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May 7, 2022



Cool Country Mens Shed Inc.

Men's Shed
Officially Opens



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COUNCIL NEWS

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Great news! Trentham will have a new drinking fountain installed at Town Square in Trentham (works commenced 28 March). The fountain will be located next to the rotunda in place of the current Civic Guides sign and will be fully accessible (including a dog bowl).

The fountain will incorporate a design of timber and metal that complements Council’s existing streetscape furniture.

DR ROB GORDON RETURNS

Dr Rob Gordon will be meeting with us again in Lyonville on 28 April at 6pm, at the Lyonville Hall. We encourage you to attend and bring a neighbour or friend.

Dr Gordon held a Recovery Session with our community in Trentham last November and is coming back to assist us further with the journey of recovery. Drawing on his 40 years’ experience as a trauma psychologist, Dr Gordon shares anecdotes and insights from past events and the families and individuals he has observed and with whom he has consulted.

The free evening includes pizza from 6pm, with the session from 7pm. To book your place visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/storm-and-flood-recovery/.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Participate Hepburn is being updated regularly with opportunities for you to have your say.

Current open items include the Western Victorian Transmission Network Program – let us know your thoughts on this project to help inform our Environmental Effects Statement once it opens for public input.

Artisan agriculture survey – open until midnight Sunday 10 April visit (www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/artisan-agriculture-survey/).

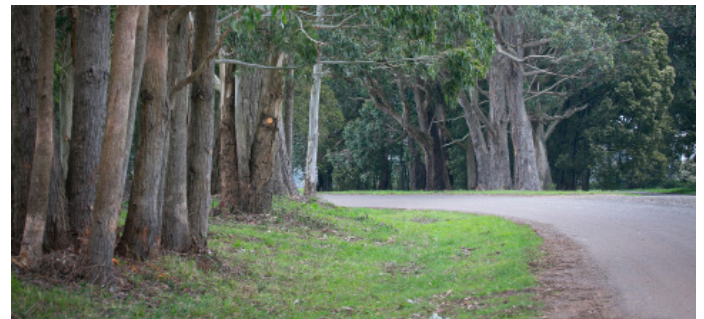
These items will also open for public comment soon: Early and Middle Years Strategy, Youth Strategy, Arts and Culture Strategy and Long-Term Asset Plan. Keep an eye on our Participate Hepburn website to find out how you get involved at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/>

ROAD REJUVENATION

Following the June 2021 storms, Council has now completed tree works, firewood distribution and tree stump removal. Thank you to all who have been involved in this large undertaking.

We distributed about 7,000 cubic metres of free firewood to community members and 40 local community groups.

We have decommissioned and rehabilitated the timber processing site in the east of the Shire, with local roads repaired around the site. We are now commencing work on the restoration of the other Council roads that were damaged due to the storm and clean-up activities.



COUNCIL SERVICES OVER EASTER

Council hubs and offices are closed for Easter from Friday 15 April and will reopen on Tuesday 19 April, except Clunes, which will reopen on Wednesday 20 April. For Council-related animal emergencies (eg. dog attacks and stock on Council roads) over Easter phone 0419 587 955 or for all other Council-related emergencies phone 0419 583 573. If your kerbside collection is usually on a Friday, your bins won’t be collected on Good Friday (15 April) due to the public holiday. They will instead be collected the following day – Saturday 16 April.

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking to recruit new staff to join our team across a number of roles. If you are looking for your next career move, stay up-to-date with the latest job opportunities at Hepburn Shire Council, and apply at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/employment-opportunities

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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

Thank you to those who've contributed to our Trentham Town Survey already. We're super grateful for the thoughtful responses we've received so far.



Please have your say! If you'd like to complete the survey old-school style you'll find a copy in the middle of this Trumpet (and copies around town at the TNC, Petrol Station and Bank). It's also available on our website thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey.

There are more details about why we're doing this survey on page 5, but if you've any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at trumpet@trentham.org.au.

The more responses, the louder and clearer our message, so again we encourage you to please have your say.

Many thanks to our digital magicians KGMG Creative. They share our community focus, so partnered with us to create our online survey in a flash. Watch this space, you'll love their next project!

This issue is full of kind folk making Trentham & Districts a better place.

It's great to see the men's shed officially open, kudos to the generous **Quarry Street Reserve** benefactor, well done to **Gardens for Wildlife** on the native plant 'sampler' outside TNC, thank you to the **Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show** for your support of Trentham Aged Care, credit to **Dogs of Trentham** for jumping to dog-park action, best wishes to the **TSG & CCCE** as they embark on their 'Energy Project', congrats to **Trentham Golf Club** supported by Belle Property raising \$5000+ for Hepburn SES, and wow – haven't our **CCCE** crew been busy supporting almost everyone?! (see page 10) Our thanks to them also, CCCE is a kind supporter of the Trumpet.

Thank you also to our contributors who make the Trumpet what it is. There are some cracking reads this month: to inform, entertain, help you connect and provoke thought.

If you'd like to share your thoughts, send us an email, we'd love to hear from you.

Lastly, the gorgeous Laetitia of Atelier Chocolat (we miss you!) is doing an Easter Delivery in Trentham the weekend before Easter. Orders close on 3 April, so jump onto her website atelierchocolat.com.au quick smart to secure yourself a Chocolate treat.

Regards,
Chris & Penny

Trumpet Photography Competition

Many thanks to everyone who entered our Trumpet Photography Competition. We had over 40 entries and it was an absolute treat seeing them arrive, many with interesting captions. We have some amazing photographers in town, some very nifty with a phone!

