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# Council news

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Trentham Community Hub

Works are progressing well, with the contractor on Trentham Community Hub project recently installing the majority of the remaining screw pile foundations to support the new sections of the facility. The hub is expected to be completed in the second half of 2023

### Trentham Sportsground Reserve Pavilion

Works continue at Trentham Sportsground Reserve. With the plastering completed, internal and external painting has commenced. Internal doors have been hung and infill sections of wall lining have been installed in the original social space to suit the new configuration. The tender process for a contractor to complete the water main upgrade is underway. We will notify the community well in advance of when these works are scheduled. The pavilion is expected to be completed in February 2023.

### Bullarto Station Building



Wet weather has impacted progress on the station building. The construction of the two chimneys continues. Following this, the rear wall framing can be

completed and the roof trusses installed. Completion is expected in the first half of 2023.

## REPORT AN ISSUE

We know there was widespread damage to local buildings and roads from the recent storm and flood event. Our teams and contractors are working hard to repair the damage. We have enacted the force majeure clause in our Road Management Plan, which means we can't meet the usual response times for repairing roads. Please let us know if you have noticed damage to local roads or Council assets. You can complete an online service request at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/request](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/request). Thank you for your patience while we work through the repairs.

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Keep grass and undergrowth around buildings under 10cm high. Remove leaf litter, sticks, woodpiles and flammable items away from buildings. Download the VicEmergency app on your phone and set up watch zones. Prepare for power outages and plan in advance how you will manage. Create a personal emergency kit.

For more information visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au). If you need help to prepare your property find a list of slashing contractors at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/fire](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/fire). You can also contact our Fire Prevention Officer on (03) 5321 6433 for support and advice.

## COOL OFF AT THE POOL

Our aquatics season kicks off on Saturday 3 December and entry to the Trentham Swimming Pool is free. Hours of operation are listed on our website at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools). Follow Hepburn Council on Facebook for daily updates on hours of operation. Remember, under our weather policy the pool will be closed on cooler days.

## END OF YEAR CLOSURE

Council offices, depots, hubs and libraries will close at 1.00pm on Friday 23 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January. Transfer Stations are closed on Christmas Day and Code Red days. Staff involved in emergency management will carry out their roles and responsibilities in accordance with emergency management procedures. For Council-related animal emergencies (eg. dog attacks and stock on Council roads) during the festive season phone 0419 587 955. For all other Council-related emergencies during this time phone 0419 583 573.

Kerbside bin collection won't be impacted over the festive period, so please put out your bins as usual.

**Councillors and staff wish everyone a safe and happy break over the festive season.**

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## Editorial

### Hi Trentham!

Well, we've made it to the end of another year of Trumpeting!

We continue to have a fabulous time pulling this paper together – however credit and our heartfelt thanks must go to our wonderful contributors who do the hard yards writing for us. Our apologies to anyone we've left off the cover - we love this visual of just how large and how diverse the broader Trumpet Team is!

Thanks also to those who offer feedback, kind words and support, and our subscribers who help us reduce our environmental impact. Extra special thanks to the TNC and Quentin – we could not do it without you!

How much fun was Trentham Twilight Night?!

Congrats to HSC, CCCE, and the Green Store (the originators!) for a wonderful night showcasing our

fabulous Traders, Hospo venues, Makers, Creators, Growers & Musos! It was so good to see people out and about having a wonderful time and celebrating Trentham. Thanks also to Clyve & Jane for turning on some gorgeous weather, more of that please!!

Wishing you a wonderful and safe holiday season,

**Chris & Penny**

## Trentham Town Survey

### December Update

Council will be in Trentham to prepare a new Town Structure Plan in early 2023.

They are legally obligated to do their own survey (so don't be surprised when you see that) but have already expressed interest in analysing the rich responses that we've collected – no other town has proactively done this, it's being taken very seriously by Council – and highlights how determined Trentham's residents are to have a say in our town's future.

We will keep liaising with Council over the Town Structure process as it occurs.

Before we actually get our new Town Structure plan (it could take 18 months to complete this comprehensive plan) we have very little planning protection. The key action that residents can take (if they are unhappy with a proposed development) is to ensure they get 5 objections to the application for a planning permit. This ensures the application must go to council for consideration, rather than be authorised in the planning department, which has to operate under the current non-Trentham-specific environment.

If you don't feel an application 'fits' with Trentham's character, speak up - remember you don't need to live next door or in the same street.

Any questions? Email us via the Trumpet: [thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com](mailto:thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com)

Christmas

## SERVICES IN TRENTHAM 2022

**Sunday 18 December, 7pm**

**Ecumenical Carol Service**

St George's, High Street  
followed by supper.

*All are welcome to join in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.*



**St George's Anglican Church** (High Street):

Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 9.00am

**St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church** (Bridge Street):

Saturday 24 December

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December

8.30am

*(both services preceded by carol singing)*

**St Malachy's Catholic Church, Blackwood**

Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December

4.00pm

## 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:

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*The Trentham Trumpet is gratefully auspiced by the TNC.*

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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

22 November

#### 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  
19 November 9am-1pm  
Trentham Town Square

#### Trentham Sustainability Group

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

#### Life Activities Club

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

#### Wednesday Walkers

9.15am 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)





## St George's

### St George's Marks 95 Years in its Brick Building

Launch of *These Walls Could Speak* by Peta Sherlock.

