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COLIBAN WARD UPDATE

NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY

Congratulations to Cr Tim Drylie, who Councillors voted as the new Mayor for the next 12 months, with Cr Jen Bray as Deputy Mayor. CEO Bradley Thomas said the decision recognises the great work Crs Drylie and Bray do on behalf of their communities. Mr Thomas also acknowledged the considerable work of former Mayor Cr Lesley Hewitt and former Deputy Mayor Cr Brian Hood and their contribution to the community, Councillors and staff over the year.

ACCESS TO COUNCIL FACILITIES

Under the Victorian Government's COVID roadmap, anyone over 16 years must show proof of vaccination to enter Council facilities. This includes our libraries, hubs, Duke Street Customer Service and Visitor Information Centres. We understand that this may be difficult for some residents. Thank you for your understanding and compassion for our staff, who are simply doing their job and following the mandated requirements. Library members can also choose to use click and collect items. Find out how at <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/hepburn-libraries-3/>.

END OF YEAR CLOSURE

Just a reminder that Council Offices, Depots, Hubs and Libraries will close at 2.00pm on Friday 24 of December and reopen on Tuesday 4 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.

Kerbside bin collection won't be impacted over the festive period, so please put out your bins as usual. Councillors and staff wish you a safe and happy break over the festive season.

HEPBURN LIFE

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VISION AND COUNCIL PLAN

Council recently adopted the 10-year Community Vision and 4-year Council Plan, and we couldn't have done it without you. This is a great example of the community and Council working together to ensure we have a plan that reflects the aspirations of our community. We've held lots of community drop-in sessions, hosted surveys and reached out to you, the community, in so many different ways. Thank you to everyone who took the time to be involved. This vision and plan reflects many of your aspirations for the future of our wonderful Shire.



SUSTAINABLE HEPBURN

Sustainable Hepburn is a new strategy that will be Council's updated commitment to environmental sustainability. Community consultation kicked off in November with the formation of a Sustainable Hepburn Community Reference Group. This comprises of four technical working groups - Beyond zero emissions, Natural environment and biodiversity, Low waste, and Climate and water resilience. The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input into the strategy. Find out more at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/sustainable-hepburn>.

UPDATE ON LOCAL PROJECTS

Community members are invited to an open day planned for Sunday 5 December to celebrate the past history of the Trentham Mechanics Institute (66 High Street) before works commence to transform the site to the Trentham Community Hub in 2022. Council will consider awarding the contract for the hub at the Council Meeting held from 6pm on Tuesday 21 December.

Works are underway on the new Trentham Sportsground Reserve Pavilion. Temporary facilities will be arranged for the 2022 football and netball season. The oval and gym will remain accessible throughout construction. The project is expected to be completed by September 2022.

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OUR COUNCIL - DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Editorial

Hello Trentham!

We've made it through a year of Trumpets! We've no doubt this was only possible because of the fabulous contributions, encouragement, enthusiasm, and gentle guidance from the wonderful people who've helped us. It's no secret we came into this gig with zero experience (we are two insurance boffins!) so thank you to our support crew (subtly listed on the cover) we're incredibly grateful. And to anyone we've overlooked, our heartfelt apologies xx

In addition to preserving the Trumpet history, now safely stored on our Trumpet website (thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au - thank you Hepburn Shire Council!) we're pleased to say the Trumpet is out of financial straits and its future is again secure. This means we can hold our advertising rates flat next year (see page 4) and reduce some which seemed out of kilter. Thank you to those who advertised with us this year - and for anyone keen to reserve your spot for next year, email us at trumpet@trentham.com.au.

As we type this, the wind is whipping up a frenzy - again! Now more than ever we need to consider our environmental actions. A shout out to our online subscribers, saving consumables - our planet thanks you, and a reminder that we'll be running our 100 'Green' Bottle initiative until Christmas (details page 21) Pop down to The Green Store and make little steps matter.

It's unimaginable that 2021 could be so challenging after 2020, but here we are, all wearing our scars and whiplash from change. Be kind and look after yourself, your neighbours and our precious community. Have a wonderful festive season, enjoy catching up on all the special occasions we've missed this year. And please stay safe.

Thank you Trentham for entrusting us with the Trumpet. It's been a learning curve, but a fabulous experience and we're looking forward to being back at the helm again next year.

Regards,
Chris & Penny

REMINISCING AT THE TRENTHAM MECHANICS INSTITUTE A DAY OF CELEBRATION

The Project Advisory Group invites you to join them for a day of

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT
as we gather together as a community.

This event is being held ahead of work on the new facility, and, in so doing, remembering the past, honouring the present and looking forward to the future.

There will be entertainment for all ages.

Sunday, 5th December
11am to 4pm
Trentham Mechanics Institute Hall

ALL WELCOME

PROGRAM

11 am: Displays of the past, present and future of the Hall.
Face Painting/ Children's Activities.

12 noon: Free BBQ

2pm to 3pm: Tales from the past from local older residents including, Mary Walsh, Ina Bertrand, & Kit Manning
Devonshire Tea

Demonstrations:

2pm: Tai Chi

2.30pm Karate

3pm: Boot scooting

3.30pm: Old time Dancing.

Music will be provided by: Tim Walsh, Maria Forde, Just Us, Lyn Dernelley and the Ukelele Group



About the Trumpet

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

The Trentham 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.

The editorial team reserves the right to refuse any article or advertising and to edit articles for length and clarity. Opinions expressed in articles are not necessarily those of the editorial team.

Articles should be no more than 350 words, longer pieces can be discussed with the editorial team for inclusion. Letters should be short and to the point, ideally no more than 200 words. Trumpet Notes are a brief acknowledgment that compliments, celebrates, shares a memory or gives a note of thanks. Images and logos need to be provided as jpegs or pdfs.

All submissions need to embrace our goals of inclusiveness, constructiveness and positivity.


The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month before.

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Remembrance Day

'Remembering' in Trentham – 11-11-2021

There was a small attendance, but a very moving service at the Cenotaph in Trentham to remember those that are serving, have served and those that we have lost in Service.

The Service was officiated by Mr Michael Gretton, Secretary of the Kyneton RSL. Wreaths were laid by Mr Graeme Cooper on behalf of Trentham Lodge, Mr John Riches on behalf of the Kyneton RSL and Cr Brian Hood, who laid a



wreath on behalf of the Hepburn Shire Council.

A quiet and solemn service, it did remind us of those who have kept our shores safe and country more so. We give thanks to them all. To the 'Animals of Service' we remember them too. When passing the Cenotaph please stop a moment and read the names upon it. In reading them it gives them a presence in our time.



I live in Woodend, usually attend the Kyneton service as my parents were members of the Kyneton RSL there, but this year my husband Graham and I wanted to visit another service and so with friends Natalie and Mike Gretton, Elizabeth Toomey and John Riches we did so. It was a very touching and memory provoking service.

In finishing and on behalf of everyone... thank you for making us feel welcome in Trentham today, you are a spirited community and a welcoming one.

'Lest We Forget'

Lynny Ingles

left: L-R: Michael Gretton, Graeme Cooper, Brian Hood, and John Riches
above: Natalie Gretton in the company of John Riches and Elizabeth Toomey



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Art News

The Generous Little Gallery

Covid didn't stop Little Gallery raise whopping charity funds.

A Trentham Little Gallery charity fund-raising exhibition powered its way to raise a total of \$13,000, despite the show being closed down by a snap lockdown within hours of its official opening.

The town's artist run gallery had planned a show, White Winter Rabbit Exhibition, showcasing works by the gallery team plus 14 invited artists, with an ambition to raise funds to support mental health via the local Path of the Horse's PTSD work.