Congratulations to the winner of our \$100 prize: Josie Reid whose gorgeous Autumnal colour graces our cover. It's so evocative of this magical time of year in Trentham, we're very fortunate to enjoy it (except for those on raking duty, sorry Chris!)



Celebrating Easter in Trentham

Holy Week and Easter in Trentham - 2022

Trentham's churches will mark Holy Week and Easter this year as follows:

Palm Sunday (8 April)

St Mary Magdalen's (Catholic) 8.30am
St George's (Anglican) 9.00am

Good Friday (15 April)

St George's (Anglican) 9.00am

Easter Day (17 April)

St Mary Magdalen's (Catholic) 8.30am
St George's (Anglican) 9.00am
St Malachy's Blackwood (Catholic) 4.00pm

A Good Friday walk around significant local sites starts at the town clock in High Street at 10.30am and ends at St Mary Magdalen's (for hot cross buns). There will be several stops ('stations') with each including a Bible reading, song, prayer and silence. All are welcome to join the full walk, or part of it.

Arranged by the Trentham Combined Churches' Committee.

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About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

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



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

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

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

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

Electronic subscriptions (which we encourage) are available at: thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au
Printed versions can be found in many retail and community outlets in and around Trentham.

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What's on!

Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

CFA

Open Day every Sunday from 9:30am

Hepburn Shire Council Meeting

20 April

Lions Schedule

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

Sunday Church Services

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

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market
16 April 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap
16 April 10-11.30am
Trentham Town Square

Life Activities Club

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

Wednesday Walkers

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

Men's Petanque

10am every Thursday
Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Knitters, Stitches, Sewers Craft Group

10am every Friday
Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

Mahjong

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

TNC

see trenthamnc.org.au



On Our Cover:



Saffron, plum, green and gold by Josie Reid

Have Your Say!

So, Why Complete Our Survey?

Later this year, Council will prepare Trentham's Town Structure Plan. This plan will provide a framework for future subdivision, land use, zoning, open space, infrastructure - all to protect and enhance the unique qualities our community values.

It's important this plan reflects what our community wants Trentham to look like, so Council planning decisions reflect our wishes, and if challenged - VCAT will also.

Currently, we don't have such a plan, so VCAT can only rely on generic Melbourne-based principles which often don't make sense in Trentham! It's frustrating when residents provide considered and constructive feedback about planning applications which Council inturn support - only to be overturned by VCAT. And, to add salt to the wound, Council must pay costs (with our rates!) when VCAT overturns decisions.

There have been a couple of standout planning applications recently where the outcome may have been different if Trentham had a Town Structure Plan:

- An application right in the heart of town was deemed by residents as inappropriate and 'out of character' with the streetscape. Council unanimously supported the

rejection of this application. VCAT overturned Council's decision as Trentham doesn't have streetscape regulations.

- An application to subdivide on the edge of town attracted articulate responses and offers of compromise from neighbours on nearby streets. Council again unanimously agreed that adjustments were required from an aesthetic and environmental perspective. VCAT overturned as there was nothing to base these requirements on.

Without a formal plan, VCAT can't uphold region-specific decisions. We don't want planning decisions based on other places; we want decisions that are meaningful to us here.

Council will complete their own consultation and due diligence when they start looking at our Town Structure Plan. We want to give them a heads-up so they'll better understand our town, its unique character, and produce the best Town Structure Plan for us.

Please, have your say!

There's a copy in the middle of this edition, or at: thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey



Spudfest

The Great Trentham Spudfest 2022

With a new Convenor and new Committee, the festival that had to be cancelled in 2020 and shrunk into ChatFest in 2021 will be stretching up Market Street this year. That means more stalls, more music, more fun for everyone!

What Can We Expect?

- At the Historic Railway Station
Freshly Dug Spuds for Sale; Food Trucks including Baked Spuds, Potato Donuts, Spiral Spuds, CFA Chips; Gourmet Food Stalls; Devonshire Tea on the Platform; Kids Activities, including Mini Golf, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, HayBale Maze and Toe-Tapping Music for all.

- In Market Street
More Music; Aterics Café; The Green Store; Market Street Icecreams; Food Trucks including WhataBurger; Local Growers Marquee; Artisan Craft Stalls including Hats, Jewellery, Art, Faerie Houses... and more!

The Horse & Cart Ride will be travelling around the whole village - fun for all the family!

How Can We Help / Get Involved?

- Save the Date!
- Volunteer to help on the day - shifts are only 2½ hours and it's great fun.
- If you're a retailer or café: plan to create something special for the day - maybe a window display or create a Spudfest Special Offer?

For more info or to share your ideas, please contact the 2022 Convenor - Kye Theobald 0418 432 691



Trentham Sustainability Group

TSG and CCCE join forces for climate action

Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) and Cool Country Community Enterprises Ltd (CCCE) have come together with a shared vision for Trentham and districts that intends to strengthen and build community resilience in response to climate change. Both organisations recognise the challenges of climate change, and the impact it is having on our community and globally.



CCCE and TSG are key local organisations who can take leadership for climate action and are committed to developing projects that will contribute to the resilience of our community.

Our first joint project is “Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham”. A feasibility study will examine secure and local renewable energy options for Trentham. The study will explore providing essential services sites with local back-up energy supply and exam the feasibility of a microgrid. The massive storm in June last year gave impetus to the need for action and helped secure funding.

The ‘energy project’ feasibility study is jointly funded by Trentham & Districts Community Bank and Hepburn Shire Council’s Towards Zero program.

