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# **COLIBAN WARD UPDATE**

# MAJOR GRANTS FOR TRENTHAM PROJECTS

**Community Hub** - Council will receive a \$3.5M grant towards construction of the Trentham Community Hub through the State Government's Regional Infrastructure Program delivered through Regional Development Victoria. The hub will be a centrally located facility at the Trentham Mechanics Institute and will include a library, visitor information centre, Council customer service counter, hall and community meeting spaces. Council will contribute at least \$800,000 to the project. Construction is expected to begin next year.

**Sportsground pavilion redevelopment** - Council will receive a \$2.062 million grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria to redevelop the Trentham Sportsground Reserve Pavilion. The project will transform the facility into a welcoming and inclusive community sports facility with contemporary universal access, gender equity and family-friendly design. It will also accommodate sports club use and broader multipurpose community meeting space needs. The State Government funding is part of the Community Sport Infrastructure Stimulus Program. Council will contribute \$413,000 to the project. Construction is expected to begin in November.

Thank you to community members who played a role in the development of these projects or provided feedback to refine the plans. We look forward delivering these projects for the community. Find out more at https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au.



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# COUNCIL APPOINTS CEO

Congratulations to Bradley Thomas, who Council has appointed as the new CEO for Hepburn Shire Council. Mr Thomas has been the Interim CEO since January and has worked at Hepburn since January 2019.

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# Editorial

Wow, what a month!! We're holding over our winter edition (clearly the recent freezing cold mornings didn't get the memo...) until next month as May had so much going on!

Congratulations to the Helen and the ChatFest team for ordering perfect weather and arranging a fabulous celebration of the spud. COVID-times meant the Tractor Pull was held the following weekend and it was great to have this iconic event back in action again.

May was punctuated by exciting announcements! Firstly, a \$0.5m funding announcement for the restoration of Bullarto Rail station and the creation of a rail museum.

Secondly, the Hepburn Shire Council received confirmation the State Government would provide a \$3.5m grant towards our long-awaited Community Centre to enhance and reimagine the Mechanics Institute and a further \$2.1m grant towards the redevelopment of Trentham Sportsground Reserve Pavilion, which will provide improved facilities for both sports people and the wider community.

Finally, the TSG has secured a grant for \$10,000 to develop locally grown, processed, and sustainably managed wood resources - an initiative conceived by Sebastian Klein.

Tempering this good news is our current lockdown. Much of this Trumpet was written pre-lock down, so please keep that in mind when reading - double check any dates and / or opening times - and please, stay safe.

Thank you to everyone who has subscribed to the Trumpet. If you haven't, fill in your details at <a href="mailto:thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au">thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au</a> to be amongst the first to receive your Trumpet.

As always, thank you to our contributors. We've received such wonderful feedback about Andrew Greet's evocative 'A different Trentham Railway Station' that we're hoping to make 'Trentham Tales' an ongoing feature. If you'd like to contribute to this - or any other piece - please get in touch.

Wishing you a wonderful (and safe) winter - rug up!!

Regards, Chris and Penny

ps. Congrats to Moira Macdonald (Trumpet contributor!), who came second in the national W. B. Yeats Poetry Prize. More to come!

# Open Letter to the Community from the Big Spud, Convenor of Spudfest

# Dear Trentham,

If you care about our annual festival and want it to continue, please read on...

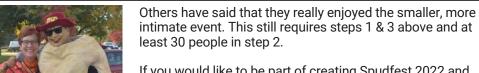
The decision to go ahead with a mini-version of Spudfest,

with an absolute focus on keeping our village safe, was a challenging one. The rapidly changing landscape of COVID meant that we were literally adjusting from day to day. I'm very grateful to the committee for making it such a success, enjoyed by all who attended on the day.

Now we're faced with another big challenge - a decision about how the festival will continue and what we, as a community, need to do to create a sustainable event that doesn't rely on a few people to keep it going.

For ChatFest2021, we only needed 24 volunteers to do the various jobs that make the day run smoothly. The call went out for people willing to be there for just two hours on the Saturday. I thought it was an easy ask, but it took until the Wednesday before the event for us to get to 20. Thanks to those who stepped up - you did a fabulous job!

Several people have suggested that they like the idea of taking Spudfest back to the way it was pre-COVID. To do that, we would need three things: (1) a larger committee so the jobs can be smaller, (2) at least 120 people willing to 'sign-up' before the end of the year, committing to being there on the first Saturday in May 2022 and (3) someone in the role of Convenor, in partnership with me next year, then guiding the festival for a year or so before finding a successor for themselves. That's the only way for us to protect the future of the event.



If you would like to be part of creating Spudfest 2022 and beyond, please call me on 0419 930 864 or email me at <a href="mailto:info@trenthamspudfest.com.au">info@trenthamspudfest.com.au</a>.

Also, we'd love your feedback on the event, via the surveys that can be accessed using one of the three QR Codes below - pick the one that suits you best. There is also a very simple one, for a vote on 2022 - small, slightly bigger, or back to the all-of-village version.

Helen Mac Big Spud 2017 - 2021



ChatFest Survey - Vol'tee



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Size of SpudFest2022

THE TRENTHAM TRUMPET

# About the Trumpet

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

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### On our cover:

News of the month - major State Government funding for Shire Projects! **Trentham Community Centre** and **Trentham Sportsground Reserve Pavilion**Proposed designs of the two to-be reinvigorated community facilities.

See Councillor's Report (page 6-7) for more details

Trentham Tales: Spud Hut at Railway Farm sketch: C Campbell (TUSC)

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The Story Costumer is a playful and imaginative new addition to the Trentham streetscape.

Caroline moved into the Old Post Office late last year and subsequently opened the Magical Dress Up Shop in May, with most encouraging feedback for the eclectic space. With the motto, 'a costume for every story', the business seeks to create unique individual expressions via fabric creations.

Open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (10.30-3.30pm) or by appointment, the space takes in the history and wonderful features of the old post office and adds a playful twist, built around the Walsh family hearth.

When Caroline first moved to Trentham in her twenties, Mary was the first person who invited her to tea and the warmth of that fireplace has been recreated at The Story Costumer, in a 'fireplace' made out of books and stories. They are hoping to create many more.

The Story Costumer will be doing costume hires, making, workshops and event, commencing in June with a proposed youth workshop, and in July with an event called Salon Le Large. There is also a curious range of second-

hand books, clothes and haberdashery such as hand spun wool.

Caroline looks forward to working with many other businesses and individuals to create some unique experiences and happenings in this wonderful town, and invites drop ins, calls and your wonderful requests.

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# Councillor's Report

# **Community Centre**

The two pop-up sessions held on 29 April and 1 May were very successful. Together with feedback received via the online survey over 500 engagements with the community were made on the revised plans. There is no doubt this level of engagement and the community's backing of the revised plans were instrumental in securing the \$3.5m grant announced by Minister Mary-Anne Thomas.

This is the largest-ever grant received by Hepburn Shire Council and it will enable this critically important project to proceed. The community function space and meeting rooms will cater for our fast-growing community and will bring Trentham and Coliban ward up to par with facilities already enjoyed across the shire.

A key feature of this project has been the establishment and workings of a Project Advisory Group (PAG). Comprising community members with strong links to all parts of our community PAG members have played a critical role in gaining input, disseminating information and steering the project to meet the community's needs. PAG's work is not yet finished – but congratulations and thanks go to Di Clausen, Kate Mooney, Natalie Poole, Ceri Spain, Justin Walsh and Wendy White.

The project schedule is striving for a construction contract to be awarded later in 2021 with construction to commence in early 2022 and take approximately 12 months to complete.