Damage to the Quarry Street Reserve during the June "Trentham Tornado" resulted in the Gallery expanding the project to also donate funds raised to support restoration work there.

LG artist Rose Wilson said: "The storm caused so much damage, it was difficult to decide how we could help".

"But we figured the Reserve also supports good community mental health as it has been a place of beauty, contemplation, laughter, gatherings and a venue for community events such as Spudfest and Carols at Christmas".

The lockdown came out of the blue but LG decided "the show must go on," she said - so they went on-line with the exhibition and its associated raffle.

Once the funds raised were tallied at a whopping \$13,000, cheques for \$6500 each were donated to Path of the Horse and to the Quarry Street Reserve.

Dean Mighell and the Quarry Street Reserve management committee gratefully accepted the cheques, presented by artist Helen Cottle, and said funds would be used to assist in building a covered outdoor arena for wet weather conditions and for the planting of mature trees that was destroyed during the storm at places such as around the Quarry St playground.



Path of the Horse's Dean Mighell with Helen Cottle of The Little Gallery



Helen Cottle, Little Gallery with Quarry St Reserve team - Fay Magee, Charles Sherock, John Riches, Pam Cornthwaite, Helen van der Werff

Meanwhile, covid uncertainty means the Little Gallery has reluctantly postponed a planned pre Christmas exhibition of small affordable works by local artists but it hopes to run a similar show in the lead up to Christmas 2022.

However, Rose said LG is constantly replenishing the work it has on show, meaning plenty of options for those considering art as a Christmas gift idea, and she urged Trentham "to shop local" for Christmas as the town has so many wonderful shops.

Peter Young with Rose Wilson

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Cool Country Men's Shed

Historic heating at Cool Country Men's Shed

The chestnut roaster built by Russell Petherbridge in 1994 found a home at the old Trehwella Foundry's pattern shop when it was remodelled into a home.

Jim Sinatra, the present owner of the property, donated the roaster to the Shed, where it was carefully restored by members. It now holds pride of place in the centre of the workshop, ready to shoo away the chilly air next winter.



Member Bob Storms with the restored chestnut roaster

Members recently completed a project at Trentham Neighbourhood Centre. After the floor was replaced, the hearth needed retiling. A request to the Shed saw members glad to take the job on to help a community facility.

Have a project in mind? Email cool.country.mens.shed@gmail.com for a Request Form.

A project to which all are welcome is a **working bee** to prepare the Shed grounds for the fire season. **Roll up from 9.30am on Saturday December 11.** Bring along a brush cutter, chainsaw, and/or enthusiasm, and if you've not been to the Shed for a while, have a look around at what it offers.



Test-and-tagging

Electrical items, not recently bought, may need to be tested at regular intervals. This testing is not required for items used at home but is for items used at a work site or for resale.

The Shed now offers testing and tagging at \$5 per item for Shed members and community groups, \$10 for others. Items need to be brought to the Shed and picked up when tested: please book by email.

The Shed workshop is open for members each Wednesday from 9.30am, with more times planned for 2022. The social area / kitchen (insulated and heated) is available for use by community groups – send an email to enquire.

Charles Sherlock, Secretary
Cool Country Men's Shed
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Trentham Lions Club

Lions Club News

One of the really special things about Trentham Farmers' Market is the live music! This month it was provided by our talented local musicians Tim Walsh and Fay Magee, along with Katrina Buttigieg from Gisborne. Magic!

Our club is so pleased to run this market as it provides the opportunity for our local community to come together and enjoy the friendly atmosphere. Local producers and artisans are able to promote and sell their unique wares. The market always has a fine selection of local dairy produce, honey, eggs, live poultry, meat, preserves, chocolates, locally grown famous Trentham potatoes, olive products, organic wines, jewellery, footwear and plants – and more.

The Trentham Sustainability Group once again provided their produce exchange table enabling attendees to purchase and exchange wonderful garden products.



Trentham Lions Club roster the monthly market BBQ to local groups and this month, Trentham Men's Shed ran the BBQ to raise funds for their ongoing operations. Trentham Lions Club and the Australian Lions Foundation jointly contributed \$30,000 towards the construction of the shed and it is pleasing to see it in operation.



We welcomed Inga Hamilton and Ryan Turner from Hepburn Shire Council who made themselves available to talk to locals about the storm recovery program

The next Farmers' Market is on 18 December – great for last minute gifts or to stock your Christmas pantry!

Volunteering is critical to keeping our communities healthy and functioning. For 75 years, Lions have been supporting communities across Australia – watch out for news on these celebrations.

Another well-known Lions event in our town is Carols by Candlelight on 3 December. Make sure that you come along and enjoy this very special event with your picnic rug or chairs. You will be assured of a wonderful evening.

If anyone is interested in being involved in community work why not contact our Lions Club on 0418 555 035 or email us trentham@lions201v1-4.org.au

Stan Falloon
0418 555 035

Hepburn Shire Tracks and Trails Engagement

Thank you to everyone who provided input regarding two possible projects – a walking and cycling rail trail connecting Daylesford to Hanging Rock in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and extending the existing heritage tourist rail from Bullarto to Trentham.

We had an amazing response rate with close to 800 responses and are analysing the results. We'll release more information and next steps early next year. Meanwhile, to ask a question or to be added to the mailing list for this project, please email trails@hepburn.vic.gov.au.

Trentham Sustainability Group

Gifts for a sustainable Christmas

There are many simple and creative ways to show your care and appreciation for loved ones without the waste that often comes with Christmas celebrations, particularly so-called 'stocking-fillers' which are generally items that end up almost immediately in land-fill - novelty gifts just aren't worth it. If you must buy stuff, try to go for locally made, good quality, useful items that will last. But if you want to try a different approach here are a few suggestions from the Trentham Sustainability Group!



Vouchers All you need to do is draw up a little card detailing what you can offer as a gift to a friend or family member. How about 2 hrs of gardening, a series of 10 minute shoulder massages, a lawn mow, a haircut, walk the dog, babysitting, a tennis lesson - anything you can offer with a bit of your time and your unique skills.

Muesli You can buy individual ingredients in bulk from Hepburn Wholefoods Collective, or The Source in Ballarat and make your own signature mix. Load it into recycled jars and tie a ribbon around the lid (tip: labels come off easily using a bit of olive oil and bi-carb soda paste)

Flower bouquets You don't need classic flowers to make bouquets, get experimental by combining all sorts of foliage from your own garden.

Trentham Friends of Bees

Summer is (supposedly) on its way to our region, and that brings a new problem for humans and bees.

It was a lovely sunny morning last week when we spotted the first queen wasp hunting for a place to build a nest. Our local bees are still late swarming (we haven't had many consecutive warm days, which acts as the trigger for an entire colony of bees to seek a new home – see October and November Trumpets for more information on honey bee swarms). However, they will soon settle, and the urge to move on will reduce.

The European Wasp (also called a Yellow Jacket) is an introduced species. Unlike the gentle honey bee (also an introduced species) which pollinates flowers and generally leaves other critters alone, the European Wasp is aggressive and actively hunts other insects, or your BBQ sausage, to feed its larvae. They are a threat to native insects and your lamb chop.

Many people confuse bees and wasps. The wasp is bright yellow with black stripes and yellow legs. Bees have no interest in meat. That pest harassing you when dining outdoors is most definitely a wasp. They can be aggressive and, unlike the honey bee, will sting multiple times without dying. Disturbing a wasp nest is very, very dangerous. The best defence against a wasp nest is to stop one forming.

Only one wasp survives the winter season. The rest of the colony and its nest perished the previous Autumn.