TSG and CCCE are excited to be working together - their shared values include a passion for climate action, reliable and renewable energy and supporting our community. They have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to guide how they can achieve these outcomes.

A steering group, including representatives from both local organisations and Council, will oversee the energy project.

Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

A big change at the Reserve occurred mid-March with the generous donation and installation of 5 mature Maple trees to provide almost instant shade from the north side of the playground. And of course, at present, they are transitioning to their autumn colours for added enjoyment. With the need for daily watering, we are delighted to have assistance from extra volunteers – thank you!



L-R: Brian Hood & Jane Williams, Co-Chairs CCCE; Sebastian Klein, Project Leader TSG; and Glenda Holmes, Convenor TSG at the signing of the MOU

[The ‘energy project’ will be supported by a community based ‘Blackout Action Group’ formed in response to the widespread outrage caused by the recent spate of outages! The focus of the Blackout Action Group will be to promote community awareness and build pressure for action.]

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In addition, three smaller Canadian Maples have also been planted, north of the pavilion, roughly replacing the trees lost in the storm in this area. Many thanks to Stephen Adams for his delicate manoeuvres in digging the holes and then filling them again. Nearby are two Blackwood copses whose destiny will unfold more slowly!

There’s always work to do at the Reserve, and often an hour here or there can make a difference. If you would like to be part of the ongoing improvements, please contact Fay (0417 113 927).

Finally, **please** don’t rubbish the Reserve! Over the summer months with more folk around, it has become painfully obvious that many locals are using the Reserve rubbish bins to deal with excess domestic waste. In particular, some of the food waste has often caused quite an unpleasant odour in the vicinity of the pavilion. Fortunately, Council empties these bins more than once a week. However, it is not a good look – or smell – if visitors arriving to spend time in the Reserve are “welcomed” by full or foul bins!

Helen van der Werff
Chair, Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

Cool Country Men's Shed

Men's Shed Finally Officially Opens!

Members of Trentham's Cool Country Men's Shed were pleased to be officially opening their wonderful new community facility after two years of delay due to COVID restrictions.



"I would like to see this shed alive with men being together sharing skills, knowledge, life stories and companionship" said President Tony Johnston. "It's not just about wood or metal working skills, it's about men's health, which can be physical or mental. Some men have a sense of loneliness; it's the isolation that can occur after retirement or the loss of a life partner. Or they might have moved to Trentham and surrounding districts and lost their close social networks, there's also the fear of COVID. If we can improve men's health, the whole community benefits."



L-R Stephen Adams, Peter Gibbs, Tony Johnston (President), Joseph Bonnici and Charles Sherlock

"We were fortunate to receive permission from the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation and DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning) to use this 1.2 hectares of land. Initially we were given \$6,000 from the Hairy Arch Art Show (part of our local art community), then we received \$60,000 from the State Government, our local Bendigo Bank invested \$42,500. \$20,000 came from the Federal Government, \$15,000 from the Trentham Lions Club, as well as \$15,000 from the Australian Lions Foundation. We've also received many donations from our generous community." Local Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas MP was a guest at the opening.



The idea for a Men's Shed in Trentham has been a long time in the making, with initial discussions in the community in 2006. But it wasn't until 2016 that a committee was formed and in 2018 project funding began to come through and works could begin.

The shed has many donated tools, including a sliding table saw, a router table, wood and metal lathes, some welding equipment, and a wood heater. It has a well-equipped lounge, a functional kitchen, and was built with fully accessible facilities. Tony tells me that if community groups have a project they want, they can submit a Project Request Form for consideration by the Men's Shed Committee.

Tony's original idea to make his dream of a men's shed a reality came from his hope to reduce the suicide risk in the community. "There have been several suicides in the last few years that have affected our community. I hope that bringing men together in this way can help in some way to prevent further tragedies."

With COVID restrictions and lockdowns over the last two years causing social isolation, especially among the elderly, the opening of Trentham's Cool Country Men's Shed will help local men come together and enjoy the facilities and companionship at the Shed.

For further information, contact President Tony Johnston at cool.country.mens.shed@gmail.com or 0417 598 144

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Art News

Happy 1st Anniversary to the bigger Little Gallery!

Trentham's Little Gallery is celebrating its first anniversary as the bigger Little Gallery in its spacious, light-filled new premises by showcasing two new guest artists.

Covid restrictions have meant the Little Gallery has been unable to stage official openings over the last 10 months, but those shackles come off at 4pm on Saturday 2 April with a public opening of new works by local sculptor Peter Butterworth and painter Linda Wheeler.

The artist-run gallery has always operated with an ethos of supporting local art and artists and has exhibited works by more than 300 local artists over the last nine years. The Butterworth and Wheeler works will be on show for three months alongside the constantly changing display of pieces by permanent artists Rose Wilson, Helen Cottle, Ri Van Veen, Kim Haughie, Larissa Gray and Lael McDonald.

Works by local consignment artists Ruby Wilson-Peirce, Sam Bloomfield, Dianne Longley, Fran Harkin, Liz Archer, and Anneke Hoekstra will also be on display.

Outgoing guest artists Kathy Holowko's amazing hovering bats and Steph Goss' beautiful botanical pieces have been at the gallery for the past 3 months and have been well received by the locals and visitors alike.

Please join us at the opening on Saturday 2 April, (4-6pm) and welcome our two new guest artists in residency Peter & Linda, plus view new works by the collective.

Any enquires: contact Rose 0439 984 314.

