage.

Your guests and visitors will be surprised by your creativity!

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JOIN US! For more information, phone Wendy on (03) 5345 9189, or visit our vacancies webpage at: <https://www.chrh.org.au/current-vacancies/>



Sport

The beginning to the 2022 season has been a little challenging LOL however in true Saints form we pull together and get the task done. The club is now in full swing with all the temporary facilities in place and operational, construction of the pavilion is well on the way and on track for completion in September 2022. The installation of the new gate house at the entry is also progressing well too.

Thursday nights are abuzz at the club with our Auskick & NetSetGo programs having over 30 participants. Following that is Junior levels training and Seniors conclude the evening under lights. Regular Thursday night meals are served in the marquee where coaches announce players for the upcoming game and the weekly club draw is performed by our club President. A big shout out to all our volunteers for helping to make all this come together, it's no small feat! It's not unnoticed, and is greatly appreciated.

As always with any organisation, many hands make light work. Get involved where you can and join in the excitement behind the scenes. All members, sponsors and supporters are welcome to join the fun. Game day begins at 8.30am with the U11 game's first siren, 13 & under netball begins with the first whistle at 9.25am.

A great club like the Saints is only as good as those who volunteer and support it. We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to all our loyal sponsors who have signed up again this season and extend a warm welcome to new

Women's Golf

May is one of the busiest times for our women players. Luckily, we have had some great Autumn weather in which to enjoy playing.



Our main event was hosting the annual Gisborne/Trentham Challenge. 62 women competed on the day with Gisborne taking home the trophy. Their score of 30.37 average was better than our 28.11. It was great to have our life member Eunie Hourigan present the Gisborne captain with the winning trophy. Eunie, with the Gisborne captain back, in 1994 organised the first challenge match. Next year we will play the Challenge at Gisborne so we will look forward to having another go at bringing the trophy home.

The Wednesday monthly medal was won by Pat Kinnell (net 71). Saturday's was a tie with Trish Mann and Sue Byrne both scoring 71. They will play off for the medal in June.

Our Doubles KO was played in May. 8 women qualified and the final will be played by the end of June. Good luck to the players who are still in the competition.

Finally, our pennant season was scheduled to be played in May. We have 2 teams playing: one in Division 1 and one in Division 2. With one more round to go it seems our teams will miss out on the finals this year. Our 2 team captains Mandy Bestwick and Helen Cashmore have done a great job. I would like to thank them both for all the work they have had to put in. It is much appreciated by all the players.

Veronica Maher
Women's Captain



sponsors too. We ask our members regularly to engage the services of the sponsors who support our club where they can, these partnerships assist us to reach our club goals and uphold our values.

Upcoming events to put on the calendar:

- 4 June is the annual sponsors & life member lunch.
- 25 June is our annual buddy day where juniors and seniors team up for a bit of fun & the day will be followed by last ticket out competition. Tickets will be on sale very soon.
- 23 July Home games entertainment, details tbc.
- 6 August annual seniors club ball at Macedon.
- 20 August The last round for the season we will celebrate 130 years of the Saints formation, also hosting the reunion of our 1992 premiership teams. If you would like to get onto the organising committee for this sensational event or have any memorabilia to share, please reach out
- 1 October Presentation night & major raffle draw. Tickets have been ordered and will be circulated soon.

All info and contact details are on our website trenthamsaintsfncc.com, watch our social media platforms for upcoming events. Like and share the info you find and tag #TrenthamSaints



Men's Golf Captain's Report

After some good efforts throughout the season our Restricted Handicap team of Simon Ovenden (Captain), Sholto Arnold, Peter Jaeger, Brent Leheny and Leif Louwen-Skovdam made the final and were rewarded last Sunday by beating Euroa 5 nil. Others who helped the team get to the final were Daniel Reed Rogers, Shane Robinson and Marc Merigan. Well done to all, unfortunately our Handicap team were relying on results from other teams which did not fall their way and they missed out.

The first round of the Doubles KO was played last Saturday with some interesting results, there were two matches where, due to COVID/Flu, one member was unable to play meaning his partner had to compete against two. As expected, in one match the result was in favour of the two however in the other game the result was the total opposite with Tim Danks winning on the 21st hole. It was particularly meritorious as Tim also had to qualify on his own for the same reason. Fortunately Tim will have his partner back for the next round.

For the Monthly Medals, Thursday was won by Alan Hopkins and Saturday Jason King and the other major event for the Month was the Bob McGregor Trophy which was claimed by Huw John with 39 points.