A new fertile queen wasp has been hibernating and is now searching for the perfect location for a nest. She will be searching under the house, under the veranda and in the eaves. Often, she will mistakenly come inside the house, rarely will a honey bee come inside (unless you're a beekeeper and the bee is trying to get her honey back!).

Home-produce hampers Gather your home-grown veggies and herbs, you could add some seeds too. Combined with a 'voucher' of your gardening expertise, giving seedlings, and sharing your skills is a great way to encourage others to connect with the land.

Artwork Hand-drawn, painted, sculpted - you name it - it's like giving a piece of yourself!

Music playlist Use Spotify to make a custom play-list for someone special

Wrapping Use old magazines, old posters, your kids' paintings, or fabric off-cuts. Old National Geographics have some compelling images for wrapping smaller gifts and retro tea-towels make for wrapping that's a gift in itself!

Experiences Making a gift of something to do together builds relationships with loved ones and helps create memories that will last longer than this year's latest fad or fashion and it won't fill the storage cupboards either!

Donate to a charitable organisation If you're expected to spend a certain amount of money to show your appreciation, consider donating on someone's behalf to a charity they support. This is a winning strategy if you draw 'The Person who has Everything' in Kris Kringle!

So, take the opportunity this Christmas to make presents and memories that won't cost the earth and ensure that it's a festive time for the environment as well!

The wasp queen will find a quiet, dark spot to lay her first worker wasps and quickly, the nest will grow to 5000 wasps. At the height of summer, the nest could be 10,000 wasps strong. These wasps will be searching, killing and chopping up as many insects as they find to feed the growing colony. Beehives will be on constant alert. A wasp colony that discovers a weaker beehive will decimate the entire colony over several days, killing every last bee and gorging on the stored honey for strength and kicks.

So far this wet, cold spring, our local bee hives are struggling. A wasp attack on a hive is awful to witness, and once they start, near impossible to stop. Beekeepers set wasp traps and restrict the hive entrance to a few millimetres only, which allows single bees to get in and out and helps the guard bees trying to limit access. It's an experience to watch the mid-air 'dog fights' between bees and wasps once the bees have control of the hive entrance.

Right now, keep a vigilant eye out for the queen wasp.

She's much bigger than a worker wasp, and you may see her searching around and in the house. Unfortunately, you need to kill her. You can spray her. Once a wasp nest is established, it's quite a job to remove. Under **no circumstances should you use insect spray on an active wasp nest**. They will immediately turn aggressive and put you in danger. If you find a wasp nest in a month or two, specialist treatments are available, which should only be used at night or call a professional pest removal service.

In the meantime, if you see a big ball of bees hanging off a branch or a post or the letterbox, call the Woodend Bee-Friendly Society on 0417 313 002, and they will organise a rescue and rehome.

Bee Friendly, Bee Kind!



Councillor's Report

Mayor – Cr Timothy Drylie (Creswick) was elected Mayor (4-3) for the 21/22 year on 16 November. He takes over from Cr Lesley Hewitt who did a sterling job as Mayor over the past year in difficult and challenging circumstances. I nominated to continue in the deputy Mayor role in anticipation of again working closely with Cr Hewitt but withdrew my nomination when she was not successful in her nomination. Cr Bray (Daylesford/Hepburn) was subsequently elected Deputy Mayor unopposed.



Storm disaster recovery – 5 months into the vast amount of storm recovery work Council continues to work closely with a range of other State government agencies and contractors. The most recent forecasts indicate the recovery work will take 2 years to complete.

In the three months July to September Council has spent \$2.8 million on recovery works, an unbudgeted cost placing financial strain and workload pressure on the organisation. The financial cost is running at almost a million dollars a month. To put that into context, Council's shire-wide rates income is \$24 million a year (\$2m a month). Council doesn't yet know what percentage of these costs will be reimbursed by State and Federal government relief programs, however that uncertainty is not impeding works. Because we're concerned about the cost, pace, and extent of the works, we are meeting with State Government frequently to advocate for more funding and assistance.

The distribution of free firewood is underway and is likely to continue for some time as there are vast quantities available. Around 220 cubic metres is being distributed each week. Residents can also get firewood from local organisations that Council has supplied.

Council has prioritised work on roadsides and essential infrastructure to safeguard community safety. This has included works to ensure fire access tracks under Council's control are cleared and to ensure that existing and potential risks are addressed in a timely way. We are very mindful of the upcoming fire season. The removal of fire fuel loads is supported by DELWP and the CFA.

Council remains committed to ensuring support is provided to make our walking trails safe and is working with Parks Victoria regarding Trentham Falls. Although not eligible for storm recovery and must be funded by Council, these critical assets will not be neglected - their importance for locals and visitors is well-recognised.

Major projects – Council awarded a \$1.85m construction contract to a Ballarat firm for the Sportsground pavilion upgrade works at its October meeting and construction has begun. Works to upgrade the Quarry St Reserve Pavilion and toilets will be deferred into early 2022 as no bids were received in the first round of tenders. A more positive outcome is expected from the re-tendering process currently underway. Tender bids for the Community Centre are being evaluated and it is intended to award a construction contract at Council's December meeting with works to commence early next year.

Footpaths – the new High St footpath from Quarry St to Blue Mount and Mulcahys Roads has been completed and works are underway in Market St between Albert

and Victoria Streets. A new footpath will very soon be constructed from McCashney Way to Falls Rise.

Council – Council adopted its long-term strategic plan and 10-year financial projections (a very sobering set of numbers) in October. I have previously noted the significant challenge for councillors is reconciling the community's high expectations to financial projections that include underlying deficits; the highly restrictive impact of rate capping; heavy reliance on securing operating and capital grants from state and federal governments; a massive backlog of capital works projects and very low levels of unrestricted cash (which provides a buffer against unforeseen emergencies or discretionary spending). While the plan is ambitious and aspirational some difficult decisions are needed if Council's financial viability is to be stabilised and improved. In view of Council's financial position and recent deteriorating outlook councillors have resolved to conduct a comprehensive review of the FY22 budget within December. The objective is to address Council's liquidity and to ensure priorities and commitments are aligned to the new Council plan and represent an equitable allocation across the Shire.

Salvaging at transfer stations; planting on nature strips; collection of firewood – Councillors have recently reviewed the Local Laws governing these three areas after extensive consultation with the community, thereby overturning unpopular decisions made by the previous council. Revised guidelines will be released soon.

The Rex – councillors resolved 4-3 to not award a construction contract; to cease the project; sell the building; and directed officers to prepare a report addressing staff accommodation needs and options for the Daylesford library and cinema.

Community centre open day – the six community members on the Project Advisory Group (PAG), in conjunction with Council, are holding an open day on Sunday December 5 from 11am-4pm at the Mechanics Hall to reminisce and celebrate that hall's colourful history before works start early in 2022. Photographic memorabilia will be on display along with plans for the new building. Eminent citizens will speak on the hall's history and events ("Tea and Tales"), musical and other entertainment will be provided, various hall user groups will give demonstrations, and a sausage-sizzle lunch provided. The Trentham Lions Club and the Trentham & District Historical Society are supporting the event.

Covid-19 – after enduring lockdowns and restrictions we are finally getting back to something resembling "normal" ... just in time for Christmas and summer! If Covid-19 has one valuable lesson it serves as a reminder of how important our friends and family are. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas/summer period. Stay safe and healthy and enjoy your time with loved ones... and don't forget to support the wonderful local businesses who also did it tough but were here for us. And thanks for your support, encouragement, and feedback throughout the past year.