Detailed plans, other documents and a video animation are available at

participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/trentham-community-hub



# Sportsground

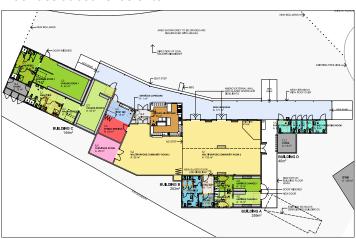
In more fantastic news for Trentham, grant funding of \$2.1m has been secured for the redevelopment of Trentham Sportsground Reserve Pavilion, enabling this much-needed project to proceed.

It will provide contemporary facilities for male and female footballers, netballers, cricketers and members of the community engaging in other passive recreational activities. Such facilities are so important to people's health and wellbeing.

In due course those who have contributed so much to advancing both the sportsground and community centre projects will be properly recognised but it is fair to say the sportsground renovation project wouldn't have got this far without the foresight, energy and perseverance of Georgie Patterson. Council is coordinating this project in conjunction with the sportsground management committee. Construction works are likely to proceed ahead of the community centre project.

More information is available at <u>participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/trentham-sports-ground-pavilion</u>

In the not too distant future Trentham will have great facilities at both ends of town!



Above: Proposed floorplan of the Trentham Pavillion

Left: Community Centre Funding Launch - Project Advisory Group (PAG) member Kate Mooney, Cr Brian Hood, Minister Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Mayor Lesley Hewitt, Ben Grounds HSC major projects manager, PAG member Di Clausen

Right: Bullarto station Mary-Anne Thomas - Stuart Smithwick - Ross Bullock - Cr Brian Hood - Ian Grenfell - Interim CEO Bradley Thomas - Mayor Lesley Hewitt - Steve Fiume



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# Councillor's Report

**Anzac Day** - I had the honour of representing Council at both the Trentham and Bullarto Anzac Day ceremonies. Despite proceedings being curtailed due to Covid-19 both events were well attended and appropriately marked this important day.

**CEO** - In one of the more important decisions councillors must embrace we appointed Bradley Thomas as Council CEO. With the requisite skills and experience, well-regarded within the local government sector and a solid track record in the past 6 months as interim CEO I believe Council's administration is in good hands. I congratulate Bradley and look forward to working with him for the benefit of the Hepburn Shire community in the coming years.

**Bullarto rail** - In yet another clear demonstration of Council's strong relationship with funding bodies and the State Government it was extremely pleasing to secure a \$0.5m grant to fund the Bullarto rail project. The station buildings will be restored to their 1930's style and a rail museum will be created. This will represent a tremendous boost to tourism.



The Trentham Garden

Planning permits - In the interest of transparency commencing immediately I will make a weekly posting on my Facebook page listing all permits issued in Coliban ward and all permit applications received in the past week. Most applications are considered and awarded by Council officers under delegation but larger applications, and those attracting five or more objections, are decided by councillors in a formal Council meeting.

# **Upcoming Council meeting dates**

15 June, 20 July and 17 August

### **Cr Brian Hood**

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Facebook - Cr Brian Hood for Trentham & Coliban ward

# From the Editors

Many thanks to all who have volunteered and contributed their thoughts, time and energy to help secure these improved facilities for our town. It's been a journey - one that hasn't always been smooth sailing - but at the heart has always been a common intent to make Trentham a better place for everyone.

Thanks to HSC for their financial support and belief in our communities, and in particular to Cr Brian Hood who has listened, listened, listened to the community's needs and wants.

And lastly, thank you to Mary-Anne Thomas MP, our Member for Macedon, who through the investment of the Victorian State Government has made these initiatives possible. Mary-Anne's words resonate: "The Macedon Ranges is a stunning part of our state that locals love and visitors flock to – these investments will make the region an even better place to live, work, visit and invest."

Chris & Penny

# **Delightful Self-Sower or Weed?**

There's a well-known adage that any plant can be considered a weed if it's growing in the wrong place... a rose in a field of cabbages being the classic example. But there are many plants that hover either side of that weedy line... have you ever planted something and later regretted it?

Self-seeders such as Centranthus, Lunaria, Alyssum and also culinary herbs such as thyme can really help give a relaxed and organic feel to the garden. The iconic Australian landscape designer Edna Walling famously used seaside daisy to soften strong architectural features such as stone steps and paving.

But there's a downside to these cheerful characters... after a year or two you can find them swamping out cherished new plants that you have paid good money for... and they can get out of hand if not managed appropriately.

Certainly, there are a lot of exotic garden plants that have become pests in the natural environment. Hedera Helix or English ivy, some species of willow trees, agapanthus and lots more plants you would never think of. If you live near the bush it's especially important that you don't plant invasive species, but birds can potentially carry seeds long distances anyway.

I tend to find self-seeding plants useful in a new garden where they can add character, convey a sense of age and fill in a few gaps while the larger plants grow. But I do know they add a fair bit of extra work a couple of years down the track when they need to be thinned and edited.

The charm of these plants can't be denied: they seem to magically pop up exactly in the right place: it's a truly wonderful experience seeing the garden take on a life of its own and watch new combinations form before your eyes: just don't turn your back for too long!

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis Landscape Designer www.kazkrasovskis.com.au



# Trentham Tales

# The Spud Digger



It's official. Winter has arrived and at the Historical Society our collective thoughts turn to the potato diggers who worked the deep volcanic soil of the Trentham District.

Without doubt, the humble spud was a significant contributor to the district's economy and lifestyle.

But it wasn't without its hardships, involving back-breaking work in the most atrocious weather.

Looking back, long time locals will tell you the weather seemed colder, wetter and the winters longer in those days. The heaviest snowfalls, we are told, occurred between 1935 and 1936 when "the snow lay in drifts up to the height of a door" while telephone wires snapped under the huge weight of the snow.

Potato digging was done by hand. For itinerant labourers, many of whom suffered painful cracked hands and chilblains, along with serious chest complaints, it was tough.

Historians Ina Bertrand and Gael Elliott in their well-researched book, "A Hard Day's Work: Growing Spuds Around Trentham", paint a bleak picture of just how tough life was for the diggers.

They tell of one digger who resorted to wrapping his feet with strips of potato bags until his feet resembled footballs. "Given the weather it is not surprising that so many diggers had frostbitten toes or fingers," they write.

The authors note that from the time of the new settlers to the area in the 1850s, there would had been a great demand for potatoes, especially as a staple food for the nearby gold fields.

This meant that almost every farm grew some potatoes and to attract itinerant labourers accommodation was offered.

But the accommodation was usually less than humble; a small hut with a fireplace, and nothing else.

There was no toilet and no running water, although many were conveniently set near a dam, creek, or spring from which the diggers could carry their water, and even bathe.

Digging usually started after the first frosts in April continuing right through the Winter, during which frosts sometimes stayed on the ground for up to three days. "The diggers cooked with and tried to keep warm by the open fire which - in Trentham's bitter Winter climate - meant they were always cold."

"Drink was a real comfort under those circumstances," according to the authors.

So next time you're in Trentham wander past the memorial to the widely regarded Dr Gweneth Wisewould, which celebrates her work for the community, including the spud diggers, compassionately attending to their medical needs in all weather, no matter the time of day or night - or distance.

To sustain the spud diggers through their 18-hour days in the freezing Trentham paddocks the good doctor took them a thermos of strong coffee - laced with whisky.

Just what the doctor ordered.

# Russell Robinson Trentham & Districts Historical Society



spudhut photos courtsey of TDHS

# Spudman's Scuttlebutt

# Are you loving your Spuds?

It was at last month's ChatFest when I first spied my new love. Sitting in the shade of the large pine trees, her eyes glancing my way.