Sunday 20 November saw celebrations to mark 95 years in the current building, and the launch of *These Walls Could Speak* – a History of St George's Trentham 1864-2022 by Peta Sherlock.

The afternoon service, led by Fr Malcolm Thomas, included hymns sung at previous anniversaries, with a responsive version of Psalm 122 led by Val Goodwin, Charles Sherlock and Fay Magee, and special prayers read by Greg Magee.

St George's story was highlighted by Peta Sherlock introducing "seven voices" from parish records covering 1882 to 2022. Readers included Councillor Brian Hood and Kath Morrison; Geoff Proctor read from his mother Norma's Lively Ladies Guild Minutes; and Gwen Justice notes from her grandfather Ernest Wall.

Michael Worthington, President of the Trentham and District Historical Society, launched Peta's latest book. He commended her work, the result of many months reading Parish Registers, Minutes, letters and more. The title picks up the fact that St George's history is wrapped up in the people who have worshipped within its walls, especially those commemorated in its furniture and plaques.



The service concluded, we all enjoyed bubbly and Lions Christmas cake, with lively conversations amongst those who came. Peta signed several dozen copies of her book: to get a copy, ring her on 0421 871 126.



The week before the Big Day saw a major clean-up in and around the church. Ian Hansford and John Anderson led the charge to remove a large holly and blackberry entwined within its structure, with Gwen Justice and Ian taking numerous loads to the tip. Inside the building, Sylvia Tett steam-cleaned the muddy sections of carpet where morning tea happens, while Bob White attended to ironing off wax from candles that have dripped over the years.



The Trentham Combined Churches Carol Service will be held at St George's this year, on Sunday 18 December at 7pm. All are welcome to come and join in singing at least a dozen carols!

### Fay Magee and Charles Sherlock

*Top left: Michael Worthington with the St George's icon in the background (by Natalie Poole)*  
*Bottom left: Gwen Justice & Peta Sherlock with Gwen's signed copy (by Natalie Poole)*  
*Above: St George's after the cleanup (by Fay Magee)*



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## Cool Country Community Enterprises

### Oh, what a night (Twilight Night)

And what a year!

A night we'll all remember, Twilight Night 2022 officially hit the spot bringing the town alive with music, shopping, laughs and banter. Big thanks to everyone for making the night a huge success, it was great to see the local community come together to celebrate. Congratulations to the winner the Little Gallery for the best-dressed Christmas window.

We've loved supporting Twilight Night with Hepburn Shire Council so you, your family and friends can celebrate the magic of Christmas. To keep it going we'd love to get your feedback so we can keep Twilight Night on the calendar next year and every year thereafter.

This year has been an incredibly fast-paced and challenging year for everyone, with the wind down fast approaching and Christmas within arm's reach the team

### Farewell Helen

Helen van der Werff has been deeply involved in various groups in our community and we all wish her well as she and Ian move to Newcastle.

#### Quarry Street Reserve Committee of Management

Helen has been on the Committee over the past four years, chairing the Committee for the past two years. During her time significant achievements for the operation of the committee included finalising the Management Plan and the Memorandum of Understanding with Hepburn Shire Council. Major projects included two years of Biodiveristy funding from the Council which has seen the assisted revegetation of the area at the corner of Lelant Street and now extending along the street. After clearing the island, Helen has also contributed significantly to the re-planting, not least by being able to row the boat from the mainland! Storm Recovery was another important factor for the Committee and the community, and the playground shade sails project will soon reach completion. Now we are also beginning to see the fulfillment of the dreams of many in the renovation of the Pavilion and toilets.

Helen has encouraged a spirit of co-operatively working together, and restored good relations with Hepburn Shire Council and the wider community.

#### The Trentham Community Forum

Helen joined the Trentham Community Forum Committee when the town was bitterly divided over the proposed Community Centre. Although the Committee had not taken any position on the issue there were attempts to discredit it based on the perceived views of individual members. Helen's personal and professional skills were key to defusing the situation. Helen then became President during which time she led a successful renewal of the Community Plan which, despite Council constraints, remains current.

Thanks Helen.

*Ian MacBean, former Secretary of the Forum*



at Community Bank Trentham & Districts and CCCE directors wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in 2023 to create the greatest impact together.

Community Bank Trentham & Districts is open during the Christmas and holiday period, no matter what your banking needs, we are here for you.



#### Spudfest

Helen took on the role of Spudfest Convenor in 2017 and finished as a Co-Convenor in 2022.

In her time as 'Big Spud', the festival grew from one precinct to four. Covid impacted Spudfest (inspiring 'Chatfest' the little Spudfest!) but last year, again under Helen's stewardship it rebounded back to life!

Thank you Helen for all the work you have done to create a larger than life Spudfest. Helen's skill, knowledge and trademark positivity will be greatly missed.