Upcoming Council meeting – 21 December 2021

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Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

Bushland Zone: It's nearly 12 months since planting in this zone commenced and the growth is very pleasing. The deciduous trees are regaining their greens and a variety of blooms, including some smaller ones in the bushland area, are popping up amidst the well-established grasses. Ongoing planting will focus on the waterways with a few hundred rushes and grasses ready to go in.

Bollards: The re-instatement of the bollards at the Lelant St carpark, paid for by the Committee, is another step in repairing the Reserve post-June-storm. The nearby grassed areas are slowly regenerating – the local birds haven't eaten all the seed! Speaking of birds, the sight of the Coot chicks and large broods of ducklings is bringing much interest and excitement as visitors and locals walk around the track. There's also a bit of steely guarding from parents going on!

Donations: We're delighted to have received two significant donations recently, one from Bendigo Bank, the other from The Little Gallery's White Rabbit fundraiser exhibition. Some of these funds will be used for maintenance as well as new seats. In particular, we will be organising for more mature-sized trees to be planted in the vicinity of the playground as part of providing future shade.

Volunteers: Our previous Working Bees have been poorly attended (thanks to those who did come along!), so we've decided to be flexible, working with volunteers at times which suit them / you! If you and a friend would like to be part of this, we'd be delighted to provide the necessary materials, plants, paperwork, etc. Some groups join in each week to work on a variety of tasks. Demonstrations regarding planting, mulching etc can be easily arranged.

The Story Costumer

Lost and Found

There's word around town of strange, unexpected sightings of The Long-Lost Trentham Trolls.

It has been suggested the 'Once in a hundred-year storm' may have disturbed the habitat of these usually shy and reclusive creatures. Resident troll 'experts' have advised that the creatures might venture to the outskirts of town, in search of shelter, food or a good latte.

The Story Costumer, a unique Costume Hire, creation, and event business, opened at The Old Post Office on May 3rd. Interest, curiosity, and business were building steadily, so the once in a hundred-year storm in June was not ideal, impacting on opening at a critical phase.

Planned events were cancelled, costume orders/hires stopped and visits to the shop were impacted. A spark was needed (preferably not another natural disaster!)

Thanks to the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and Regional Arts Victoria, Caroline Sarah (The Story Costumer) was successful with a Creative Recovery Small Grants: Storms 2021, to create such a spark.

Caroline will create three larger than life fun-loving

Quick updates: The Pavilion/Toilets update project is still awaiting completion of the tender process. We were unsuccessful in our application for a government grant for Shade Sails for the playground. We'll re-apply in the next round.



costumer characters that roam into town, engaging with willing locals and visitors.

Friendly Trolls let loose in town? What fun!

Contact Caroline (Troll explorer) on 0400 279 743 to arrange potential sightings at your business, school, or service. Sightings can be added to Trentham Connections or The Story Costumer on Instagram/Facebook. You can also bring evidence to The Story Costumer at the Old Post Office. It's rumoured there might be a prize for the best sighting evidence.

Trolls will be out and about for random sightings between December 15-January 14, 2022.

Who knows what might happen?



Sketchy Musings

Christmas comes but once a year and is followed, the day afterwards, with hot cross buns going on sale.

In pre-covid times, the pre-Christmas retail activity and widespread household installation of Chrissy decorations seemed to start earlier and earlier each year.

It certainly crept well into November.

Might be my imagination, but that trend seems to have been a little more muted this more sombre, frequently locked down year.

However, one trend that seems eternal is the Aussie bloke tradition of waking up on the last shopping day before Christmas and panicking about the need to go Christmas shopping with no gift ideas whatsoever in my - in their - heads.

My own blokie Christmas disasters include profound matrimonial deafness on the issue of her hints - I could have sworn she had angled hard for a vacuum cleaner that year!

And there was that disastrous freezing Christmas day 10 or more years ago when I swept up all the Christmas wrapping, screwed it all up and shoved it into the wood heater fire.

The earrings our son had painstakingly researched and travelled across town to buy for his mother perished in the inferno.

In a moment of efficiency, back in my days with my snout in the corporate trough, I once sent my executive assistant out to buy the Missus a Christmas gift, figuring this would save me time and would be a winning idea because a woman buying a gift for another woman has got to work out fine and dandy.



Which it did!

I got to thinking about this the other week while sitting on the deserted road south from Trentham waiting for the hi-viz-vest road worker to rotate their sign from "stop" to "slow" and to wave me through the other roadside workers chain sawing trees that had again come down in strong overnight wind.

My intended destination was an art exhibition in Geelong showcasing Archibald Prize portraits from the last 100 years.

The dots somehow joined up in my head and, surveying the downed trees all around, I remembered somebody once saying to me: "shake a tree in Trentham and an artist will probably fall out".

Didn't see any artists there but did also remember our town's Little Gallery one year running a pre-Christmas exhibition of small, affordable works by nearly 30 local artists, promoting the show with a slogan that an original work of art could be the perfect Christmas gift for the person who already has everything.

Might be an idea there for "Trumpet" readers?

There are plenty of talented local artists from whom to choose.

I must sign off now, offer compliments of the season and go sketch my gal Sal a surprise Christmas gift.

Peter Young

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and 'tis the season to be joyous. There is always something to be grateful for... the warmer weather, being able to unmask, seeing the bright smiles on everyone's faces and finally meeting up with old friends and family. Yes, it does feel a lot like Christmas!



Community Bank Trentham & Districts and CCCE board are thankful to our customers, shareholders and our diverse and growing community. We have weathered some incredible challenges together and have shown unwavering support of each other which is something to be very proud of. No matter what your Christmas looks like this year the team at Community Bank Trentham & Districts and CCCE directors would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas, always.

Community Investment News

Here's a snapshot of the investments and projects that CCCE and Community Bank Trentham & Districts have contributed to recently:

Woodend Golf Club: On-course signage is just the beginning of what we see as an ongoing and supportive relationship that brings multiple benefits to all.

Trentham Trumpet: Sponsorship of our community newspaper supports the ongoing running costs of the publication that shares current local stories and events.

Storm Recovery Photographic Series: Sponsorship of a fabulous online photographic and story project by Sandy Scheltema documents locals' experiences of living through the Great Storm,

Historical Society: The new TDHS Archive Building Facility is a much-needed space for the long-term preservation of valuable papers, photos and artefacts.

Quarry Street Reserve: Grant to assist funding for the Committee of Management to improve the waterways, planting and general maintenance that preserves the Reserve.

Karly Thaw Planting Guide: Printing of local vegetable planting guide in a cool and frost tolerant climate.

Christmas Lights Competition: Annual sponsorship of the hard-fought town lights competition, in partnership with TNC.

TDFNC and Cricket Club: A new Gatehouse, Ticketing and Storage Facility will manage entry into the sport-grounds, provide weather protection for volunteers, and protect the storage of sporting equipment. (yet to start construction)

2022 Magic Moments Youth Leadership and Business Summit - 19-20 January 2022

If you know a young person aged between 14-17 who has the drive and motivation to develop their skills in business and leadership then you won't want to miss out on this great 2-day online event that offers fantastic opportunities

for personal growth. Limited places available. For more information, email cparis@tcce.com.au

Trentham Golf Course - 2 Person Par 3 Ambrose Event - Sunday 30 Jan, 2022

We're proud to sponsor this much anticipated event, now to be held at the end of January next year. Tee-Off Time is 9.30 am and players will play in groups of 4 (2 Pairs). Cost of entry is \$50 per pair. Trentham & Districts Community Bank sponsored prizes to be won on the day are: 1st Prize \$250 per player (\$500), 2nd Prize \$150 per player (\$300), 3rd Prize \$100 per player (\$200). 'Nearest the Pin' prizes will be on every hole, provided by Drummond Golf Niddrie.