I was introduced to her by Anthony White as Ruby.

Her pink skin and creamy flesh have become irresistible to me ever since. Mashed, roasted, and fried she's tasty any way I have her.

What's your favourite spud?

Tell me your Spud Shenanigans at <a href="mailto:trumpet@trentham.org.au">trumpet@trentham.org.au</a>

# **Spudman**

Spudman by Peter Young Oil on Canvas



# **Sketchy Musings**

This year continues to emerge in our household (cottagehold?) as the year of failed household appliances.

The cheerful folk at that Kyneton electrical appliances shop are now on first-name terms with us.

And we are now overly familiar with their big recycle bin out the back set up for dead household electrical equipment.

We now have, to follow the new dishwasher and new microwave of a month earlier, a new smart TV which allegedly works intuitively.

But, like its dead predecessor, it can't pick up half the freeto-air channels and is inclined to take the night off if the weather is bad.

The past month's electrical failures included an LED lightbulb in the kitchen that involved coaxing two metres of electrical lead, a transformer, and a plug out of the ceiling when I went to change the bulb.

A new set of all the above then takes \$20 (to be fair, that includes postage) via on-line order and a week for delivery.

Word of warning: the old bulb simply plugged in.

The new bulb must be programmed to the light setting you want before you try to imitate pushing toothpaste back into a tube by perching on a wobbly ladder (curse the failing cottage stumps) and shoving all its entrails into that tiny hole in the ceiling.

As I have mused elsewhere (e.g., every cafe in Trentham, the Cosmo beer garden and front bar and up and down several local streets): how many elderly and bewildered seniors does it take to change a light globe?

What happened to the good old days when you strolled down to the IGA, took care to make sure you knew whether you needed a bayonet or screw in bulb, strolled home, flick of the wrist and bingo - let there be light?

And now, sadly, just when we thought nothing else could fail- bang (and I mean BANG with associated orange electrical sparks that singed the hairs off the back of my hand), the toasted sandwich maker actually blew up.

And with its demise, more than half my Guy Food for The Modern Man repertoire went up in smoke.

I could barely hear the Child Bride over the sound of the smoke alarm shrieking and the dog barking hysterically in dog language that we needed to rescue its food and then call the Trentham CFA.

But I did manage to lip read through the smoke that Child Bride was lamenting that (a) the machine I'd just willfully wrecked was 30-plus years old, bought back then to make kiddie meals that they just might, just maybe agree to eat; and (b) she could see this would mean she would have to do all the cooking from now on as I have never mastered the hi-tech programmable oven/stove thing.

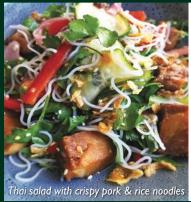
Which has a clock on it.

Which broke last month!

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# Interior Design

### Frame it!

Very early in my career I worked for Kit Kemp OBE and her husband Tim. The Kemps were founders of the Firmdale Hotel Group and were opening their first property, the Dorset Square Hotel in London. The hotel was a series of five Regency five-storey townhouses. Every room and public area were individually decorated using a combination of contemporary and antique furniture with rich upholstery fabrics.

Dorset Square was the original home of Lord's Cricket Ground which was an inspiration for the Hotel's interior. Antique cricket balls were used as doorknobs for the guestroom doors.

The Kemps had a large collection of art from all periods, by established and upcoming artists. Framed painting and etchings were displayed throughout the hotel. Willow cricket bats were sent off to different artists to embellish and create individual pieces. Kit believed that anything could be framed! Over the years I have framed all sorts of things, from antique keys, to my grandfather's war medals.

I am often asked to provide advice to clients about the correct height and position to hang their artwork.

There are rules that must be followed when hanging artwork, and there are rules that can be broken. I like to hang smaller pieces of artwork as a stack, one above the other, on small wall spaces. Larger pieces of artwork can

be hung over sofas and other pieces of furniture. With a single large piece of art it's important to hang it with about a third of the image above your standing eye height.

A French or "salon hang" can be particularly effective when you have a number of pieces of artwork to hang together. If there is a similar theme amongst the images or if the same frame colour and profile are used, you have a cohesive collection. That's not to say that a number of different frames or artworks can't be placed together.

I always start with paper cut-outs the same dimensions as the frames. I attach them to the proposed wall with Blutack, moving around until satisfied that the positions are correct. This can be time-consuming, but avoids artwork being hung incorrectly, which just looks wrong.

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# Trentham Sustainability Group

### Trees for Nature and Profit

TSG is delighted to be awarded funding of \$9,895 for the Trentham Carbon Forestry Project. The funding comes from the 2021 Z-NET Climate Resilience Fund (Hepburn Wind Impact Fund).

Congratulations to Sebastian Klein who conceived the project, prepared a detailed application and will oversee delivery of the project. (see more details to the right)

This funding follows the Master Treegrower presentation by Rowan Reid in March, organised by Sebastian and hosted by TSG & Landcare.

Nearly 50 enthusiastic people filled the Supper Room at the Mechanics Institute to hear Rowan's inspiring story of his craft timber and carbon forestry farm. There was interest in forming a local tree growers group (again contact Sebastian). The above funding will enable us to proceed with our own community Carbon Forestry project.

# Produce Exchange & World Environment Day, Saturday 5 June

Come and help us celebrate WED at our next fortnightly food swap - outside the Food Hub shed at the back of The Plough, 10 till 11 am on 5 June. The theme for WED 2021 is 'Ecosystem Restoration'.

"This is our moment. We cannot turn back time. But we can grow trees, green our cities, re-wild our gardens, change our diets and clean up rivers and coasts. We are the generation that can make peace with nature. Let's get active, not anxious. Let's be bold, not timid: www.worldenvironmentday.global

Hope must be earned: being active in addressing a problem is the best antidote for gloom. If we could all do one more good thing for our planet this World Environment Day and every day after, we'll all be part of the solution!

# **Glenda Holmes** Trentham Sustainability Group

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# **Trentham Carbon Forestry Project**

Do you have a purpose-grown woodlot on your property? Are you interested in producing or selling firewood and timber from your woodlot?

Trentham Sustainability Group in partnership with Hepburn Zero Net Emissions Transition (Hepburn ZNET), Hepburn Wind's Community Resilience Fund and wood4good are running the Trentham Carbon Forestry Project.

Firewood can have significant carbon emissions and, depending where it is from, serious impacts on wildlife as well. Old hollow trees which are often prized for firewood because they burn well are also critical habitat to animals like the Glossy Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo.

Focussed on developing local private purpose grown woodlot resources in the Trentham area, the goals of the Trentham Carbon Forestry Project are to develop locally grown, processed, and sustainably managed wood resources with positive impacts in terms of biodiversity and carbon sequestration.

Through June 2021 we will be putting together a contact list of local plantations and woodlots which have been established with the purpose of commercial utilisation.

Whether you have planted a couple dozen Blackwoods, seeded a paddock of Messmate, or have carefully tended shelterbelts of Shining gum or Silver wattle - we want to hear from you!

For now we are looking for landowners with existing woodlots, but in coming months we will also be looking for landowners interested in establishing new carbon-forestry woodlots on their properties, and we will also launch a local tree-growers group.

So - if you are interested in supplying firewood and timber from the local area to local customers, as well as supporting local action on climate change and biodiversity loss, or even just in comparing notes with other tree growers about what works and doesn't work in the Trentham area, then please contact me.

Sebastian Klein 0428 331 173 seb@wood4good.com.au



# Trentham Rail and Tramway Association Inc.

May was a very busy month for TRATA, especially compared to the previous twelve months of COVID enforced inaction.