Linda Wheeler & Peter Butterworth
Guest artists residency

Opening Saturday 2nd April 4-6pm

little gallery
trentham

The Little Gallery is an artist run space showcasing regional fine arts.
Open Thursday to Monday & Public Holidays. 10am to 4pm.
www.trenthamlittlegallery.com

Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show

Until COVID struck, the Trentham Easter Art and Craft Show was a key feature on Trentham's art and social calendars. Restrictions meant the show unfortunately had to be cancelled the last two years, and imminent building works to the Trentham Mechanics Institute means there won't be a show this Easter either.



In lieu of this year's show, this month the TEACS committee donated \$3,000 to Trentham Aged Care. Residents will soon be able to enjoy a piece of specially commissioned dementia-friendly artwork. Jan Stephenson, TEACS Committee Chair, said, "It's so important that people of all ages are surrounded by creativity. The Committee is thrilled to be donating funds to Trentham Aged Care, so residents can enjoy art. Artists from all over Victoria participate in our show and we are especially proud to have a children's and young persons' category. Our financial contributions to the community are commonly in areas that promote art to all age groups."

Maree Cuddihy, CEO, Central Highlands Rural Health said, "Art has the power to both stimulate and soothe our residents as well as fostering a positive work environment for caregivers too. We are very grateful to the Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show Committee for the generous donation to support the wellbeing of our residents."

The committee is determined that the Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show will be back next year, in its new venue - bigger and better than ever!



Gardens for Wildlife

Are you interested in learning about and helping to protect our local plants, birds and animals while creating a beautiful and personal garden?



To find out more information or to request a visit, contact Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.


This is the broad aim of our recently established Trentham Gardens for Wildlife group.

For no charge, trained mentors can visit your garden to encourage and assist as you explore the wonderful world of gardening with local native plants. There are some very simple principles which can help you create habitat for local wildlife you'd like to see in your garden.


Those of us who are mentors have undergone a thorough training program, covering a whole range of issues and learning so much about growing local flora and encouraging habitat gardening. Our group of 5 volunteer mentors has been working to create a 'sampler' of some of the smaller local native plants in the gardens outside the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre (right).

There are now two local specialist native plant suppliers in our area, sourcing seed locally meaning they are far more likely to grow successfully in our specific climate. **Wombat Native Plants**, at Bullarto, has a great variety of plants and well-documented website. **Grow Locals** at Woodend is a new version of the older **Acres Wild** business. In addition, Jill Teschendorff's book "Grow Wild – Gardening to sustain wildlife in the Hepburn Shire" is a great source of information not just about the plants and fauna but about our bio-region.






FLU VACCINATIONS



Dedicated Flu Clinics will commence in MAY 2022
For the latest information regarding our Flu Clinics, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or visit our website.

THANK YOU & FAREWELL

March 24



APRIL 13



Management and Staff at Springs Medical would like to thank and farewell Dr Albert Ip and Dr Fortunato Mazzei. Albert and Fort have contributed significantly to patient wellbeing and have shown great commitment to providing exceptional patient focused care for our community. We wish them the very best and hope to see them return to Springs Medical in the near future.

New patients welcome

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Trentham
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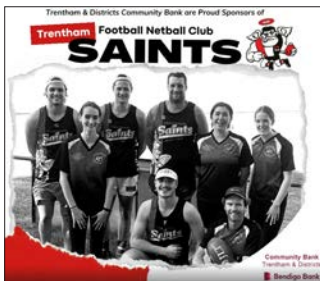
CCCE

Trentham & Districts Community Bank: goes way beyond banking.

The first quarter of this year has been jam-packed with community events and festivals sponsored by the Bank. We love being more than 'just a bank' - we're community partners, supporting the people and groups of our thriving town & districts.

Here's an overview of what we supported in March:

- Celebrated locals for **International Women's Day**, in a fabulous slideshow of photos on FB.
- Supported **TNC's Whole Town Garage Sale**, including supply of food for the BBQ and our Bank marquee for shelter.
- Repeated our \$3000 Jumper Sponsorship for both **Trentham Saints** and **Woodend & Heskett Hawks Football Clubs**.



- Paid for the winners' trophies for all events for the **Bullarto Vintage Tractor Pull & Car Show** which moved to Trentham, contributed to their fundraising BBQ, and provided our marquee & community Eftpos facility (which is a service offered to all community groups).
- Covered the costs of new scoreboards for **Trentham Bowling Club** (below: Nancy Walsh, long term member of the club and winner of this year's Women's Singles Championship with Corina Sabo from the bank)



And coming up in April 2022:

- At the **Blackwood Easter Show and Woodchop**, we're delighted to be one of the major sponsors, providing four prizes (value of \$820) for the '300mm Underhand Championship' and we've paid for fluoro safety vests for volunteers to wear this year and beyond.



- We've funded kits for the 'WaterBug Project' by **Blackwood & Barry's Reef Landcare Group** to monitor the health of the Lergerderg River by checking what waterbugs are living in the river and waterways. Wilbur the Monster Weed will lead you to the Project display in our Bank marquee at the Blackwood Easter Show.



Big news on a Big Project!

We've joined forces with Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) with our first project - "Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham". A feasibility study, co-funded by Hepburn Shire Council Towards Zero grants program will explore providing essential services sites with local back-up energy supply and exam the feasibility of a microgrid. See TSG's article on page 6 for more details.



In related news, we now offer a 'Green Personal Loan' which offers lower interest rates when you buy solar power, solar hot water or energy-saving white goods. Visit bendigobank.com.au/personal/loans/unsecured-green/ or pop into the Branch to find out more.

Remember, it's our Community & our Bank!

Helen van der Werff
Director, CCCE

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Sketchy Musings

My former boss at Cricket Australia, James Sutherland, played for Victoria as a slowish (by his admission) right-arm fast bowler.