In the spirit of all things Christmas, in a tradition we started last year and intend to continue, the decorated CCCE Xmas tree will be found in the centre of Trentham at the Town Square from 2 December 2021.



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December 2021



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

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Thursday 9th Dec, 2pm



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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Christmas Lights

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Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

Program Launch

The launch of the program finally took place on Monday 8 November with a capacity crowd of 17 at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre. The program has been developed by Jill Teschendorff – Jill's property "Green Lion" was recently featured on Gardening Australia - and Brian Bainbridge who is our Shire Biodiversity Officer. Gardens for Wildlife Victoria is the over-arching body to which this group is connected.



The Trentham group is the first up and running with 5 trained mentors ready to assist locals develop their gardens to support wildlife habitat through using local native plants. A group of mentors is also already trained for the Creswick area.

The program is now auspiced by the Neighbourhood Centres in the Shire and registering for the program is already happening with several local Trentham residents signing up via TNC. Two mentors will soon begin the visits to these properties. Owners are invited firstly to have a basic idea in mind as to what they wish to achieve within what possibilities their property offers, eg land features, wetter areas, existing trees and shrubs which can be incorporated.

The principles of planting for native biodiversity are now well-developed and local plant suppliers are providing stock grown from locally-sourced seed which aims at the best match for plant and environment.

The program will also include workshops at local centres and opportunities for garden visits. For more information or to connect with the program, contact your local Neighbourhood Centre or check our Facebook page.



Judy Weatherhead, Pam Cornthwaite, Jill Teschendorff, Fay Magee and Susie Kilby



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Trentham and Districts Historical Society Inc

Trentham Archives, 2021

Trenthamites know that the key to our district’s character is its rich and diverse history - and it is this that the TDHS aims to preserve and make available to our community. The arrival of the building that will become **The Trentham Archives** is the latest stage in this commitment, one that began with the inception of our Society in 1987, and has been realised through the hard work and initiative of members and Committees since.

The Trentham Archives will meet the storage and research needs of the community, becoming the focus for the Society’s acquisition, cataloguing, and preservation of material of local historical significance. In freeing up other buildings, it also presents opportunities for permanent and temporary exhibitions for our community to enjoy.

What is the Purpose and Need?

The existing facilities at the Old Police Station (OPS) site are no longer adequate to perform the core function of an historical society - archiving. The TDHS now has responsibility for 4000+ items of historical significance. Our compactus, full of documents, photographs, family history material, artefacts and newspapers, is stored in the former garage of the police complex (right), along with equipment and furniture. An overflow of collection items is stored in the police station itself, the tack room of the stables and a tin shed on site.



This arrangement has always proved challenging for our curatorial team. TDHS has long offered a family history research service. A recent photograph below demonstrates how such research is currently undertaken, often with the most delicate, historical material finding its way to the floor! Moving forward we are looking to expand digitisation of our collection to ensure safe and reliable cloud storage. The lessons of Marysville, which lost its entire historical collection during the Black Saturday fires of 2009, are never far from our mind.

It’s worth noting that digitisation does not suddenly free our compactus of historical artefacts but rather ensures safe recording of their existence should the worst occur. We will be maintaining those physical items into the future, and where possible acquiring more.

Why this building?

Having reviewed archival facilities in similar historical societies it was clear that Trentham needed to take a leap forward in order to provide the community with the service it deserves. Our research indicated that we would

need a building of approximately 70 square meters to accommodate the curators, our historical collection plus equipment such as printer, computers, desks, compactus, map, picture cabinets etc. Other local facilities were considered, such as the proposed Community Centre, Library and old railway station but for reasons valid at the time, none were available or adequate for our needs.



Finally, cost was a major determiner - \$120,000 plus for a new facility versus \$65,000 for the recently installed reconditioned building.

What Process was followed?

Permission was given by DEWLP and the Traditional Owners, a planning permit issued and a building permit is currently being finalised. The process included community notification and updates via the Recorder and email.

What next (going forward)?

The TDHS Committee is very aware that the building and site requires significant work to ensure it blends in with the character of the OPS precinct. Once final installation has been completed, Susie Spence, our Vice President, will lead the program of concept design, site landscaping, painting/ decorating and planting which will involve local garden designers/landscapers (still to be appointed), and the HSC Heritage Advisor.

This landscaping project has presented an opportunity to pursue a long term vision of the TDHS - establishing an historic timeline walk. If achievable, this will be pivotal in the physical demarcation of the site between the area of historic interest & the archiving function (The Trentham Archives).

The physical design of the timeline will clearly take time, and its content will be drawn from the research and writing of local historians, Peta and Charles Sherlock.

The Trentham Archives may never have been realised without the generous support of the Trentham Community Bank. We thank the Board, which clearly appreciates how central our history is to the people of Trentham and Districts and the importance of preserving it.

Tony van Rensburg,
Immediate Past President

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Christmas Greetings At Your Door

Christmas is not too far away. Street decorations festoon our shopping strip, shops and businesses, anticipating festive gatherings.

Unpacking Christmas decorations brings back memories. Two traditions that I remember from my childhood are my mother placing a ceramic nativity scene on the living room mantelpiece, and placing an Advent candle arrangement in the window.

I have pulled out our faithful old wreath to hang on our front door with thick red ribbon. The first wreaths can be dated back to pagan times: a never-ending circle, with no beginning and no end, representing the cycle of life.

The Greeks and Romans used wreaths to represent their power and victory. In Northern Europe, Advent wreaths were placed on tables with a candle in the centre, while a Christmas wreath was hung on the door.

In Europe, Christmas coincides with the winter solstice. In the 1800s, German tradition had trees brought inside as decoration, bringing life and greenery into the house from the cold. I have seen plastic trees in red, white, silver or gold, but I still prefer a living potted spruce in a basket, decorated with white candles and a few baubles.

Traditional Christmas colours are red, green silver and gold. Alternatively, mark Christmas with bare branches in a vase, whitewashed timber decorations, or presents wrapped in brown craft paper with raffia bows.

Outside, place on either side of your front door a potted

poinsettia, or a decorative candle in a lantern. Inside, hallways and entryways are ideal places for decorations: on a sideboard or table, place a bowl filled with glass baubles, a mini tree, or a pile of presents.

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The Trentham Garden

Christmas Stocking Fillers

Ho ho ho!

Need to drop a subtle hint to your loved ones in time for Xmas?! I LOVE a good gardening book... here are three of my favourites that I use on a regular basis.


'Paul Bangay's Guide to Plants' (Penguin Australia, RRP \$59.99) This is absolutely the best reference book for choosing traditional and modern exotic plants suitable for Australian conditions. In my experience, the information is always correct, and the plant selections are easy to find. Neatly sorted into convenient categories (hedges, trees etc), this is still one of my most used garden reference books.

'Grow Wild – Gardening to Sustain Wildlife in the Trentham Region' by Jill Teschendorff (Wombat Forestcare Inc. RRP \$15) If you are looking for information on indigenous plants local to the Hepburn region this is an invaluable resource. Available from the Trentham post office, it's got great lists of local trees, shrubs, and groundcovers as well as links to local organisations and native nurseries.

'RHS Pruning and Training' by Christopher Brickell & David Joyce (Dorling Kindersley RRP \$45) I find this great when experimenting with new shrubs and trees; over 800 plants are listed so it's great for figuring out what to do with that obscure plant you bought on Mt. Macedon! It's a fantastic book for both advanced as well as beginner gardeners.

Happy gardening & Happy Christmas!

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Trentham Tales

The Ponsford Connection

Over the past few weeks locals may have noticed the recruiting drive by the Trentham Cricket Club. The club currently has three junior teams in the Gisborne District Cricket Association. The Trentham Saints have had varying success over the years but have always managed to field teams and remained competitive.