The month started with the station proudly hosting ChatFest 2021 - the station chosen as a suitable site for the reduced Spudfest activities. The day went extremely well with many visitors browsing the station precinct.

Many thanks to the ChatFest organisers for choosing the station as their alternative Covid site.

The following week saw the station in action again with the running of the annual Trentham Tractor Pull, held in conjunction with the local car club. Again, there were many people viewing the tractor pull from the platforms - popular opinion regards this the best facility to stage such an event. Vic Track have continued with their work around the station and the station is looking resplendent in its new coat of paint.

Further work is taking place on the old goods shed and it is hoped that the restoration will be completed in the near future.

The two events in early May certainly gave a much-needed boost to the TRATA coffers after the prolonged period of inactivity over the past twelve months.

TRATA is currently in sight of finalising a new agreement with Hepburn Shire to facilitate the reopening of the Visitor Information Centre at the station.

**John Gray** 

# Trentham Friends of Bees

### **Herbicides**

Chemical weed control has been used for eons: selective control of weeds was discovered in France in the late 1800s beginning with sea salt, oils and then industrial byproduct. Sulphates, nitrates of copper and iron, and sulfuric acid were used before sodium arsenite became popular. Used on thousands of kilometres of railway edging, this hazardous material was used in enormous quantities, often resulting in the poisoning of animals - and people.

Post World War II, and the era of 'miracle' weed killers began- extreme toxicity requiring significantly lower dosage (two kilos rather than 2 tons per hectare). However again, many early herbicides were later deemed unsafe for humans and the environment and outlawed.

Despite being banned in several countries, glyphosate is the world's most widely used herbicide. It's the active ingredient in Zero Weedkiller and Roundup, which remains in the news due to lawsuits and legal battles. Just this month (May), a US Federal Appeals court upheld a \$25m verdict against Monsanto (makers of Roundup) in favour of litigants who blame Roundup for causing their cancers.

Studies are also beginning to reveal detrimental effects of glyphosate on bees.

Exposure to glyphosate can affect bees in various ways. Glyphosate kills weeds which are an important source of nectar and pollen. It's been shown to affect bee behaviour by impacting navigation: bees having ingested glyphosate were less successful at returning to the hive. Other research has shown that glyphosate makes bees less sensitive to sugar and affects their learning ability. Glyphosate exposure increased the mortality of honeybees by making bees more vulnerable to infection.

**How to Help?** Bees provide us with food security given their central role as pollinators. Glyphosate based herbicides risk this. Wherever possible, avoid any pesticide containing glyphosate.

**Spot a Swarm?** Do not poison! Call 0417 313 002 for assistance and rehoming.

Bee Friendly, Bee Kind!



# Hepburn Shire Council Rate Policy Update

Hepburn Shire Council has adopted its updated Revenue Collection and Financial Hardship Policy, outlining how it will assist people who are having difficulty paying their rates.

The policy gives flexibility to people who cannot afford to pay their rates monthly or quarterly, providing a Personalised Payment Plan which allows them to pay their rates by smaller, more regular payments. Under the policy, payment plans will be available to people who are unable to pay rates on their primary residence, including farmers.

HSC will work to make sure its assistance is reasonable, and applied appropriately, according to the circumstances.

Council has not charged interest on unpaid rates during the COVID pandemic. However, the penalty interest waiver

will end on 30 June 2021. All ratepayers should check their rates payments are up-to-date prior to 30 June to avoid incurring an interest penalty.

If you are a ratepayer experiencing financial hardship and are not able to pay your rates, please contact Council's Finance Department on (03) 5348 2306 to discuss your payment arrangement options.

The new Revenue Collection and Hardship Policy is available on Council's website at <a href="hepburn.vic.gov.au/council-policies/">hepburn.vic.gov.au/council-policies/</a>.

### **Editorial Note:**

Other councils have recently been in the news for their hardline policies on rates collection. Thank you to HSC for this timely update and considered, compassionate approach.

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# Community Banking - bigger, better, together.

It's a simple, but powerful message - Trentham and Districts Community Bank makes a real difference because we invest money back into our local communities. Community banking is based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means profits are returned to the community that generated them. Make the switch today, because if you bank with Trentham and Districts, you are making a difference to our communities.

We understand the way people bank has changed considerably over the last 12 months. Our branch team is here to help you and discuss options. Talk to us about loans, switching banks, refinancing, financial planning, and/or competitive insurance products. It might be a mobile lender you're after, branch manager Joel Condon will come to you. It's because of your home loans, business banking, credit cards, and personal loans that we can invest in our local sporting and community organisations, schools, youth, emergency services, arts and environment.

This year, Trentham and Districts Bank is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The longevity of our bank is directly attributed to the bank's customers and our vibrant, diverse, and connected community. It was this town who declared they wanted a community bank, one that was owned by local shareholders. If you're interested in becoming a shareholder of Trentham & Districts Community Bank, visit bendigobank.com.au/branch/vic/community-bank-trentham-districts to find out more. Our community investment programs over the last 12 months have far exceeded our expectations demonstrating the active engagement of people gaining confidence to start over, or to grow and build. This is a very positive outlook for a small regional town, and the surrounding areas, like ours.

Keep an eye out over the coming months as we will be working even harder to connect the bank with the local community across 2021 and beyond. Remember that what benefits just one, can benefit many and that is how things come to fruition, much like the humble beginnings of our very own community bank.

# Charl Parris Director CCCE



# PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN A STREET/ROAD NAME

Schedule 10 Local Government Act 1989

Council proposes to name an unnamed Lane in Trentham VIC 3458 shown on map below as Anthonys Mews.



Geographic Names Victoria guidelines require the name to have either a historical link, relate to a geological or topographical feature or be locally known.

Any person may make a written submission on the proposed name, including suggesting alternative. Submissions must be lodged by **30 June 2021** and state whether the person desires to be heard or represented in support of their submission.

Submissions and enquiries must be directed to:

Kathie Attwood Coordinator Financial Services PO Box 21 DAYLESFORD VIC 3460 Ph: 5348 2306

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# ChatFest

# ChatFest 2021 - No "Small" Success!



Saturday 1 May dawned clear and sunny - the best weather for a first Saturday of May for many years. As most locals know, Chatfest was put together at very short notice, after the constantly changing Government regulations eased enough for us to gather safely.



The Committee pulled out all the stops to get vendors, organise rental of equipment, book entertainment and a myriad of other elements. The last-minute effort was well worth it, as both residents and visitors turned out to enjoy the food, fun, music and, of course, to buy beautiful, freshly-dug potatoes from our four favourite spud farmers - the Dunns, Walshes, Whites and Wickers.



Photos, top to bottom: SpudMan & the Big Spud Helen Mac Nikki & Paul on coffee duty at the Carriage Cafe Potate Farmer George Wicker

The official opening included a Welcome to Country by Dja Dja Wurrung Clan Member Kerri Douglas who shared a traditional story about the formation of the mountains and rivers of the area.

The entertainment, brilliantly organised by Karina Demassin, was focused on local musicians. We kicked off with the customary performance by the Walsh Family Band, which this year had also been downsized...to a duo - Allison and Denis did a wonderful job.



They were followed by singersongwriter Michael Baker, then Newbury Fog stepped up. The Lyonville Ramblers and the awardwinning Cartwheels were next and "A Last Minute Band" was the appropriately-named final act. Many of the audience commented that the music was perfectly suited to the day.



The White Family Duo – Allison and Dennis A Last Minute Band



Another highlight was the Devonshire Tea Stall on the Railway Station platform. COVID-safe regulations saw the Tractor Pull move to the following weekend so it was a great opportunity to use the station for a completely different purpose. Sylvia Johnson and a wonderful crew of scone bakers & servers delivered tasty potato scones to delighted diners all day.