But in the field, he threw with his left arm.

Against NSW on one occasion, Steve Waugh hit the ball to James' left side in the field and thought: "It's his wrong side - quick single here".

James swooped to his left, picked up and threw with one smooth motion, and nearly pulled off a run out.

Bowler Merv Hughes exclaimed: "James, you bowl right-handed but throw left-handed - golly (I suspect he used stronger language) you're amphibious!"

Unlike James, most of us have one dominant hand - apparently only one percent are genuinely amphibious-er - ambidextrous.

About 10 percent of us are lefties ...sinistral, from the Latin for sinister, while the rest of you are righties, or dextrous, from the Latin for right or correct!

Being a leftie is no longer a possible death sentence, as it could be in medieval times when left handedness was associated with witchcraft and witches were thought to use left-handed gestures to summon up the devil.

In more recent times, I had a left-handed uncle who stuttered slightly due, it was claimed, to having his left hand repeatedly whacked with a ruler as an infant schoolkid when he tried to write left-handed.

But we lefties do have to adjust to living in a right-handed world.

We cut (or to be more accurate, tear) crooked with right-handed scissors, tin openers, bread knives (yes, check the camber of those sharp little teeth ... set up for the natural curve of a right-handed cut).

And shoot clumsy with right-handed rifles with operating mechanisms accessible only to the right hand such as the classic Lee Enfield .303 with which we 1960s cadets were equipped.

Don't get me started on power tools and their right-oriented controls and switches. And try writing - or should I say smudging - left handed with wet ink.

I was luckier than my uncle - the enlightened SA Dept of Education gave me a left-handed Osmiroid fountain pen with a long, curved nib that ensured the wet ink flowed above and behind my left hand back in my primary school youth.

That was before ambidextrous ball point pens solved that problem.

For some reason, left-handed elite golfers are rare but some 30% of elite baseball pitchers are south paws and way way more than 10% of top cricketers are molly dookers.

The jury is apparently out on whether lefties or righties are smarter, but lefties do have bigger corpus callosum, the bit of the brain that connects the grey matter's left and right hemispheres.

Why?

A left field question apparently, to which science, obsessed with its long-running failure to cure the common cold, is yet to turn its attention.

Peter Young





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It's a Dog's Life

**Take a Bow (Wow!!!) Trentham and Surrounds
A Big Thank You for your Support**

The Dogs of Trentham petition circulating around Trentham recently was signed by over 450 people in just a couple of weeks. For a relatively small community, it was an amazing number to demonstrate overwhelming support for a dedicated off leash dog park in Trentham.

We all know how important it is for dogs to socialise, learn to get on with each other, teach each other good doggie manners, stretch their legs, and sniff lots of smells in a safe and enclosed space away from cars, kangaroos, horses, cats, birds, small children... and any other tempting diversions that often make walking dogs on a lead difficult.

We are becoming acutely aware of the importance of these areas for dog owners. Coming together with our dogs has meant support and connection during COVID lockdowns; healing during the recovery/aftermath of the storms; an opportunity for those new to town to meet people; and allowing those living out of town to meet and feel connected to Trentham and each other. It makes a positive difference to the mental health and wellbeing of both individuals and the community.

The Market Street Reserve has been a meeting place for dogs and their owners for the last three years. Last December, Hepburn Shire Council erected a sign stating dogs had to be on leash. As there is no other safely fenced space in Trentham to exercise dogs off leash, this galvanised dog owners into action. Many other Councils and Shires have allocated areas or dedicated times for off leash exercising. Hepburn Shire was asked to provide Trentham with similar facilities.

Your support via the petition was presented to Council in March. The councillors listened to our two requests:

1. a short term solution of dedicated times for Market Street Reserve be an approved off leash dog park (with appropriate signage) and
2. a long term commitment for a permanent enclosed off leash dog park.

Council unanimously resolved: to accept and consider the petition; for the CEO to consider changes to signage at the Market Street Reserve enabling morning and afternoon sessions for off leash dog exercising; and to consider funding a longer-term solution in the 22/23 budget.



DOGS of TRENTHAM

We would like to extend our thanks and acknowledge Cr Brian Hood. He has been very supportive of the need for this community driven project to be allocated funding and land. The Dogs of Trentham group will continue to advocate to ensure that your support for this venture does not drop off Council's radar.

The Dogs of Trentham group are going to have a stall at the Trentham Market on 16 April to raise funds to support dog and animal welfare in Trentham. There will be a photo booth where you can have a portrait photo of your beloved dog(s) taken and take some goodies home.

Please come and support us!

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Trentham Tales

It's all happened before - Trentham's brush with Pandemics and Epidemics

We've all been living with COVID for some time now - over two years in fact - but major health outbreaks are not new to our region.

History tells us of numerous pandemics and epidemics which have affected our community since white settlement, and even before.

According to Edward Stone Parker, the Assistant Protector of Aborigines in the Dja Dja Wurrung people's territory between 1841-1848, there were already mythical tales of smallpox epidemics.

The Dja Dja Wurrung people believed a mythical serpent called Minji or Mindie unleashed a dust, they called 'monola mindi', which caused dysentery, blindness, and even death. Fifty years later, school principals were required to notify education authorities of contagious diseases.

In 1890, the principal of Trentham State School, Mr Gilsenan duly reported an out-break of Russian flu in the district. Worse was to come the following year when local Mr Gilsenan's seven-year-old daughter, Caroline, died in late May 1891 and was buried in the Trentham cemetery during an outbreak of whooping cough and diphtheria.