Along the way many famous cricket names would have been noted and remembered by players and spectators, but one name that stands out is that of the internationally revered William Harold Ponsford, MBE.

Bill Ponsford, in his later years became a resident of Woodend and a frequent visitor to Trentham.

Records would tumble when Ponsford, nicknamed Puddin', took the crease. He played 29 Tests with a batting average of 48.22 runs and 162 first-class matches at 65.18. Of his 235 first-class innings, 47 resulted in centuries, including 13 double centuries, and four triple centuries. Cricket historians say the heavily built Ponsford's agility made him one of the finest ever players of spin, but he struggled against hostile fast bowling, notably during the infamous Bodyline series of 1932-33.

In 1981, in acknowledgement of his fame and contribution to Australian cricketing success, the original Western Stand at the Melbourne Cricket Club was named the Ponsford Stand, and the name was retained when a new stand later replaced it.

A statue of his famous pose, completing a cover drive, was also erected outside the MCG commemorating Ponsford's standing as one of Australia's finest opening batsmen. After the death of his wife Vera, in 1968, Ponsford relocated to Woodend to live with his son Geoff, where he pursued his favourite leisure activities, lawn bowls and fishing.

A shy man, Ponsford was also into gardening and often seen by neighbours tending his garden and cutting the long green cyprus hedge that bordered his Woodened property. Legend has it that he was sometimes seen wearing one of his test blazers while gardening and when burning leaves, he would turn the embers over with a souvenired Test Match stump. Such was his detachment from his cricketing glory days.

Geoff Ponsford was a pharmacist, and it was through his line of work that an interesting connection to Trentham was established.

One of Geoff Ponsford's children, Michael, would accompany his father's so-called 'drug runs' to surrounding towns.

Naturally, this included Trentham and a special point of visit was to the surgery of the highly respected Dr Gwen Wisewould. One could only imagine what a young Michael Ponsford would have made of Dr Gwen, her surgery, and her drug cupboard.



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And one could also wonder whether Michael's peep into Dr Gwen's life influenced him in any way to take up a career in medicine.

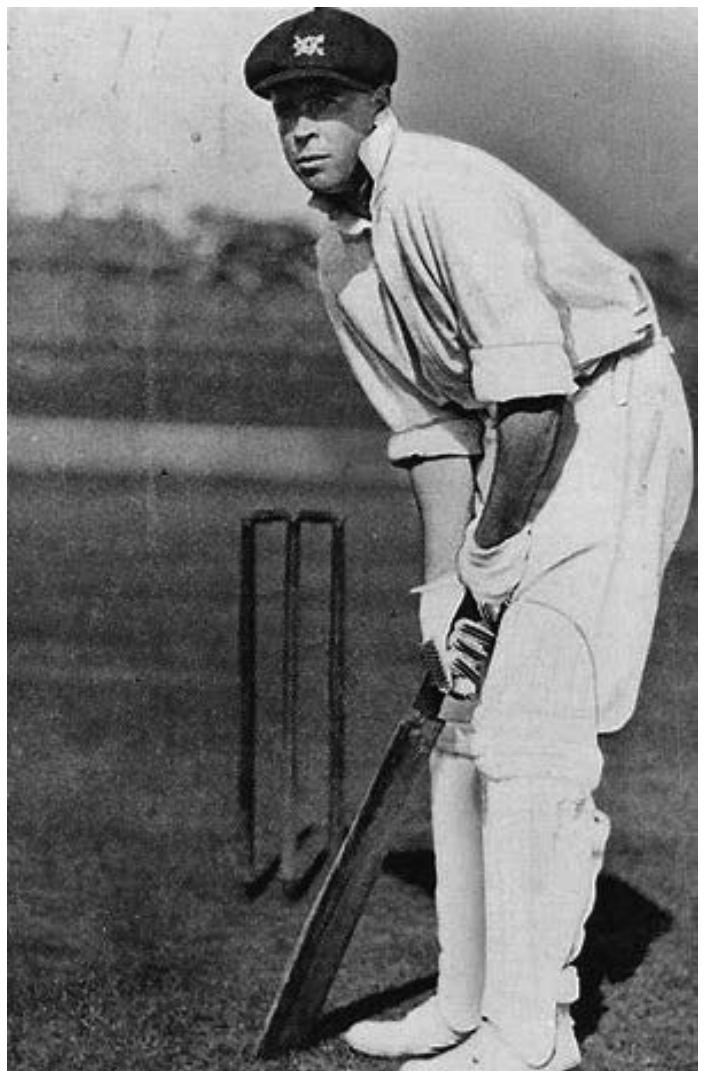
Dr Michael Ponsford is now an Associate Professor and Rehabilitation Physician at Epworth Hospital. Needless to say, Dr Michael - who incidentally is not a cricketer - would have some wonderful memories and anecdotes of his iconic grandfather.

Ten years after arriving in Woodend, Bill Ponsford underwent an operation, but unfortunately an infection saw him admitted to a Kyneton nursing home where he remained for three years until his death in early April 1991 - aged 91.

At the time he was Australia's oldest living Test cricketer.

GO SAINTS!

Elizabeth Toomey



Bill Ponsford at the crease, 1930

Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc.

Reflect and Be Thankful

Christmas can be a time to reflect on all those things we have to be thankful for. We know what a devastating two years we have all experienced, and we all have stories of not seeing our loved ones; or having loved ones locked down in the city for hundreds of days. We have lost some of our Trentham elders during this time and have not been able to attend their funerals to honour them. However, when it comes to the pandemic, the entire Shire of Hepburn has recorded only 16 cases of Covid19, and that is something to be really thankful for.

January will see building works start on our new Community Centre. This new Centre adds to our existing facilities, like the football oval, netball courts, the bowling club, the tennis courts, the skate park, the swimming pool, the kinder and the day care, the nursing home, and the medical centre. Oh, and don't forget the golf course, the primary school, the library, our three churches, and the retirement village. We have a transfer station, playgrounds and walking trails. There is more, like a bank, a pharmacy, first responders, a supermarket, and lots more. Sometimes we forget just how much we have, particularly considering the size of our population.

And why do we have all of this? It is because the people who live here have created this town. Our early pioneering families farmed the area and set the tone of Trentham. Help your neighbour and be helped. That remains the status quo. As development occurred in town, residents old and new either raised money to build facilities or campaigned to get them from Council or government. We have multiple clubs and associations catering for all ages and interests. We can still walk down the street and bump into people we know and have a chat.

It's not about the buildings and the stuff though, it's about the people who created the buildings and the stuff for our benefit. It's about the people who volunteer, who look after our nature reserves, and who campaign on our behalf to get things done. We live in a unique and special community, and should not forget that. Be thankful, because there is much to be thankful for.

Corrine Gurry



Life Activities Clubs™

We are fast approaching the end of another year!

Trentham and District Life Activities Club has been able to run its regular activities in a "covid safe" way, with a few interruptions due to lockdowns.

An enjoyable year just the same, and we are all looking forward to recommencing in 2022. So, keep the group in mind, and if you're not already a member, consider getting involved. There is an activity group to suit everyone, as well as additional workshops, BBQs/Picnics, Lunch and Dinner gatherings organised when possible.

For more information contact the President and Activity Co-Ordinator Di Clausen on 0429 008 763, or Secretary Gaye Lovelock on 0411 150 114.


Alternatively visit the web site, life.org.au and click on Trentham in the list of clubs.

The weeks ahead will allow us all to catch up with family and friends, especially over the Christmas/New Year period.

Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.