## Meditation

### Meditation: a how to

I recently read a book from the Trentham Library: *The no-nonsense meditation book. A scientist's guide to the power of meditation*, by Stephen Laureys MD. I highly recommend it to anyone thinking about making meditation a part of their life. It certainly demystifies meditation.



Many people are discouraged from practising meditation because of preconceived ideas.

I hope to dispel some of these misconceptions. Some of these are also addressed simply and clearly by Laureys in his book.

- Meditation does not require any special equipment. Cushions, pillows or bolsters protect or support your back and create a comfortable seat. A blanket is also useful, especially in Trentham! It is essential to be warm when meditating.
- You do not need to adopt any particular posture. Many may be familiar with the traditional lotus position of sitting cross-legged with each foot resting on the opposite thigh. But sitting in this position is not necessary. Lying down, sitting cross-legged on the floor, or sitting on a chair may suit you better. You can even sit at a desk. The most important thing is to be comfortable.

- There is no specific time of the day to practise. Meditation teachers suggest that morning is a good time as your mind is quiet, but the best time to meditate is when it suits you. Evenings may work better than the morning. The important thing is to be consistent.
- Your practice can be as long or short as you wish. This may be as little as a few minutes. Closing down the eyes and slowly breathing in and out a few times, in complete awareness, is meditation.
- Meditation can be practised anywhere, as long as it's safe! In the home, an office, a quiet room or a garden. Please don't meditate when driving!
- Meditation is for everyone, including children. You do not need to follow any particular belief system or religion or carry out specific rituals. I love lighting a candle or incense and playing calming music when meditating. Experiment and find what suits and is relaxing for you.

I hope these points encourage you to make meditation a part of your life. Doing this prioritises the brain and mind's health and improves your well-being. Wishing you peaceful meditations.

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## Trentham Sustainability Group

**“We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator.”**

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres’ opening remarks at this year’s global leaders’ climate talkfest.



It’s an interesting metaphor and eastern Australia has had some insight into what a climate hell might look like with widespread major fires and floods over the past two years. However, we didn’t hear enough from global leaders about how humanity might ease its foot off the accelerator, touch the brake and turn off up a quiet country road. To some place where people live a sustainable life without compromising the needs of future generations. (Noting: ‘The future is not some place we are going, but one we are creating. The paths are not found but made. And the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination’ John Schaar)

When faced with what seem like overwhelming challenges the only action the individual can take is to ‘build community’.

That is what the Trentham Sustainability Group seeks to do through its projects and 2022 has been a busy year.

### Cool Country Men's Shed

Trentham’s Cool Country Men’s Shed members wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, and hopefully dry, New Year. Let’s hope we can put the umbrellas into storage for a while.



Over the last couple of months we have been busy with a number of projects for the community and residents. We have made a Christmas decoration for the TNC for their Youth Group to finish, using an old one as a template. On the books are two new TRENTHAM signs for the Station to replace the originals of which only one is still on display. We are also manufacturing some fly/insect screens for a member of the community, and have finished mending some family heirloom chairs for another. In addition we recently completed the repair of a window frame and are currently refinishing a unique dining room table for another resident. At the November Farmers and Makers Market, after looking at some of the items we have made and were on display, a resident requested a microbat nesting box.

We shall be open as usual through the festive season.

The Shed is open every Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:30am to about 12:30pm. Feel free to visit the Shed at 55 Mulcahys Road, or contact us via email at [cool.country.mens.shed@gmail.com](mailto:cool.country.mens.shed@gmail.com) or phone Tony Johnston on 0417 598 144

**Tony Johnston  
President**



We are grateful for support and partnership with Hepburn Council and Cool Country Community Enterprises (Energy & Climate Resilience project); Hepburn Energy (Carbon Forestry); Coliban Water (community information forums); Trentham Lions Club (produce exchange at the Farmers’ Market); Council (TSG’s new website) – and the many, many community members who have engaged with these projects. A special thank you to editors of the Trentham Trumpet who have given TSG and our projects great support and coverage. Thank you all very much.

And thank you to the TSG core team: Sebastian, Glen, Nat, Jane, Matthew & Ian

TSG is currently exploring greater power reliability and resilience in the local supply. Our strongest option needs widespread community ‘buy-in’ to renewables – a real community building project!

Climate action, especially if it’s also ‘building community’, is a sure-fire antidote to climate anxiety - TSG would love to welcome new members . . . contact us:

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### Living Locally, Living Sustainably, Living Well

#### Victorian State Election

Congratulations to Mary-Anne Thomas being re-elected as our Member for Macedon in the November state election. Mary-Anne has represented Macedon since 2014 and is the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services.

She says:  
“Thank you to the people of Macedon for the trust and confidence you have shown in me and my Labor values.

I look forward to being part of the Andrews Labor Government delivering our positive plan:

- Establishing a government owned 100% renewable power company to drive prices down
- Capping V/Line fares at Metro prices.
- Making kinder free for all three and four year olds, and so much more.

Each of these commitments will benefit the people of Macedon. And while I have additional responsibilities, the people I represent are always my top priority.”