Spudfest has always been focused on community fundraising and five community groups benefitted from ChatFest2021. The Face-Painting tent had a steady stream of happy customers andraised \$465 for the Primary School. The Spudfest Mini Golf set, manned by Kindergarten parents, kept families entertained and put \$247 in their coffers. The famous CFA Chips stall raised \$450, TRATA banked \$496 and the Historical Society SpudHut Bus Tours sold \$424 of tickets (Spudfest pays for the bus hire to maximise the fundraising from the tours).



The Super Scone Team Basil Eliades & his award-winning Potato Vodka Winky delivering flyers

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# ChatFest



Thanks to our new sponsor, Keane & Co Real Estate, all of the costs of the entertainment were covered, as well as funding for the very popular Horse & Cart Ride, which meant that we were able to cover the costs of the Composting Toilets and Event Insurance with fees from our vendors and ticket sales. Logistics support from Hepburn Shire, including equipment to assist with managing a Covid-Safe environment, is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks go to the wonderful volunteers who did a great job of managing the entry, exit and eating areas, with the additional stress of Covid-Safe regulations, and to the hard-working committee members who were first to arrive and last to leave, ensuring the success of this strangest Spudfest ever!

Helen Mac Big Spud

The Trentham Food for Thought group were taken by surprise at the public's demand for their Devonshire Teas that included Potato Scones; so much so a couple of members needed to rush back to their kitchens to bake more. It was good to see people so interested in the flavour and texture of the potato, with many photographing the recipe to take home. And what a delight to see

the Old Trentham Station being used and enjoyed! That begged the question from some visitors and Trentham residents as to why it is so little used, just a weekend tourism information centre and a meet place for the Cool Country Classic Car Club?

And in this I support the question, 'why' as indeed it is a historic gem of a precinct that could be an outstanding tourist attraction for this town.

Apparently, there is a feasibility study happening to re-open the Daylesford-Macedon Ranges Rail Trail, but I would suggest this is years and many \$m in the making.....meanwhile our station sits and waits.

Any ideas from anyone?

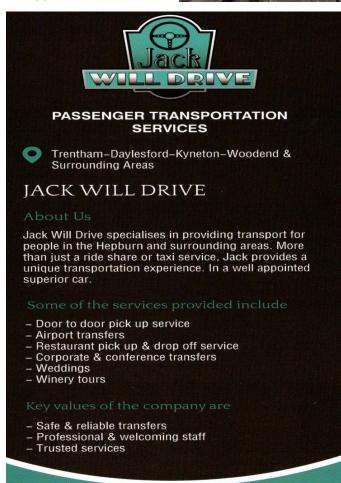
# Sylvia Johnson





Above: SpudMan and Bernie White (P James)
Relow: 'Reg' (MaryAnne Alderson 2019)





Mobile 0475 366 176

# **Art News**

# **Fine Art**

### So what is Fine Art?

In modern times, painting explores many areas of art. A painting may be a reminder of a scene from a holiday, a chosen subject, a portrait of friends and family, or just a work that matches the lounge suite. However, if it's a good painting, it won't matter what the lounge suite looks like.

Art is also used alongside psychology, as a healing tool, or a kind of 'Panadol" for the brain, helping people to find their own sense of wellbeing.

So, what is the difference?

Where does FINE Art come into the picture?

Ponder on these next few paragraphs:

The great Spanish artist Miro observed that: "More than the picture itself, what counts is what it throws into the air, what it exhales... what matters is that it scatters seeds on the ground... sets the germs of growth... from which other things will spring.

In Fine Art, a painting inspires. The work reflects the subconscious intent of the artist, who perhaps may not start out with the intention to inspire, but the work becomes inspirational through time and history.

You can look at a painting for a week, and never think of it again. Or you can look at a painting for a second and think of it for the rest of your life. Fine Art has this impact on you.

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### Stillness and Immensity

When an artist is at the stage where the image almost speaks to their soul, they are connecting to their own "stillness and immensity". It is as if something else takes over the direction of the painting. When they are listening to the painting, the artist is just holding the brush. This is when the artist connects with their own "stillness and immensity" within

Whatever the artist's subject is, the work may give birth to a world where others may be awakened to an immensity within. This immensity comes from a stillness that is found everywhere – beneath each fallen leaf, in the soft imprint of an insect's step, in the silent space between stones and the whisper of a night sound. We are encountering our own 'stillness and immensity'.

'Stillness and Immensity' may generate an awareness within our own integrity, awakening our connection to a kind of 'knowledge'. This connection brings with it, an empathy for other human beings, to our place within nature, and nature's place within us.

Fine Art may help us connect to "that which can be known but not told... a knowledge that cannot be explained".\* Maurice Merleau-Ponty makes some sense of this connection by claiming:

"Within each moment there is an establishment of knowledge that will become part of and influence all future experiences... the opening of a dimension that can never again be closed."\*\*

\*Alberto Villoldo, Dance of the Four Winds Destiny Books 1990 p101 \*\*Maurice Merleau-Ponty, The Invisible and the Invisible North-West University Press Illinois 1968 p131

# Bronwyn Bain www.bronwynbain.com

Bronwyn was invited to define the meaning of Fine Art for an Exhibition in South Australia. This is the last in her series of four articles discussing that topic.

Brownyn has lived in Trentham for 12 years, but all good things

Brownyn has lived in Trentham for 12 years, but all good things come to an end! We wish her (and Rosie) all the best for their next adventure

### Mike Rutherford Photography Exhibition

Congratulations to Trentham Photographer Mike Rutherford, who last month was announced as a finalist in the National Portrait Prize in Canberra.

His latest exhibition 'Vital Signs' is on display at Westend Art Space in West Melbourne from May 27 to June 7.

Mike describes the collection as 'an interpretive exposition of the seen'.

More details at westendartspace. com.au





# Calling all Bush Poets!!

There will be no bush poetry competition at Words in Winter this year, but there will be an Open Mic session. Get your thinking caps on and your creative juices flowing... Be ready for Saturday 14 August.

To get you started, the Words in Winter theme this year is 'Are we there yet?'

However, you do not have to stick to this theme. Just remember that bush poetry needs strong rhythm and regular rhyme – and the rest is up to you.

More details to come. To be included on the mailing list, or to register for the Open Mic session, contact Ina at <a href="mailto:inab@netspace.net.au">inab@netspace.net.au</a>

# **Words to Sing**

Words in Winter includes an event this year which celebrates some of the great hymn-writers of the Christian faith, words sung for centuries, as well as those more contemporary.

Singing songs in community is an enjoyable expression of a common faith, just as we enjoy singing our sporting team theme songs! When words are set to music, something wonderful happens in our brains and bodies, words that carry significant elements of our beliefs become ingrained in an embodied way. The term 'hymn' takes us back to the Greeks and it referred to the text of a hymn of praise.

In more recent times, with the publication of hymn books, a specific text came to be identified with a specific melody. So nowadays we think of a hymn as the package of text and tune. And there's certainly no doubt about text or tune when thousands of Welsh rugby fans join as one voice to sing "Cwm Rhondda" ("Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer").

This event will provide you with an opportunity to have a jolly good sing, favourites old and new.

There will be an eclectic range of songs from various Christian traditions – if would like to make some suggestions, please send them along. And then come along and sing!

Fay Magee faymagee@gmail.com

# **Six Word Story**

The Trumpet is pleased to again be participating in the Words in Winter festival.

This year we'll be celebrating Flash Fiction (also known as micro fiction) - the compressed form of a short story.

Flash Fiction is characterised by a word count – sometimes even a character count, twitter style!

While its key feature is obviously brevity (condensing a story into the fewest words possible) it often contains a twist or surprise at the end.