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Trentham Falls

Trentham Falls Scenic Reserve

It is my great pleasure to announce that Trentham Falls (Coliban River Scenic Reserve) is once again open to the public to view the falls and enjoy a picnic!

Unfortunately the toilet block was impacted by a large tree and is expected to remain closed for several months.

The falls are flowing well with the current rainfall, we remind all visitors to remain behind any barriers and obey safety signage at the site.

Thomas Cook
Regional Ranger for Parks Victoria.



Letters to the Editor

In discussions with fellow Cosmo Road residents over the last couple of months the subject of speeding vehicles invariably arises. There seems to be strong agreement that the current speed limit of 60kph - on both the Falls Road and Cosmo Road approaches to the township - are clearly inadequate for residential areas. There appears to be a significant number of vehicles travelling well above the current limit and, with little or no enforcement, the approaches to our busy township are less safe than they should be. The township has grown considerably over recent years and we believe that there is a case for a reduction in the speed limit.

It is felt that the appropriate speed limit would be 50kph, and we are hoping to work with our Councillor and MLA to achieve this. Councillor Brian Hood has been very supportive and has had discussions with the relevant authorities. Mary-Anne Thomas has also responded to our concerns and suggested that a petition from local residents on the matter would help her engage with the road authorities on everyone's behalf.

In light of these discussions, we are proposing to seek as much support as possible by way of a petition to Mary-Anne Thomas. The petition is intended to make it clear that there is support for lowering of the speed limit on the above - mentioned approaches to the township.

We will make the petition available for signature at various points around the town over the next fortnight, stay tuned to Trentham Connections.

We hope that you will be able to support this endeavour.

Steve Solly
Cosmo Road

Fiona Kelly
Cosmo Road

John Bell
Cosmo Road

Friends of the Trentham Falls

Sadly at the AGM of the Friends of the Falls due to lack of interest the committee decided to apply for cancellation of incorporation. The remaining funds will be distributed to Trentham Landcare as it helped with working bees and funds over the Friends Group 20 year existence. The books and records will be left with the Trentham Historical Society.

Trevor Spiers and Gayle Osborne gave a wonderful presentation of local rare and threatened fauna and flora. The committee would like to thank all those people who have helped with working bees and expertise over the years. In particular Barry Elliott who was president for the Friends Group life and Cathy and Julian Hollis for all those memorable walks.

Judy Weatherhead
Secretary

Living next to Quarry Street Reserve, it is great to see lots of dogs being taken for a walk around the lake. I am not a 'dog person' (we have a delightful house cat) but have friends who are keen 'doggers'.

Dog-owners, I plead with you to keep your canine friend(s) on leash!

Your well-trained dog may think it friendly to run up to other dogs - and scare them or worse. At least one friend does not walk their dog in the park anymore because of this.

Doing what the signs say lets everyone enjoy the Reserve.

Charles Sherlock

100 'Green' Bottles

Let's Reduce our Plastic!

100 'Green' Bottles is The Trumpet's initiative to reduce single use plastic in Trentham. We're encouraging locals to bring their empty household cleaning bottles to The Green Store to have them refilled. **Mention The Trumpet and we'll pay for the refill.**

Yup, the refill is free, it's on us! We want to help create more healthy home habits - not only will you be saving plastic, you'll also be using products which are kind to the earth - win win!

Small print:

Only valid at The Green Store, 12 Market St Trentham
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The Plonkers

Like most of Trentham, The Plonkers are eagerly awaiting the re-opening of the Pig and Whistle Hotel. It's so close to being ready, but not quite in time for the December Trumpet. They were, however, thrilled to be invited for a sneak peak of the new space as the final touches were being made.

Digby and Niles were impressed at the way the iconic country pub and local favorite has been renovated. Moving around the pub is easier and more open, it makes more sense. New lighting fixtures, beer taps and a larger more colorful bar jump out at you straight away.



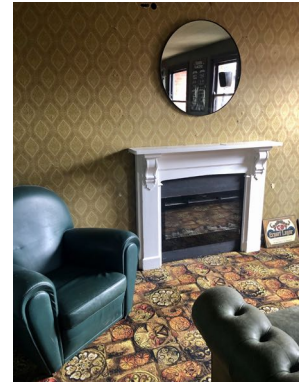
Photos of local characters both contemporary and historic hang on the walls, tell a true community story rather than a collection of generic pub nick-nacks.

"Seems bigger with more seating and yet they've managed to put a pool table in", Digby was heard to say. "And Niles – look: the taps range from Carlton to your beloved Mountain G&T, there's something for everyone!"

Opening soon, make sure you check out their themed locals, steak, burger and parma nights (see their Instagram page for details @pigandwhistlehotel).

Cheers,

Digby & Niles
The Plonkers



Fundraiser for Afghan Refugees

Internationally award-winning classical guitarist Aleksandr Tsiboulski presents an intimate afternoon recital in Trentham, featuring an original 1820s Guadagnini guitar.

A resident of Daylesford, Tsiboulski is an ARIA nominee, winner of over a dozen international guitar competitions, and has appeared as a soloist around the world.

This event is offered as a fundraiser for two of his young Afghan guitar students who recently escaped to Europe, to get instruments and a new start in schooling.

Saturday 11 December 2021 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM
Trentham Uniting Church 30 Market St, Trentham

www.trybooking.com/BVTNZ



The Melbourne Claddagh Dancers

Irish Set Dancing Weekend

It's on again! The Melbourne Claddagh Dancers will be in Trentham for their annual Irish Set Dancing Weekend from 14 to 16 January.

The event has now been a fixture on the Australian traditional dance calendar for over twenty years. Around 80 dancers from Melbourne, the Trentham area and interstate come together to enjoy a wonderful weekend of Irish music and dancing in picturesque Trentham. Workshops are held on Saturday and Sunday and all dancing takes place in the Mechanics' Institute Hall. Sets are called and danced in groups of eight to lively Irish jigs, reels, polkas, slides and hornpipes.

We start the weekend on Friday night with dinner and set dancing at the Pig and Whistle Hotel. On Saturday night after a group dinner at The Plough, the weekend's feature event – the traditional Ceili – commences at 7.30 pm. Music is provided by Paddy Fitzgerald and the Melbourne Ceili Band, well-known to traditional dancers for their brilliant music and excellent timing. They are often joined on stage by local Irish musicians.

We welcome fully vaccinated adult members of the public to register for the workshops (contact email below), or just come along on Saturday night to enjoy the music, cost of \$20 includes a delicious supper.

Enquiries: maryareilly79@hotmail.com

Sport

Golf

With lockdowns being eased, we have been able to welcome back our metro members, and it has been great to have them back. And with density limits being relaxed, we have had more people in the clubhouse. It has been wonderful to see things getting back to normal.

The doubles knockout has been able to resume, and we are now down to four pairs. Good luck to all those still involved.

After a long delay, we were able to have our August Thursday medal play-off. Unfortunately, one of the people in the play-off couldn't make it, so I was the hollow winner of the August Thursday medal. The Thursday November medal was won by Chris Milne with a 66 nett, while Ray Poole won the Medal of Medallist with a 73 nett. Saturday's November medal was a tie between Callum Gartlan and James Coyle, both of whom had 66. The Saturday Medal of Medallist was won by Callum Gartlan.

The tournament is being held from Tuesday November 30 with the women's open and finishing Sunday December 5 with the men's open. The timesheet is filling fast so if you want to play, please get your entry in ASAP. It has also been decided to hold the 2021 men's club championship in the last two weeks of January, and first two weeks of February 2022. It seems fitting that the 2021 championships will be held in 2022!!!

And with that, I finish my time as captain of Trentham Golf Club. Thank you to everybody who has helped me during my time as captain. I wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2022. May you have many birdies, and maybe a hole in one!