**Mary-Anne Thomas MP**  
LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON

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## Hepburn Shire Council

### New Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Hepburn Shire

Councillors of Hepburn Shire have elected Cr Brian Hood as Mayor and Cr Lesley Hewitt as Deputy Mayor for the year ahead.



Cr Hood thanked his fellow councillors for the opportunity to lead the Council for the next 12 months.

“It is an honour to take on this role and I am excited to represent the community of Hepburn Shire,” said Cr Hood.

Cr Hood was elected to the Coliban Ward in October 2020. An active community member, he is keen to see important projects completed, such as the Trentham Community Hub and Creswick Trails, and lead the Councillors to tackle a number of key challenges, including high inflation, rising construction costs and repairs to roads.

“As a Council we are focused on delivering important services for the community and infrastructure projects that serve the community’s long-term needs,” he said.

“We are also acutely aware of the importance of financial responsibility, particularly as we recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and recent major storm and flood events.

“I look forward to working alongside my fellow councillors and with staff to deliver projects and services, along with the commitments outlined in our four-year Council Plan, within our capacity.”

Cr Hood acknowledged the contribution of former Mayor, Cr Tim Drylie and former Deputy Mayor, Cr Jen Bray.

“Thank you to Cr Drylie and Cr Bray who worked hard representing the Shire over the past challenging 12 months. Congratulations to Cr Hewitt on her election to the role of Deputy Mayor. I look forward to working closely with her,” he said.

*Ed Note: Congratulations Brian! You're a wonderful champion of our community, and the tireless work you do does not go unnoticed. All the best for your new role.*

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## The Little Gallery

### Winter Show - Wow!

The Little Gallery in Trentham has donated \$7300 to the Trentham Primary School. The funds were raised mid-year when the gallery hosted a grand opening to celebrate its 10th Anniversary to coincide with its annual Winter Show.

The Winter Show is the Little Gallery's major fundraising event of the year whereby commission on art sales are donated by the gallery to a local fundraiser along with proceeds of a major raffle, generously donated art prizes by Little Gallery team of artists.

Gallery patrons Jim and Curtis Sinatra donated a framed Joseph Banks print from their extensive collection whereby full proceeds went towards the fundraiser as well.

The principal of the Trentham Primary school Arthur Lane was very humbled and grateful when the gallery notified him that the school was this year's fundraiser recipient.

When advised of the amount the Little Gallery had raised Arthur replied that he was blown away by our generosity "Government schools never have enough funds to do all the things for the children that we'd like to do, and donations like yours make a huge difference to all of the children's educations here".

Artists Helen Cottle and Llael McDonald representing the Little Gallery presented the 'The BIG cheque' to the school during their assembly.

Little Gallery's artist Rose Wilson says 'The Little Gallery's success as an artist-run regional gallery for 10 years is in thanks to the local community of Trentham for its support, and fundraising is the gallery's way of giving back.

## The Mount Players

### The Mount Players Winds Up its 50<sup>th</sup> Year!

The Mount Players was back with a vengeance in 2022 producing four successful shows in our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year! The shows included *Love Song*, *The Odd Couple*, *Reservoir Dogs* and *Madagascar* displaying absolute diversity and therefore continuing to attract new audiences.

A highlight was the publication of our book "Box Office to Back Stage – 50 Years of Community Theatre". Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our history group this magnificent 332 page book is packed with stories, shows and photographs covering our 50 years from 1972 – 2021. The book can be purchased through our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com).

A huge thanks to the Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne for their generous grant of \$3,000 which will be spent on a new computer and software for our technical team.

We look forward to a busy season in 2023, with a jam-packed calendar already in place. Our first show for 2023 will be a very funny radio play *The 39 Steps* by Director John Rowlands who brought you *Too Many Crooks in 2021*. It opens 24 February, check out our website for details.



Helen Cottle and Llael McDonald from the Little Gallery presenting the big cheque to Trentham Primary School

The gallery prides itself on being the 'cultural heart' of the Trentham township and the support it receives from the many locals to turn out and raise funds for a good community cause is indeed warming.'

Last year the Little Gallery raised a substantial amount for the Path of the Horse and the Quarry St Reserve to rebuild after the storm and wish to continue their support of the town in years to come.

The Gallery artists are now into full swing creating work for their Christmas Audience where you will find an array of beautiful original pieces of art for that special gift. So do drop in over the next month, chat with the artists who always love a good yap and see what's new in the Gallery.

Thank you to everyone who came to our shows and of course to our wonderful sponsors – Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne, Office Barn Gisborne, Bradleys Curtains & Blinds Woodend, Jellis Craig Woodend and Hanging Rock Winery. We wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas season with friends and family.

See you at the theatre in 2023!

**Karen Hunt**  
President



The Mount Players Launch Their History Book: Allan Cameron, Marg Cameron, Chris Finch, Karlana Santamaria & Bernadette Tonna.



## Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

Quarry Street Reserve is displaying the overwhelming lushness of green following so much rain! Some areas are inaccessible for the mower but a sterling job has been done where it's possible. Thanks to volunteers as well who have wielded whipper-snippers and cleared some tricky spots!