It is not surprising that following the death of young Caroline, the extent of serious diseases and combined with the bitter winters, Mr Gilsenan made several requests to be relieved of his appointment to School 1588.

On June 30 1891, the Trentham Advertiser reported that the 'State school would reopen on Monday 13th July', which we assume followed a 'lock out' caused by the epidemic.

At the time Kyneton shire had published a health notice warning which alerted residents to cases of typhoid in the district and these must be reported.

Two years later a flu epidemic saw 60 cases in the local school, while between 1894 and 1905 there were outbreaks of typhoid and diphtheria. Recurrent outbreaks of typhoid were rightly or wrongly attributed to the water drawn from wells which was tainted by night soil.

But there is no evidence of a run-on or the hoarding of toilet paper – one can only assume the supply of the traditional newspaper squares was adequate!

1905 saw such a severe outbreak of measles that the school was reduced to 20 students.

The outbreak of 'Spanish Flu' which occurred in 1918 closed schools, and all public events were banned. It particularly affected men between 20-40 years of age and the high mortality rate shocked even the Trentham district where the deaths of several young men were attributed to the pandemic.

Because of its virulence, survival was rare. However, one lucky local, William Joseph O'Connell, father of local identity



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Bill O'Connell, JP did survive, but at a cost. Bill lived with life-long respiratory problems, which, while not dampening his community spirit, did affect his ability to live the full and vigorous life demanded of a farmer.

Post war saw a rise in polio and diphtheria in the district. In 1947 several children around Trentham were affected; one local identity then aged eight spent several months in quarantine at Fairfield Infectious Diseases hospital. His older brother, still living and farming in the district, seemed to think the worst aspect of his brother's misfortune was being barred from competing in school sports – although attendance at school continued!

As a child Michael Brown lived on and off in the Fern Hill area and spent many happy times on his grandparents' farm 'Glenwood' in Newton's Lane. Perhaps a not-so-happy time was the 18 months he spent hospitalised as a polio patient. As a five-year-old, he started school at a special facility within the Austin Hospital in Heidelberg.

Frank Walsh's experiences as a small child suffering from infantile paralysis is well documented in his book, *From Stilts to Silk*. Frank spent his early years receiving treatment in Sydney, and during those three years only saw his parents for three weeks each year during their annual visits.

The polio epidemic between the 1930s and 1960s was the most significant epidemic episode in Australia prior to HIV/AIDS in 1982. Polio mostly affected children under 10, often caused paralysis and had a higher mortality toll than other 'childhood' diseases. However, Polio Australia estimates there are still about 400,000 survivors still living in Australia.

A contributing factor to overcoming highly contagious diseases was the development of vaccines. Programs were rolled out through the school systems which effectively 'captured' all children aged five and upwards. Currently cases of polio, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, and meningococcal disease must be reported by school principals, or they face infringement and court penalties! This list differs from those of 50 to 100 years ago and this is generally attributed to universal vaccination operating through early childhood centres and schools.

We can rest assured the principal of Trentham Primary School is right up to speed with current requirements having assisted in the preparation of this article.

On reflection waves of pandemic, epidemic and outbreaks have all happened before and handled in much the same way – reporting, isolation, quarantine, mask wearing, and personal hygiene, and along the way unfortunately, misinformation, 'alternate facts', furbies, and doomsayers!

Will the next outbreak be any different?

Elizabeth Toomey
Trentham and District Historical Society

Trentham: our town, our future.



We all love Trentham.

But what do we value? And what do we want it to look like in, say, five years' time?

Trentham’s Town Structure Plan will soon be prepared by Hepburn Council – the planning regulations to govern our town’s future development. This survey is a chance to provide your input for Council.

We want to collect your opinions about Trentham and we welcome input from residents and community groups. Responses will be collated and shared for further feedback, to then create a document encapsulating our community’s needs and wants.

Please respond to this survey as soon as you feel ready, it’ll remain open until mid-May. It is online at thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey or complete this copy and drop it into the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre (TNC).

We encourage you to get involved to help Council to help us. Feel free to add another page if you’ve more to say! Don’t feel obliged to answer everything – but the more responses, the stronger and clearer our message.

Any questions? Email us at trumpet@trentham.org.au

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- We’d like to understand how important the following aspects are to you. (Council is not directly responsible for all of these, but they can advocate on our behalf.)

Liveability	Critical	Important	Unimportant
Maintaining a ‘small town’ feel			
Community facilities (pool, library, dog park, etc)			
Access to recreational bicycle and walking paths			
Safety (police presence, road speed limits etc.)			
Sustainability (water security, waste management, etc)			
Power reliability			
Parking			
<i>Other</i>			
Visual Heritage	Critical	Important	Unimportant
The historic character of the town			
The main commercial streetscape			
Surrounding residential streetscapes (unstructured grass edges etc.)			
Retention of older houses and garden settings			
<i>Other</i>			
Natural Environment	Critical	Important	Unimportant
The open space and creek reserves within town			
Rural feel (surrounding hills, farmlands, forest, etc)			
Protection of wildlife			
Trees and tree cover			
<i>Other</i>			

Built Environment	Critical	Important	Unimportant
Development (such as building height limits, minimum lot sizes, etc)			
Garden spaces on residential allotments			
Ratio of hard to natural ground surfaces (water run-off)			
Building energy efficiency and environmental standards			
<i>Other</i>			

• What do you value about living in Trentham?

• What do you like about Trentham’s appearance?

• Is there anything that displeases or frustrates you about the town’s planning or appearance?