How brief you ask?

VERY!

Ever heard of a six word story?!

. . . .

The origins of the six words story are debatable, but in popular folklore are attributed to Ernest Hemingway. There is no evidence nor substantiation this is true, but it's such a powerful tale (and story!) that it's become the common narrative.

According to legend, Hemingway was at lunch in New York with a group of fellow writers in the 1920s. He made a bet with them (\$10 each, a significant sum at the time) that he could compose a story in 6 words. The challenge was accepted and, on a serviette, Hemingway wrote the famous line: 'For sale, Baby shoes, Never worn.'

He passed the serviette around and collected his winnings without argument.

. . . .

The Trumpet will be offering a \$100 prize for our favourite six word story. Stay tuned for more details in the July Trumpet, winners to be announced in the August edition.

# **Clever Towns Challenge**

Trentham will be defending its title at the Trentham Library on Saturday 7 August.

# Colin wins 'Hard Quiz'!

Congratulations to Trentham's Colin White who won the 26 May episode of ABC TV's "Hard Quiz" (look for it on iview!).

His expert subject was the Hercules C130 aircraft, on which he flew as an RAAF flight engineer.

He said he would use the Hard Quiz trophy mug to store Lego pieces.

With thanks to Peter Young for the scoop, maybe that new tele isn't so bad?!

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# Community

# **Trentham Community Group**

The Trentham Community Group (TCG) represents the Trentham community in its ownership of the building at 56 High St. that houses the Neighbourhood Centre.

TCG was formed in 1999 to buy the building from Scouts Australia. An anonymous Trenthamite lent the TCG the money to buy the building at auction, and the next five years were spent raising the money to repay that loan.

The TCG committee continues to administer and maintain the building through fundraising in the community.

The little treasure that we all own is now in need of Trentham's help to restump the original hall. We are looking for interested new members, reinvolvement of old-time members and folks who would like to partake of our fundraising endeavours.

For more information call: **Tony** (President) 0400 513 274 **Christine** (Vice President) 0427 056 154 **Sandi** (Secretary) 0417 310 364

# Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc.

It's been a busy time for The Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club since the last update.

The club held a highly successful community afternoon tea, with demonstrations and displays showcasing all the Life Activities Club has to offer.

A delicious afternoon tea of sandwiches and scones, jam, and cream, along with tea and coffee was also served. There is a new brochure which we are now distributing, and a new poster in the final stages of completion, to advertise the club.

The Foodies Group has been to the Glenlyon General Store for lunch, and the Garden Group has visited another local garden.

All other activities are also up and running.

So, if you're new to the area, or have a little spare time on your hands and would like to become involved, please contact the President Di Clausen on 0425 008 763, or Secretary Gaye Lovelock on 0411 150 114. Alternatively, the website <a href="www.life.org.au">www.life.org.au</a> and click on Trentham in the list of clubs has information available.

Joining the Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club is a great way to become involved in the community, by broadening your social circle, learning new skills, and keeping your mind and body active.

LIFE'S BETTER TOGETHER.

**Wendy Redman** 



# **Trentham Cool Country Classics**

After a somewhat quiet 12 months, May certainly started with a bang. We were able to resume our monthly meetings at the Neighbourhood Centre after a layoff of around twelve months and the members were again keen to resume our regular meetings and talkfest each second Wednesday.



With the holding of ChatFest at the station the Club was able to try out its recently acquired coffee machine which proved popular with members, learning how to become baristas, and visitors availing themselves of freshly brewed Moto Bean coffee.

The following week the club was back at the station for the annual tractor pull, run along the railway tracks between the platforms. This proved a popular event and had an increased number of tractors entered for the day. The car display was well down on numbers due to COVID number restrictions, and the uncertainty of attending visitors.

Because of this the club did not publicise the event heavily as it was felt it would be counterproductive, as well as difficult, to have to turn away car enthusiasts. Our scheduled main car show towards the end of the year should hopefully not encounter this problem.

A special thanks to all helpers on the day and especially Dennis Trewella for the use of his adjacent land for tractor and truck parking.

The club has held several events including a Veteran Tour (the cars that is!), of the region which proved very popular, and a run to Ballarat in conjunction with an AOMC event. With a number of our regular annual events cancelled due to Covid, such as Myrniong Sprints and Eddington Sprints, we are looking forward to a more eventful second half of the year.

The membership is still proving popular with regular enquiries to join.

The coming months bring about our tenth anniversary. Who would have thought that when half a dozen people gathered in the Trentham Hotel to discuss the possibility of forming a SMALL car club as a result of a discussion at the local football match, that it would lead to a ten-year anniversary?

Ken Byrne has a lot to answer for, thank goodness!

John Gray

# Attention: Community Groups!

Contact <a href="mailto:trumpet@trentham.org.au">trumpet@trentham.org.au</a> to have your update included.

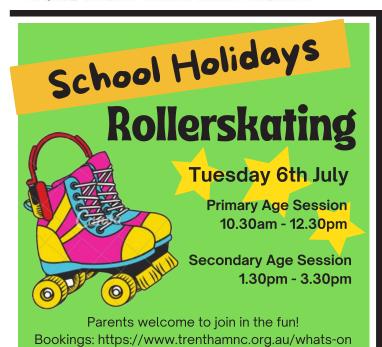
Submissions for the July edition of The Trentham Trumpet are due by 20 June.

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# Beeswax Urap Making

Saturday June 12

10.30am - 12pm \$35



Keen to ditch plastic wrap and zip lock bags but worried how you'll manage without them? Learn how easy it is to make your own beautiful and reusable beeswax wraps.

https://www.trenthamnc.org.au/classes

# **Parents & Bubs Group**

Weekly social group for new parents and carers. Come have a cuppa and a chat and meet other parents and bubs from the Trentham area.

Thursday 10.30am

https://www.trenthamnc.org.au/classes

# COOL COUNTRY UKES

Community ukulele group open to all ages and abilities. New players always welcome!

> Fridays 10am-12noon Gold coin donation

Contact Mez: 0403 007 761 or Suzanne: 0439 700 141

# FENG SHUI FUNDAMENTALS

Learn how Feng Shui can improve and enhance balance and positive energy. Participants will work on their own house plan. June 26

11am - 3.30pm \$160

https://www.trenthamnc.org.au/classes

# FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Group meets regularly to discuss a film that all have watched. This terms theme is Early Musicals.

Wednesday 9th June 12pm - 3pm

New members are always welcome!

# **Tania Sawyer - Manager**

Phone 5424 1354 • email admin@trenthamnc.org.au • www.trenthamnc.org.au The office is open Monday to Thursday 9:30am-4pm

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# Treehouse Program - Central Highlands Rural Health

# **Treehouse Program Launches in Trentham**

Local residents living with dementia are benefiting from Central Highlands Rural Health's recent expansion of the Treehouse program to Trentham.

Originally opening in Kyneton in March 2017, the Treehouse is a supportive and safe meeting place for people with dementia to socialise and take part in activities that promote independence and wellbeing, while providing carers the opportunity to take time out.

The recent launch in Trentham means residents from the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Shire can access a client driven, evidence-based program delivered by experienced staff with expertise in dementia.

Seventy-three-year-old Lewis has been attending the Treehouse in Trentham since its launch. He heard about the program through his carer Chris, who attends one of Central Highlands Rural Health's support groups for carers of people living with dementia.

"The Treehouse is welcoming and fun. I like talking to different people and I look forward to it each week. I enjoy the banter about the footy and have made some good friends, even if they don't barrack for Collingwood!" said Lewis.

Lewis' carer Chris is happy to see him socialise with others. "During the pandemic it was really hard; we couldn't see friends and we both missed human contact."