Our November Committee of Management meeting was our last with Helen van der Werff as Chairperson. The photo shows our gift of hand-knitted orange socks being heartily endorsed by Helen. Thank you for your leadership and mucking in at all times!

A working bee is planned for Friday 2 December, 10am till 12 noon. Come for an hour or what suits your schedule!

There will at least be mulch to move to help keep the weeds down. A trip out to the island is planned, weather permitting, as probably some of the lush growth out there could be gorse along the waterline, which has of course been somewhat challenged in recent downpours.

Meanwhile, the Maples have sprung back into leaf – thanks again to those who did the initial watering way back in March, John R, Charles, Suzanne, Pam, Philip and David W.

The process for the installation of the shade sails is now well underway, winding its way through the paper trail. The progress on the Pavilion is now moving along but probably best not to speculate when it will be completed, just enjoy it when it happens!



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**Tania Sawyer - Manager**

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## Trentham Tales

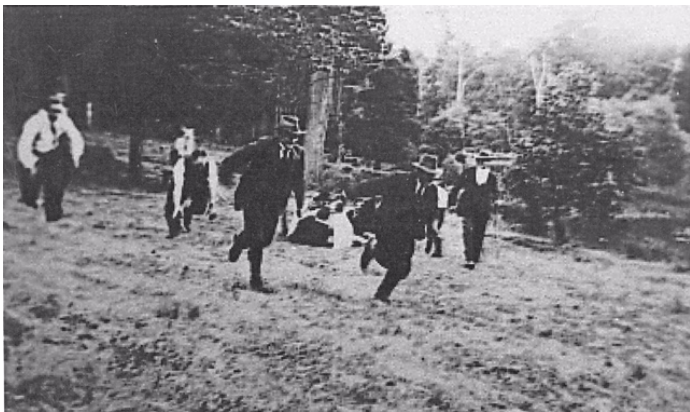
### Tis the season for picnics and fun.

From the early days of European settlement in the 1840s, Trentham Falls was a favourite spot for picnickers. With the arrival of the railway in the 1880s, it became so popular that on one Sunday it reputedly attracted 2000 visitors.



From about 1910, according to the Kyneton Observer, to at least 1954 as older locals recall, Boxing Day was the long-established day of sport at Trentham, held at "that far-famed and favourite resort, the Trentham Falls".

Central to the day's activities naturally were the sports competitions. The most serious contests being the wood chop and the clay bird shooting, with a bookmaker on site for bets on the wood chop. Almost as serious to the young men were the footraces, although apparently not in the league of the Stawell Gift!



There were children's events, running and novelty competitions such as the egg and spoon, three-legged, slow bike and sack races, as well as a race each for 'Married Women' and 'Old Buffers' - for men over 50. (For the record, this last was won in 1916 by J. Keogh!)

Rolling pins or gum boot throwing, tossing an 8lb wheatsheaf, catching a duck or a greasy pig also featured, as well as the very competitive ladies nail driving event. Recalling that it was usually won by the same woman, Grace Molony observed, "We were suspicious she used short nails!"

Sheep dog trials were also popular. Ted Toomey once bred "pretty good" sheep dogs. One Boxing Day, after his dog failed to round up the 3 sheep, Martin Dwyer observed, "Had a bit of trouble today, Ted? What you want next year is one sheep and three dogs!"



The greatest attraction of the 1916 Boxing Day Sports was deemed the "Irish Piper Band of twelve performers, which came by the morning train from Melbourne. They excelled themselves with beautiful inspiring music and generous, never-tiring playing."

Bruce McKenzie's memories suggested the joy of "inspiring" Scottish or Irish bands, with accompanying jigs and flings, was a constant at Sports Days, but often supplemented with less usual entertainment.

One year, there was an escapologist. 'Not 'Houdini', but 'Howdiddee'. 'Howdiddee' was bound in chains and suspended by his feet from a tree branch. "He struggled, shook himself briefly and the chains fell off. We all stared in amazement," reported one observer.

The program generally ended by 6 p.m., followed by a dance and supper at the Mechanics Hall. It is little wonder that Bill O'Connell, of East Trentham, once remarked that the Falls reserve and Boxing Day Sports, "were always thought of as a place of happiness, and a bit of fun".

### Sue Worthington Trentham and District Historical Society

Top Left: Trentham Falls, Family group (approx 1895-1910), Albert Hammond photographer, TDHS collection.

Bottom Left: The Old Buffers Race, Trentham Falls Boxing Day Sports (date unknown), TDHS Collection.

Trentham's Old Police Station precinct,  
at 3 Camp Street Trentham,  
will be open on weekends over December and  
January between 11am and 3pm.

Everyone is welcome - look out for the sandwich boards notifying that we're open (placed on the intersections of Cosmo, High, Camp and Market Streets), and come and visit us.



## Councillor's Report

**Council** – I am honoured to have been elected unopposed to the office of Mayor of Hepburn Shire for the coming twelve months. Council is facing a number of external and internal challenges that must be addressed for the sake of the organisation's long-term viability and for the benefit of the community and I am looking forward to tackling those challenges with my colleagues. My pledge to residents of Trentham and Coliban ward is that I will continue to actively represent your best interests at Council and will not lose sight of projects and services in our area.