Cheers and good golfing.

Simon Ovenden
Captain

At last, we have been back playing golf. For the first few weeks when restrictions eased, we played social golf and during November we have played team events such as Ambrose, 3 clubs and a putter and an Irish day.

The women also held their annual AGM in November. We were unable to present trophies this year as our playing program was not able to be completed due to lockdowns and the damage the course sustained from the June storm. We are looking forward to a fresh start in 2022.

Over summer we will be playing for the Summer Cup held on 2 Wednesdays and 2 Saturdays. This is a stroke event and will be the last event for this season. Good luck to the players and we hope the rain that we have been experiencing will have eased by then.

Veronica Maher
Women's Captain

Course notes

Work continues on 'The Hill', with weeds removed and some 100 new plants placed in bare spots. This will need to continue, maybe with just casual visits to chip weeds and plant some of the 700 spare plants stored behind the 5th green. Volunteer workers are always welcome.



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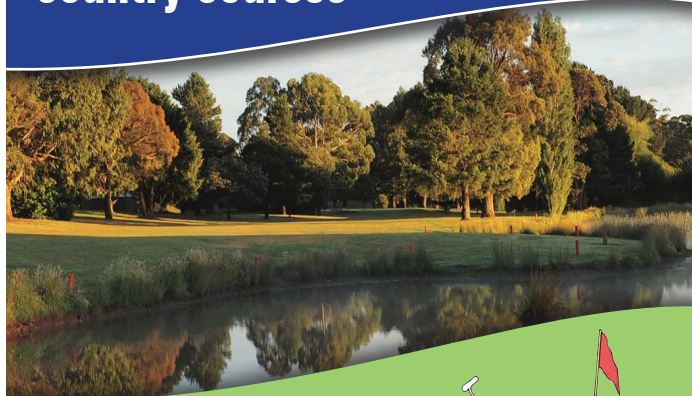
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IN THE WOMBAT FOREST

UN Interfaith Harmony Week

Plans for 2022

1. In Ballarat at 11am on Tuesday, 1 February the Religions for Peace flag will be raised in front of St Peter's Anglican Church, Sturt Street as the official opening of this interfaith week. The ceremony, an initiative of the Ballarat Interfaith Network will this year be led by a representative of the Sikh Community and followed by refreshments.

During this week different religious communities in Ballarat open their doors. Sunday afternoon, the 6th of February, Ballarat Interfaith Network organises a forum on the theme: how do different religions view the role and relevance of the human body in their teachings and practices, from donating organs to dealing with the remains after a person's death.

All this information depends on the Covid situation in two months' time. Details re: time and venue closer to the date.

2. In Trentham this year's 'interfaith harmony week' begins 2 days earlier: on Sunday the 30th of January with a meditative walk on the land of Evera, 21 Beatties Road, from 2 to 4.30 pm. After a short introduction the walk takes us along 12 sites representing religions and world-views, including Aboriginal spiritual cultures and humanist atheism. With time for refreshments and conversation afterwards.

During this week (30 January – 5 February) I make this walk every day and am interested to share with anyone, individual or small group, interested to join me. Times can be arranged accordingly.

For all of the above information contact Henk Bak, 21 Beatties Road, 5424 1702 or hbak@westnet.com.au.

As usual, the weekly Monday morning meditation for peace takes a break over Christmas and New Year. Our last session this year is on the 20 December, 8.30–9.30 am; the first session next year is on January 10. Newcomers are always welcome, contact Henk with any questions..

Best wishes for the season.

Henk Bak
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Christmas Message

Christmas is a time of togetherness. People go to extraordinary lengths to be together, despite the mad, busyness of life, with all its obligations and responsibilities, and the added concerns and stresses of COVID. We express our joy and happiness in being with those we dearly love.

Within the many great festivities of the world, Christmas stands alone, a celebration that has transgressed thousands of years and hundreds of millions of people through rituals and symbols, stories and tales, hymns and carols, festivities and feasting. Many we have grown up with and like our parents before us, we pass onto our children.

Agnes M. Pharo wrote "What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."

There is the personal message as well as a broader one – to be gentle with yourself, to not ask too much of your physical body and your emotions as you recall with gratitude, enriching memories and abundant love.

The broader aspect is to expand the Christmas message of love and kindness to others; to send thoughts to the millions of people experiencing the ravages and desperation of war, displacement, disease, and separation; who every day see death and suffering. Closer to home, a small donation to charity can do so much.

In this incredible country we have much to be thankful for as we pop the corks, feast off tables laden with luscious Xmas food, and lap up the merriment.

So I wish you Happiness and Peace, followed by a Positive and Healthy New Year.

Sylvia Johnson, AFCC
Civil Celebrant

Christmas SERVICES IN TRENTHAM 2021

Sunday 19 December, 7.30pm

Ecumenical Carol Service

St Mary Magdalene's, Bridge 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, Saturday 25 December 9.00am
 Sunday 26 December 9.00am

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

Friday 24 December Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December 8.30am
 (both services preceded by carol singing)

St Malachy's Catholic Church, Blackwood:

Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December 4.00pm
 (no service on Sunday 26 December)

What's on!

Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

CFA

Open Day every Sunday from 9:30am

Cosmo Meat Tray Raffle

every Friday night 7pm
this month supporting the CFA

Trentham Lions Club

Carols in the Park
Friday December 3 6pm
Quarry Street Reserve

Farmers' Market

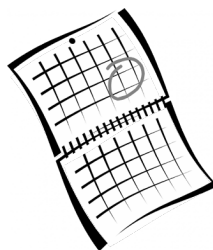
18 December 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square
including

TSG Food Swap

10-11.30am

Lions Schedule

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



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, Stitchers, Sewers Craft Group

10am every Friday
Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

Mahjong

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

TNC

see www.trenthamnc.org.au

Health

Falls & Balance Clinic

Do you feel unsteady on your feet?
Have you had a fall recently?



The Springs Medical Falls and Balance Clinic has been created to help patients that are at risk of falling or lack confidence in their balance. The exercise program is designed and delivered by Accredited Exercise Physiologist, Jake Dwyer. Jake works closely with participants to improve their mobility and confidence which can help enhance quality of life and independence.

We offer a 4-week exercise program which includes an initial assessment and two 30-minute exercise sessions per week at Springs Medical Daylesford. There is a maximum of 5 per group. Jake will guide and support you through a series of low-intensity bodyweight exercises, focusing on dynamic balance and gait. Exercises will be at a level appropriate to you, so you progress in a safe manner. You will also be educated on the benefits of regular and ongoing balance retraining and how the exercises work. As part of a group you will also enjoy the benefits of working together and celebrating your achievements.

Why is balance training important?

- Our balance decreases as we age and our risk of falling increases
- Falls can have serious consequences including; bone fractures, reduced independence, reduced mobility and quality of life.
- Falls are fairly prevalent - 1/3 of Australians aged over 65 have at least 1 fall each year
- Falls account for 38% of all incidents within Australian hospitals

What are benefits of improving your balance?

- Reduce falls risk and hospitalisations
- Improve confidence and reduce fear of falling
- Help maintain independence and mobility
- Improve quality of life

Visit our website to find out more or speak with your GP to decide if this program is suited to you.

Springs Medical

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www.springsmedical.com.au

Spudman's Sign Off

Sure, you're looking forward to your ham, turkey, and pork for Xmas.

But if you boil your spuds (Dutch Creams or Maris Pipers) for 15 minutes in salted water, rough them up as you drain them and then roast in plenty of oil (duck fat if you've got it) your family will rave about them long after the memory of the meat has gone.



Spudman by Peter Young
Oil on Canvas

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