• What would you like future Trentham to look like?

Thank you for your input and for speaking up for Trentham. This is our town, our future, and our voices are important. Your responses here will shape our summary and help create a Town Structure Plan that works for us!

Name & Address: _____
 (Anonymous surveys may be submitted)

Councillor's Report

I will use this month's report to focus on four major topics. They are in some ways inter-related but collectively they give an overall assessment of Hepburn Council's current state of play... Hopefully this makes the picture clearer.

Finances – the half-year financial report for the six months to 31 December 2021 is available on Council's website.

Notable facts include: expenditure of \$4.8m for the first six months on storm recovery work. Council received disaster relief funding of \$4.1m. Works will continue into 2022 and will expand to cover the January floods in Creswick. Council hopes to recover up to 90% of recovery expenditure.

Council's cash position has continued to decline. Councils account for cash in two ways. Restricted cash is grant money that must be spent on a defined purpose or funds that are set aside for a specific budgeted purpose. Unrestricted cash is available for discretionary spending and to provide a buffer against unforeseen circumstances. At December 2021 Council's unrestricted cash holdings had deteriorated further to be **negative** \$2.7m. Consequently councillors elected to defer or stop projects valued at \$2.5m, which follows a similar range of cuts last year worth \$2m, but had to set aside \$1m to fund necessary new spending. Hepburn Council faces ongoing cashflow challenges and will continue to rely heavily on securing grant funding if it is to be viable and provide services and projects needed by the community.

Planning – the Minister for Planning approved a new planning scheme for Hepburn Shire on the 10th February. While Hepburn's regulations had not been significantly updated for **20** years (Councils are obliged to review them every *four* years) the new plan is an important step forward...but there is much more work to be done in the coming years.

On that note I congratulate the Trumpet editors for supporting the initiative of concerned residents to gather input from community members on all matters planning. This feedback will form an important part of the consultation process and will help shape future directions in planning regulations. More detail on the revised scheme can be found at [Hepburn Planning Scheme | Participate Hepburn](https://www.thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey). The survey is on the Trumpet's website [thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey](https://www.thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey) I encourage you to participate in this important opportunity to put forward your views for our town's future.

Planning backlog – some of you are painfully aware that processing of planning applications is currently experiencing significant and unacceptable delays. Staff shortages, resignations and the high incoming volume of applications has created a huge backlog. Recruitment of more staff is underway, contractors have been engaged and some work outsourced to DELWP. As at Friday 25 March the backlog was **239** applications. That week, 8 applications were processed but 12 new applications received. You do the maths...

Council's provision of aged care services – a decision was taken at the March meeting that Council exit out of some aged care services, which will now be provided by

an external organisation. Sweeping changes to funding arrangements by the Federal Government are leaving councils Victoria-wide ill-equipped to provide services in this critically important area. Requirements to comply with national competition policy (NCP) mean that councils cannot continue to subsidise these services.

The "Rex" – Council resolved at its November 2021 meeting to discontinue the Hepburn Hub project at the Rex building. During 2021 councillors had decided to terminate the contract held by Hutchinson builders for a number of reasons; held workshops to explore all options for the project (including proceeding, ceasing, selling and leasing back); and received monthly reports. Following the termination of Hutchinson's contract the project was retendered. The decision in November was whether to award a new \$6.3m construction contract. However, the scope of that contract would not have completed the building. Further uncosted works would have been necessary. Effectively the choice in November was to proceed with a \$6.3m contract plus a blank cheque for the uncosted works or to stop. It must be noted that councillors are obliged under the Local Government Act to make responsible, evidenced-based decisions on behalf of the whole community.

The relevant facts behind this project were that public consultation in 2014 identified the location for the Hepburn Hub should be the Daylesford town hall. The Rex was considered but rejected at that time. However, the council of the day purchased the Rex in 2016. As at last November \$9m had been spent on the project by previous councillors and management.

The intended scope of the project was to accommodate less than 50% of Council staff (the others work from depots, libraries and field-based positions) plus the Daylesford library and a small cinema.

Councillors were faced with the November decision on the Rex in isolation. Despite being in existence since 1995 Hepburn Council has no strategy for managing the building assets (some heritage listed) valued at \$200m it is custodian for on behalf of the community. Despite being in existence since 1995 Hepburn Council has no workforce strategy to address how it deploys and manages its 210+ person workforce. It was only in December 2021 that Council adopted for the first time a strategy document that addresses workforce matters such as remuneration, recruitment, retention, etc. No consideration has yet been given as to how the workforce is deployed across the shire in order to optimise customer service (eg decentralisation of some functions).

So the Rex decision in November was being made in the absence of such strategic plans...which most organisations would be expected to develop.

The resolution therefore was to (a) stop the Rex project, (b) instruct management to develop a strategic plan for its workforce, (c) instruct management to develop a strategic plan for its building assets and (d) to assist the Daylesford cinema group to find a new home.

Councillor's Report cont.

To end this report on a positive note – congratulations:

- I was delighted to see Joanne Pegg, principal of Bullarto Primary School, inducted into the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll at the International Women's Day function. The award fittingly recognises Joanne's remarkable contribution to inclusive learning and she is most deserving of this honour.
- Trentham resident Sandy Scheltema had her photo-journalism work on storm recovery interviews with local residents accepted by the State Library of Victoria. This follows the National Library of Australia last year accepting her similar work on Covid lockdowns and experiences. Both sets of interviews will be permanently on display for posterity. Sandy has also recently been engaged by the SLV for ongoing work on the impact of Covid on regional communities. Her work was funded by Council, the Trentham & Districts community bank and Trentham Lions Club and generated a \$2000 donation to the CFA through the production of a calendar.