**Roads** – in response to the recent severe weather events Council management has undertaken a Shire-wide assessment of damage to roads. The data will inform the extent and priority of remediation works. Of the Shire's 1400+km of roads 74% or 459 roads were assessed as damaged. Clearly the repair works will take considerable time and a sizeable investment. Road users are asked to exercise great care at all times.

**Trentham Twilight event** – what a fantastic success! It was so pleasing to see so many people out and about, shopping, supporting local businesses and enjoying the wonderful entertainment put on by our talented schoolkids (and adults). The event was a joint venture between Council's Storm Recovery Team and the Trentham & Districts Community Bank. A key feature was the launch of "The Big Storm June 2021" book. Please contact Council if you are interested in obtaining a copy. The book captures the event in the words and photographs of many locals, is a tribute to the emergency services organisations who support us so very well and is a wonderful record for posterity.

**Commonwealth Games** – in very exciting news the State Government has announced that Council's facility Creswick Trails will host the mountain biking events at the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Securing this event will be a significant boost to tourism, visitation, local businesses and really put the Trails on the map. [Creswick Trails to host Commonwealth Games Hepburn Shire Council](#)

**Major projects/capital works** – progress continues on the Trentham Sportsground Pavilion, Quarry St Reserve Pavilion, and the Trentham Community Centre. Coliban Water has advised that it must undertake works to upsize the water main that serves the sports ground and surrounding streets so that work will start soon. In response to budgetary pressures and challenges within the construction industry councillors recently decided to defer some other capital projects into 2023/24. That will allow Council to focus on completing projects already underway and will be more realistic in timing.

**Walk Against Violence** – thanks to all who participated in this initiative of Council. The walk is part of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, a problem that disturbingly continues to fester in the Victorian community. It runs until 10 December which is International Human Rights Day.

**Swimming Pool** – the proposed opening hours for the summer season are 2-6pm on weekends; 3-7pm weekdays during school term; and 2-6pm weekdays during school holidays. Entry is again free. Unfortunately, a shortage

of staff is curtailing the span of open hours but they will be reviewed during summer. Last year's arrangement of opening the pool only on days where the temperature is forecast to exceed 21C will remain. Anyone interested in working as a lifesaver, or other jobs at the pool, should contact Council. Here's hoping summer actually arrives...

**Grants program** – Council is reviewing the efficiency and effectiveness of its grants program and is keen to hear from community groups. To complete a short survey please visit <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants>

**Business Directory** – a collaboration between Council's Storm Recovery Team and Trentham's Community Bank will create a new online business directory. The directory is open to businesses of all sizes, sole traders, etc. The Storm Recovery team engages in a number of activities designed to stimulate economic activity. Call in to the bank branch if you're interested in registering your business.

**Planning applications** – Councillors have made an important change to the objection process. Previously a resident wishing to address Council on their objection to an application would do so at a Council meeting... under Council's meeting rules of only three minutes to speak. The new process allows presentations from objectors to councillors at a Tuesday briefing session. While there are still time limits on speaking there is now the opportunity for interaction between councillors and objectors and between councillors and the applicant. This new process has already proven to be far more interactive and constructive. For more information on tracking an application, lodging an objection, viewing the planning register, etc visit Council's website here [Track an application, view planning register or lodge an objection Hepburn Shire Council](#)

**Other events** - My activities as ward councillor and Mayor in the past month illustrate the diversity of Council's role in the community. I represented Council at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Trentham; attended the Sustainable Hepburn Expo; met with residents to discuss day-care services; participated in the Newbury Buddhist Monastery's robe offering ceremony and the 95th anniversary of St George's Anglican church in Trentham; had the honour of serving as one of the judges in the Lyonville Bake-Off; and in my first duties as Mayor participated in the new residents' function in Creswick and attended a concert in Daylesford.

**Upcoming Council meeting dates** – 20<sup>th</sup> December, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Monthly meetings will be held at the new starting time of 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. The public may attend in person or view proceedings via the live broadcast.

**Finally** – as this the last Trumpet for 2022 I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Festive Season. Enjoy summer! And thanks for your support and input throughout the year, it is much appreciated. Stay safe!

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## Interior Design

### It's a Wrap!

I have been thinking about this year's Christmas celebrations, and I think it's time for the big wrap. We set aside an evening for wrapping, where over nibbles and a glass of wine we start to wrap and label gifts of various shapes and sizes.

It's much simpler to wrap a box than trying to deal with a rounded shape, so an assortment of various sized cardboard boxes will make wrapping easier. For fun, I like to use a box that makes it harder to guess its contents.

Remove any price tickets from the gifts, and neatly fold any flexible or fabric items. I also write a tag for each present, so I don't lose track of who is to receive what. I set out an assortment of tissue and wrapping papers, ribbons, twine and gift bags, ready for action.