Supported by the Australian Government Department of Health, the Treehouse at Trentham is a Social Support

Group that aims to support independence, reduce social isolation, maintain social and community connections and support participants and their carers to live well.

Central Highlands Rural Health's Board Chair Peter Matthews believes the Treehouse program makes it easier for people to maintain their roots at home and in the community.

"Social connectivity plays a really important part in helping people with dementia to remain independent and living well. We're really happy to see the Treehouse expand to Trentham allowing more people in our community to benefit from the supportive program," he said.

To find out more about the Treehouse program in Trentham and Kyneton, visit <a href="https://www.chrh.org.au/services/treehouse">www.chrh.org.au/services/treehouse</a>



Treehouse at Trentham client Lewis (centre) with carer Chris (left) and Central Highlands Rural Health's Board Chair Peter Matthews (right)

# Gardens for Wildlife

# Creating a Haven for Wildlife

How fortunate we are to live in a region renowned for its forests, bushland and diverse wildlife.

However, with agriculture and increasing urbanisation spreading across the region, these natural resources need protection. Gardens for Wildlife is an innovative program that advises residents about how to develop habitat gardens that will sustain wildlife and create corridors that link with the natural environment.



A collaborative venture between the Hepburn Shire Council, the Neighbourhood Centres and the local community, Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife provides trained volunteers to mentor people who wish to develop a garden for wildlife. By selecting plants that create habitat, small creatures such as blue wrens, pardalotes and endangered butterflies will survive.

The first trained mentors in the Trentham pilot program graduated on Monday 24 May.

Details about how to book a mentor to advise you about developing a garden for wildlife or how to become a mentor in the Trentham region will be published soon.

If you would like to know more about Gardens for Wildlife Victoria go to gardensforwildlifevictoria.com and to Facebook.

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Dr Jill Teschendorff Convenor Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

Back Row Brian Bainbridge, Pam Cornthwaite, Fay Magee. Front Row Judy Weatherhead, Jill Teschendorff, Ronda Hall. Absent Marg Allan.

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# **CFA**

A long cold Winter in Trentham can be just as dangerous as a searing hot Summer if we are not prepared.

According to data from the Country Fire Authority and Fire Rescue Victoria most serious house fires start in the living and sleeping areas.

But their research shows that a concerning number of residents still don't have working smoke alarms in these locations. Many people will have smoke alarms in their houses, but the push is to have interconnected alarms that provide early warning during a fire.

Our Chief Officer, Jason Heffernan, said recent house fires in Victoria have been a timely reminder for everyone to instal smoke alarms - so that when one alarm activates, all alarms will sound.

On the CFA website, CO Heffernan urges that alarms should be installed in every bedroom, hallway and living area. "It takes just a few moments out of your day to test if your smoke alarm is in working order," he says.

CFA chiefs also point out that interconnected fire alarms in every bedroom, along the hallway and in living areas are the best form of defence. As well as alerting you promptly it enables your family much-needed time to escape.

It is important to note that alarms should be tested

# Trentham Lions Club

# May Farmers' Market

As usual the Lions Club of Trentham was busy doing things and projects to promote the spirit of and assist our local community.

The theme for our May Monthly Market was Autumn Harvest. As expected, there is always a lot that goes into the planning and running of the Market. The day starts at 7am when we start setting up the Market and usually finishes around 2pm with the closing and returning of the equipment to the shed. We believe it is important to provide the local avenue for fresh produce, hence we have always run the market despite rain, hail, or storm.

The cloudy weather and very low temperatures on the day did not dampen our spirit. The tasty BBQ was hosted by The Historical Society. Music was provided by our own Tim Walsh, a man of many talents and passion to contribute to our community.

# **Gita Khatri** Web Master

Lions Club of Trentham Inc District 201 V1-4 Club Number 44218 trentham@lions201v1-4.org.au





monthly; and that means pressing the test button on the alarm and wait for the test alarm to sound.

They should be cleaned once a year with a duster or vacuum cleaner and replaced every 10 years.

Also, replaceable batteries in a smoke alarm need to be changed yearly.

# **Brigade News**

Trentham Brigade is appreciative of the generous \$1000 donation by the East Trentham Fellowship, a well-known and highly respected philanthropic group. The proceeds will be put to good use, upgrading, and replacing some of our equipment.

Many thanks to the Fellowship and all our other donors.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to two of our stalwarts, Third Lieutenant Kate Smith, and Treasurer Vicki Sundblom. After many years of valuable service Kate and Vicki chose to hand the reins over but will continue to be active members of the Trentham Brigade.

Anthony White was elected to succeed Kate, while Michelle White was elected Treasurer.

In all other positions the incumbents were re-elected.

# Paul Healy Captain

# Eating your Garden

# **Pumpkin**

Despite the frustration of pumpkins all being harvested together – and the ensuing storage challenge – we'd never not grow pumpkin cause we love them. Our short summer limits the varieties that will mature here, but we've found success with the smaller varieties. For fabulous flavour Buttercup Pumpkin are our fruit (yes- in fact a berry!) of choice. Small (2kgs) with a shiny dark green outer and bright orange flesh. It has a dense rich pumpkiny flavour with, importantly, non-stringy flesh.

A wander through the market or grocer now has pumpkins of all fabulous shapes and sizes – some almost too attractive to eat. Almost! So what to do?

Obviously, roast them. And please, eat the skin!

Soup. Once you've taken the pumpkin out of the roasting tray, swirl some boiling water around inside to release the caramelised goodness and there's the basis of your stock.

Roasted Pumpkin is also great in a salad with wintery greens, salty feta and toasted nuts or seeds for crunch.

Don't like it roasted? Pop chunks in a curry to poach, stay with the veg theme by adding chickpeas instead of meat.

Lastly, be careful! The first cut into a large pumpkin is dangerous, they are unstable and often stubborn. You'll need your best knife- ensure that it's super sharp and your fingers are out of the way!

# **Plonkers**

As winter and COVID bear down on us once again, Digby and Niles are truly thankful to live in a country town with wonderful people and an abundance of delightful food and drink offerings to enjoy with friends.

This month we wined and dined at Aterics in Market Street.

Aterics is well known for morning coffee and cake, delicious lunches, and the ever-growing Trentham Sketching Group who meet every Tuesday morning (thanks Peter).

Lately, Aterics is developing a reputation as the place to be on Friday and Saturday nights. So along with a couple of friends and partners, we joined the regular devoted fans and sat down by the fire for a Friday night feast.

The evening began with an assortment of tapas-style snacks and a truly excellent local bubbly from Birthday Villa Winery, a small boutique Macedon Ranges winery in Malmsbury. Their sparkling is made from Gewurztraminer grapes which impart a full flavour to this delicious drop, a taste that is often only found in some of the better vintage French offerings.

We ordered the highly recommended dish of the day, a full-flavoured Beef Bourguignon and, while it wasn't on the menu, the chef whipped up a tasty mushroom risotto for our vegetarian loving friends – the food was excellent!

Good food deserves good wine- and Aterics has a small but excellent selection of high-quality local offerings, specialising in Passing Clouds and Curly Flat wines at very reasonable prices. From experience, the Curly Flat Chardonnay is a showstopper, but we thought the Beef Bourguignon deserved an accompanying red, so opted for the 2019 Passing Clouds Bendigo Shiraz. This classy wine was full-flavoured (typical of the region) without the heavy tannins often found in this big red variety.

The Bendigo Shiraz is a top drop by anyone's standards and to quote Digby: "when you are on to a good thing, stick with it". So, another bottle was quickly ordered and consumed with gusto before the bill was settled. And... yes, you've guessed it, off to the Cosmo for a cleansing ale.