The other exciting news is we now have two Tesla batteries installed which will reduce our power bill as we will now be able to draw stored power at night for the irrigation system.

John Hudson
Club Captain

Food For Thought

Food for Thought Group at Spudfest

What a brilliant success was Spudfest. In spite of the weather over 3,000 enjoyed the event with most vendors and suppliers selling out.

As did we at the Potato Scone Devonshire Tea stall. It was exhilarating to see a sea of people walking up Market Street with many to enjoy some 450 scones with jam and cream accompanied by cups of tea/coffee.

Baked by the group through rostered times and using the lemonade-cream recipe, we literally snatched the last batch off Rosie and Neil in keeping up supply, and by 1.30 we were 'sconed out'. Between the bakers, servers and the kitchen crew, we all agreed it was such a feel good time, another example of this small community at its best.

Quinces

I have a bowl of rustic yellow Quines on my dining room table that over the past few weeks have not only added to the autumnal feel of the house but also given out their subtle perfume. And now it is time to cook them.

They are such an under-estimated fruit and other than some sugar and water or black-currant and apple juice, need little more in turning them into a delicious dessert. I also add sliced quince to the apple sauce for a roast pork

The Plonkers

Local Trentham identity, Brendan Lane, has been producing exceptional local wines for over a decade. Locally sourced high-quality grapes, exceptional technique and a passion for innovative wines has seen each vintage quickly snapped up by locals and restaurateurs alike.

So, in 2019 when he expanded his operations to establish the region's first ever urban winery expectations were high and certainly Brendan has not disappointed his army of followers.

With this in mind, the Plonkers and friends managed to rope in a designated driver for the day and decided to see how those early vintages were drinking now - Niles and Digby's verdict was an overwhelming fantastic!

Musk Lane Cellar Door is a rustic, but urban slick establishment found off a small High Street laneway. From the moment one walks through the entrance it's obvious that Brendan has utilised his wine making creative talents in the layout and design. Whether you come with your partner, group of friends or pet dog, it's clear that all are welcome in this non pretentious wine bar.

We began the afternoon's tasting with a bottle of Syrah Rose, not your typical light quaffer, this Rose was a deep almost orange coloured savoury drop with a strong orange citrus aftertaste - absolutely delicious!! Like all of Brendan's wine we tasted, the grapes for the Rose were handpicked and minimal sulphides were used in the production.

Now whilst Digby wanted to order another bottle of the Rose, Niles won out and we moved on to the Nebbiolo.

dish, remembering to pop in a small bay leaf with a couple of slices of lemon peel too. Then to make the quince jelly and paste from them.

But for this Sunday's lunch with friends I will serve Maggie Beer's Potted Quince recipe.....so easy with the flavour of the jelly close to Turkish Delight. Why don't you try?!

Recipe

5 whole quinces, with the fluff washed off
4-5 cups of water to just cover the quinces
4 cups of regular sugar
Juice of 2 lemons.

I add - 2 cinnamon sticks- 4 cloves - 3 pieces of both lemon and orange peel and a vanilla bean-or a few drops of vanilla essence.

Put all into a heavy-based lidded pot, boil reasonably high until a jelly starts to form, then turn the temperature to simmer for up to around 5 hours, or into the oven on around 120°C.

Turn the fruit a few times, trying to keep whole. Cool to serve with cream/ice-cream or if truly decadent a brandy custard.

Life is short so eat dessert first!

Sylvia Johnson

This fine drop spent 18 months developing in old French Hogsheads before being bottled in January 2022. The Nebbiolo was a fine example of Victoria's method of producing this old Italian grape style of red. Indeed, the Plonkers both remarked that this wine will only develop in flavour and structure over the next few years and would be well worth investing in a dozen to put down for a future occasion.

With a growing need to complement the wine with food, and a chilly wind blowing, we moved inside to the large communal table and ordered a cheese platter and a very tasty rabbit terrine before launching into the big stuff- a 2020 Cabernet that was as smooth as silk. Digby considered it to be the gold medal winner of the afternoon and ordered a second bottle without consultation.

Finally, to finish off the evening before our frustrated designated driver got too cranky, we ordered the 2019, handpicked, unfiltered, unlined Syrah. This full flavoured wine would satisfy even the most fastidious fan of cool climate Shiraz and left all content that we had sampled some of the best wines the area has to offer.

Musk Lane has proven to be much more than an urban winery, it is a venue in country Victoria that outshines even the trendiest of Melbourne's bar scenes and renews our faith that here in Trentham we really do have the best of all worlds.

Digby & Niles The Plonkers



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