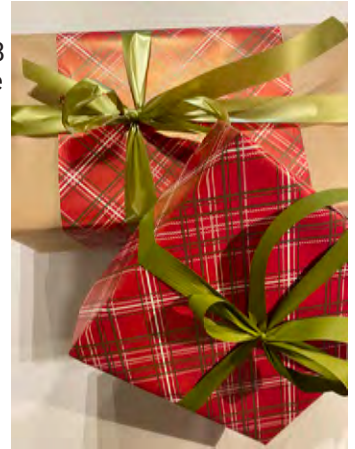
I like everything to be coordinated. This year I've decided to go bold with warm and clashing colours: deep cerise pink, dirty tangerine orange, and glossy red detailing.

Here's my take on the essential steps when wrapping a present:

1. Your work surface needs to be flat, clean and large enough to rotate your largest present.
2. You need sharp scissors. Sticky tape in a sturdy dispenser reduces frustration.
3. Correct measurement is vital: too much wrapping paper is your enemy! Roll out your wrapping paper, placing your box on one of its edges, and roughly measure enough paper to cover all four sides of the box, plus allow "half a surface" extra for overlap.
 
4. Make your first straight cut from the roll or sheet of gift wrapping: you will now have a rectangle or square of paper.
5. Follow steps 3 and 4 for the other two surfaces of the box, trimming the paper down to size.
6. You are now ready for sticky tape. Centre your box on your paper, then fold one side of the paper up the side and onto the top surface, placing a small piece of sticky tape to attach the paper to the top surface.
7. Turn your present 180 degrees and firmly fold your loose paper over the side and over the top. I like to fold this edge in 1 to 1.5 cm, creating a neat straight edge. Attach this edge with another piece of sticky tape. Make sure that you keep your paper tight and firm for a tidy finish.
 

8. Now work on the paper either side of the partially wrapped box. Hold down one of your side papers, and at the other end fold in each corner to form a triangle. Your final fold is to bring the triangle back up to the side of the box, and stick it down.
9. Turn your parcel 180 degrees and repeat step 8 for the paper at other side of the box.
10. Long lengths of contrasting leftover paper can be used as a "belly band", instead of using a ribbon.

I wish all readers a safe and happy Christmas season.



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## Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

Our local group has been extremely busy organising displays for several events. Most recently for the Daylesford Horticultural Show where there were plenty of opportunities to promote gardening to sustain local wildlife. There are increasing numbers of gardeners looking to make a difference. The butterfly habitat display developed by Shire Biodiversity Officer Brian Bainbridge is a great eye-catching array of photos and information. There are so many small shrubs, grasses and groundcovers which are essential to the butterfly life-cycle.

We were able to display a wide range of local native flowers and others which can be grown in our area. Thanks to several local generous gardeners and to Jeremy from Wombat Native Plants.

It's a late blooming time in some areas but the Poas have been on time and magnificent – it's worth checking them out at Quarry Street Reserve. The Dianellas and various yellow daisies are opening - keep an eye on the nature strip garden at TNC.

It's a great time to be planting, and tubestock should respond well to the conditions. And if you're not sure what to plant, you can contact TNC and register for a home visit with our trained volunteers.

## Phenomenal Peonies

Trentham's rhododendrons and peonies have flowered magnificently again this Spring.

Peonies simply love our well-drained, rich soil and our cool climate. I recently unearthed Dennis Norgate's (a legendary former Trentham nurseryman) 1993 perennial plants catalogue which advised: " [A peony] needs morning sun or filtered sunlight. [At planting] needs 20 litres of old manure dug into the soil plus complete fertiliser and lime. Needs 10 litres of manure each May". Happy Autumn planting!

Josie Reid



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## Food for Thought

### Hospitality and Hope

Most people I speak with are saying 'what a year' and will be more than happy to see the back of it. And justifiably so as surely it has been a roller-coaster of a ride, or rather like being inside a tumble dryer as life has tossed us around and around and upside down to include one of the coldest and miserable of winters.

There is no denying it has been incredibly difficult for many, especially those affected by the massive flooding in Northern Victoria; those still battling through the after affects of COVID and those who have recently caught the virus; obviously it is not going to 'go away'.

Due to the increasing costs of living, putting food on the table has become more difficult for too many, to cause the need for food charities, and what invaluable organisations they have become. Working with the supermarket chains, the restaurant/hospitality industry and allied other industries, through brilliant logistics they are capable of feeding thousands of people each and every week.

And although we might find it hard to comprehend that in this land of so-called plenty there are people that are hungry, it's a brutal fact that they exist, with some closer to home than you think!!

I recently read that this year the food charity FareShare produced and distributed more than 2 million meals. Many of the vegetables have been grown by an extraordinary Victorian farmer Les Baguley who donated some 67,000 kilos of cauliflowers, leeks, carrots and kohlrabi. Such is his commitment he is acquiring more land that will require additional volunteers to harvest the crops.

Many of our leading chefs and food producers are teaming up with food charities including the highly acclaimed Neil Perry through his Hope Hospitality Foundation, partnering with other charities including OzHarvest in producing nourishing food for needing people. It is a two-fold initiative as through volunteers (many out of work) they will actually cook and make the food and then learn the distribution process.