Skál!

Digby & Niles The Plonkers



# Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

Congratulations to immediate Past Chair of the Quarry Street Reserve Committee of Management, David McCallum, who was recognised for his efforts with the committee and the Reserve in the recent DELWP Grampians Region Awards. David was acknowledged for his role in re-energising the committee and for his tireless work on numerous projects, as well as his contribution, along with his wife Jill and brother John, on huge numbers of working bees doing other tasks around the park.

Thanks for all that you have done, David!

Protected by the recently installed jute matting, some 80+ plants (including 15 different species) are growing near the Red Bridge. For the moment, there's a pause on planting until some species become available, possibly not for a few months. As we keep an eye on how these establish and begin to grow, further planting continues on the corner of Lelant and Victoria Streets. We use tube stock because the success and growth rates are at least as good as more mature plants plus we get more plants for our money!

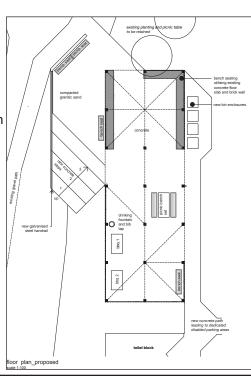


There is also news on the Pavilion and Toilet upgrade project. After a very productive meeting with the Hepburn Shire project officer, some adjustments had to be made to our first draft plans to fit into the allocated budget. Committee member, Steve Kelly, came up with some clever ways to keep the key elements of the pavilion extension, while reducing build costs (see plan below).

Next step is a revised Quantity Survey, including long awaited improvements to the Toilet Block. We may need to identify additional funds to get the best possible result for the community - stay tuned!

We're always keen to hear from you and welcome any and all volunteers to join us in the ongoing work on the park.

Helen van der Werff Chair TQSR Committee of Management



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The Saints Senior Football team has started the season undefeated with five wins from five games. The whole club is excited to have such a great start to the season and Senior Coach Rick Dowling is elated in how his men are performing.

The team has suffered injuries to some key players but the depth of talent and drive at the club remain strong resulting in players stepping up and filling holes when required.

The Reserves have also had a strong start to the season with only the one loss.

Our netballers and juniors have not had the start to the season we were hoping for, however as numbers in our juniors continue to grow regardless of the score it is great to see everyone back playing community sport.

Photos: Liv Bourke & Steve Hammond.





# **Golf Report**

As the weather has started to turn for the worse, there has been a noticeable change in the scoring, with the cold weather making it a good deal harder to post a low score.

Men's pennant has finished for the season. While our Division 3 handicap team didn't have the best of seasons, our Restricted Pennant team have made the final. It is being held on Sunday, May 23 at Whittlesea Golf Club. Good luck to those involved in the final and thank you to all players who represented the club this season.

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IN THE WOMBAT FOREST

The second round of the mixed championship was held on Saturday, May 15. Sue Byrne and John Hudson won the day with an excellent 82/70.375. They currently lead by 5 shots from Kirsten Jensen and Alan Snowden. The next round of the mixed championship will be held on Saturday June 26. The qualifying round of the men's doubles knockout was held on Saturday May 8, and the first round is on Saturday, May 22. Good luck to all those playing.

# Simon Ovenden Club Captain

# Women's Report

Gisborne Challenge match was played on the 8th of May. 17 Trentham women travelled to Gisborne to play. This is a yearly event but was not played last year due to Covid restrictions. Gisborne won this year's match with an average score of 27 points compared to Trentham's score of 25. Next year the game will be played at Trentham and we will be hoping for a home course advantage so we may regain the trophy.

Our pennant teams have one round to play in the home and away games. At this stage our Division 2 team has to record a good win to make the finals. Good luck to all players.

The May monthly medal for Wednesday was won by Helen Young with a 72 nett. Terri O'Callaghan and Alex Evered drew for the Saturday medal with a nett 74. They will play off in June to decide the winner.

Our Doubles Championships are also underway, the first round was played mid-May and the second round early June.

Veronica Maher Women's Captain

# Life Activities Club

# **Club Members Celebrate their ReConnection**

A glorious Autumn day provided the backdrop for residents of Trentham and the surrounding districts to gather together after the past year of COVID. Over 50 people attended an afternoon tea sponsored by the Trentham & Districts Life Activities Club and the Shire of Hepburn.

Life Activities Club members enjoy several activities specifically for the over 50's in the area, and on display during the afternoon were some of them. Those attending were able to see Mahjong, Petanque and Tai Chi in action; along with information about the Garden Club, the Foodies and the Craft Group. On display were also plans for the new Community Hub.

Other regular activities on offer by the Club are Wednesday Walkers, Bush Walking and newly introduced Ballroom and Old Time Dancing. For those cold days inside, there is a scrabble and jigsaw library.

The afternoon was a welcome "re-connection" for members and new people to the district alike. A delicious

afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream as well as sandwiches was provided by members; and ladies from the committee worked tirelessly in the kitchen to ensure that no one went hungry.



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon of great weather and companionship, the event providing a kick start to all the activities the Club has to offer. As the Club motto goes – life's better together!

To find out how you can join, contact the Club Activities Co-ordinator and President Di Clausen on 0429 008 763.





Guests at the Afternoon Tea (clockwise from left):

Caroline and Deputy Mayor Brian Hood

Al, Graham, Bill and Bushan Susan and Trevor



# **VACCINE UPDATE**



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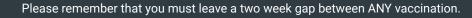
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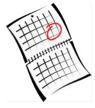
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Community Groups Listing thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

# **CFA**

Open Day Every Sunday from 9:30am

# Cosmo Art

Gayle Cykner 'Honouring the Ordinary'

# **Cosmo Hotel**

Meat Tray Raffle Supporting CERT in June Every Friday 7pm New Winter Menu starts after Lockdown!

# Hepburn Shire Council Meeting 15 May 6pm

# **Lions Schedule**

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

### **Table Tennis**

Wednesday nights from 6.30pm Trentham Mechanics Institute 0439 350 110

# Trentham District Football and Netball Club

Senior Training Football Tues & Thurs 6.15pm Netball Thurs 7pm

# **Trentham Film Society**

Woman at War 19 June 7pm @ TNC 0417 081 611

# **Trentham Golf Club**

Learn to play golf \$20 with PAG teacher of the year Stuart Leong 27 June 3pm-4.30pm 0419 542 876 / 0481 119 983

# **Trentham Lions Club**

Farmers' Market 19th June 9am - 1pm Town Square

### TNC

see www.trenthamnc.org.au

# **Trentham Sustainability Group**

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Enquiries: Anne-Marie Pedeau on 0417 081 611

### June 19 2021

# **WOMAN AT WAR**

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Tylden General Store	12:45	5:08	9:16	2:40		
Trentham Milk Bar (Market St)	12:55	5:18	9:26	2:50		
Tylden General Store	1:05	5:28	9:36	3:00		
Kyneton Station	1:12	5:35	9:43	3:07		
Kyneton Town Centre	1:15	5:38	9:46	3:10		

# Next Month in the Trumpet

More details of the Trumpet's contribution to our fabulo us Words in Winter Festival: we'll be announcing how to enter our Six Word Story Challenge. It might sound simple, but it's not for the faint hearted - every word must pack a punch!

And July will be our Winter Edition! We'll have wonderful winter recipes, winter photos, winter gardens, winter interiors, winter food and winter wine...

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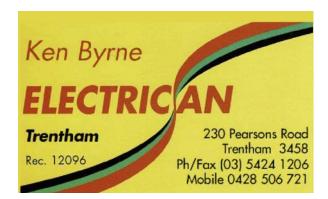
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