As Christmas rounds out the year, Perry encourages people to think beyond their own table and to go on the website to give \$10 that will feed five people. "It's one thing to have a beautiful spread for your own family, but to provide for others is really something".

[hopehospitalityfoundation.org.au](http://hopehospitalityfoundation.org.au)

So be it via a local food charity through an enquiry at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre or Central Highlands Rural Health (see bottom left) or wider afield through Foodbank, CARE or the International Rescue Committee (the latter two organisations having people on the ground in feeding those in or fleeing Ukraine), we can help those in need - if not through Christmas Cheer then at least through basic food, strengthening their bodies, spirit and faith in fellow man.

*"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."*

– Mahatma Gandhi

**Sylvia Johnson**  
Food for Thought Group, Trentham

Editor's Note:

Another easy way to support those in need this month is by purchasing a Christmas Cake or Pudding from the Lions Club - available at the Farmers' Market and around town



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## Sport

### Trentham Bowling Club

With the season reaching the halfway mark our two teams in Saturday pennant and one team in Tuesday pennant are well placed to make the finals.

What makes our performance to date so satisfying is that not only have we had to move a number of home games due to the inclement weather, but in addition player unavailability has required us to resource new players to field teams.

This is no better exemplified than last Saturday where our Division Three team journeyed to Lancefield with no less than three new players on board and came home victors by one solitary shot. Down 3 shots with one end to play the three rinks picked up 4 shots. How good is that?! One rink drew, one lost by one and the last won by two. Phew! Congratulations team.

Why wouldn't you want to be part of that? Training is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing at 4.30pm.

A number of successful Barefoot Bowls evenings have been held in November which has given novice bowlers the chance to experience the enjoyment and camaraderie that bowls provides. The next one is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 5.00pm. BBQ, Bowls and Bar with a Christmas theme. All welcome.

For further information regarding the Club contact the Secretary on 0411 736 736

### The Plonkers

This month Niles had to leave town for a while, apparently some of the stock on his emu farm had escaped and fencing had to be repaired.

The Duke joined Digby and with their partners at Chaplins at the Muse. The proprietor, Mel, offers a Tuesday locals' night. Word is spreading quickly about the honest home style cooking, quality local wines, fair prices (all mains \$25) and even occasional live music.

A menu of popular favourites, including chicken and vegetarian parmas and four pastas were available this particular Tuesday. Garlic baguettes to share kicked off the meal.

As any local would know, Mel has a passion for Charlie Chaplin's work and has even been known to step into character herself. The cafe is festooned with Chaplin memorabilia.

"You know Duke, I reckon I have a lot in common with old Charlie"

"Oh?", replied Duke, "you do realise Charlie only pretended to be the village idiot, right?"

Being locals' night, a selection from nearby Wombat Forest Winery was on offer. The spicy, citrusy and not too acidic Pinot Gris was well suited to the fare on offer. A selection of beers and cocktails were also available.

### Pool Season Starts

Council is gearing up its aquatic facilities for the community to make a splash this summer, with outdoor pools in Hepburn Shire set to open on Saturday 3 December. Council will again offer free entry to Shire pools.

The pool season will be a little different this year due to a sector-wide shortage of aquatics staff. "We would love for more people to apply for a job with our Aquatics Team so we can extend the hours of operation of our local pools," said Bradley Thomas, Council's CEO.

"We're really keen to have more people join our team to give our community the best opportunity to cool off over summer. While lifeguards need to have certain qualifications, there are customer-facing roles such as Community Pool Assistants, where you interact and connect with patrons, without the need for pool qualifications. I encourage anyone who is interested in taking on one of these important roles to visit our Council website and apply now."

Free access to Shire pools ties directly to the Council Plan, where Council aims to create a healthy, supported and empowered community. Council is investing \$500,000 in the costs of swimming pools in 2022/23, including staffing, maintenance, water and operational costs, along with \$578,000 in capital improvements following the adoption of the Aquatics Strategy earlier this year.

Find out more on public pools and job opportunities at [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au).

Both parmas were selected along with the creamy carbonara and housemade pumpkin, feta and dill ravioli with pesto. Scalloped potatoes accompanied the parmas along with a perfectly dressed light salad. All were pleasantly impressed with their meals.

The earthy, blackberry and slightly smoky character of the Cab Sauv particularly complemented the chicken and pasta.

"I recall when I last visited the winery learning that they age their reds in French oak barrels. I bet this would also go very well with a steak, Duke".

"I can't win the raffle at the Cosmo every week Digby! How about you pick up a couple of those delicious scotch fillets from Burnbrook Fields Butcher next weekend. I'll fire up the BBQ and we can find out!"

A vote to order dessert or another bottle of the Wombat Forest plonk was 3 to 1 in favour of sweets. No prize for guessing which Plonker voted for wine... Delicious sticky date pudding and apple and raspberry crumble finished off a wonderful night.

As they left to walk home The Duke turned to Digby and said: "What, no mention of the Cosmo tonight?"

Digby rolled his eyes and replied; "Don't be daft Duke, it's Tuesday."



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