Council meetings – will be held at the new starting time of 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Currently the public may attend in person, but that may change depending on Covid restrictions. Upcoming Council meeting dates are 20 April, 17 May, 21 June

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Interior Design

Big Things in Small Spaces

My first apartment was small, with a tiny living room. A few decorating tricks made the space appear larger than it was.

I divided the living space by positioning the sofa through the middle of the room, creating two zones. A sofa and armchair made up a conversation space, leaving the rest of the room as a dining area accommodating a round table and chairs. I upholstered the armchair and sofa in contrasting fabrics, using lighter colours, adding neutral cushions for contrast.

The walls were painted brick, with glass sliding doors opening to a small balcony. I made some inexpensive curtains out of striped sheets; being unlined, they filtered light during the day. Vertical stripes gave height, whereas heavier drapes would have made the space feel closed-in.

Opposite the sofa I had a long, low bookcase holding a lamp, TV and sound system. I painted the bookcase the same colour as the walls and other pieces of furniture in complementary light tones, creating an airy atmosphere. A single large piece of artwork in a wooden frame was simpler than a gallery wall of mixed artworks and frames.

Invest in either built-in storage, or a versatile shelving system with a mix of exposed display shelves, cupboards and drawers. The small footprint of a tall shelving unit makes the best use of floorspace.

It's not always the case that lighter colours will help a room appear larger. I believe that a moody darker colour palette can also work well. When aiming to create a sense of space in a poorly lit small room, try painting the walls a deeper colour, contrasting with a matt white ceiling, glossy white doors, architraves and skirting boards.



Playing with light sources and mirrors is a classic technique to create a magical ambience. Mirrors will bounce light; always check what images the mirrors are reflecting! Consider installing a dimmer for overhead lighting; this simple trick allows you to alter the atmosphere easily.

I enjoy the challenge of making the most of smaller spaces. You can try it too, but if you're unsure, this will be one of the topics covered in my design master classes later in the year.

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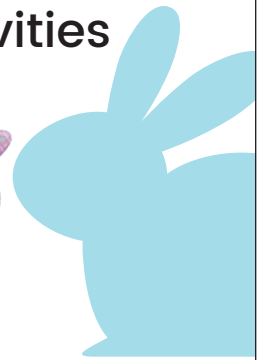
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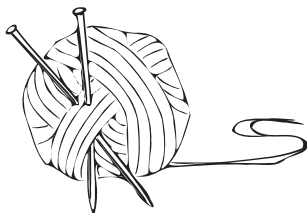
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Food For Thought

At our monthly meetings held at The Cosmo this group, now into its fourth year, mostly discuss the broad topic of food from growing to cooking, preserving and of course eating. We learn of new ways, ingredients, and equipment, plus share the odd little precious gadget. We discuss the ethics of food growing and farming; what is plant-based food and talk about everything else while having a good catch up.

After a recent gathering at the local Hepburn Distillery in Lyonville we realised we, and the public in general have been hood-winked into believing distilled gin is just that, when mostly it is flavoured gin that is a far quicker process and greater financial returns to the manufacturer. And, while, due to its weight, David is unable to bring his new Kamado ceramic insulated BBQ to the meet, we're hopeful of a home demonstration before too long!

The Food for Thought group is delighted that Spudfest returns this year in a richer and fuller form, and is pleased to be a participating again. After our experience last year of selling our Potato Scone Devonshire Teas out of the old Railway Station and along the platform, it was obvious that this historic venue pleased many... so with sleeves rolled up and scone cutters at the ready, we're set to go again.


The Spudfest Festival is vital to this little town as it showcases the broad and rich history of the people who made it so, plus it informs those who have more recently moved here, and the all-important tourists.

This year the festival will build on this to include a more 'earthy' content, inviting more local growers, producers, makers etc to participate. So even if your crops are finished or out of season, you and your business are still welcome! And maybe through a banner, poster, fliers, or cards will hopefully benefit from this exposure.

If this sounds like you, and you'd like to be involved, please contact me (Sylvia Johnson 0419 229 488) to discuss.


And remember, 'life is short, so eat dessert first!!'

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The Trentham Garden

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Nature is held up as the ideal model for gardens, but in some ways a garden is quite an artificial place with a wide range of specific, unnatural demands placed on them.

As a garden designer, I get two types of clients. Sometimes people are after a really top-level garden and want help to achieve this. But there are also clients who have quite specific, tricky requirements that make it difficult to create a successful design all by themselves.

Sometimes the priority is avoiding triggers for asthma, hayfever, eczema and allergies. Techniques include removing problematic grasses and lawns, plants with wind-pollinated flowers and even removing organic mulches which can release spores. Not all these factors will be relevant to all people.

Clients seem to really vary in the importance they place on privacy and hiding unattractive features in the garden; I dislike seeing bare timber-paling fences but some people don't mind this... everyone is different. Creating privacy often makes for happy neighbours and good design can often help achieve this.

The list of plants potentially poisonous to children and animals is enormous, but behavioural patterns need to be taken into consideration too; eg apple trees are technically poisonous to cats but are they going to ingest enough of it to be a problem?

Older clients will often look to create a more manageable garden... luckily, the trend over the last couple of decades

has been towards developing plants that stay small without additional maintenance. Raised garden beds provide access for people to continue enjoying their favourite hobby and people with vision issues will often prefer brightly coloured plants, plants with interesting scents and textures etc.

Don't be afraid to ask for advice at one of our fantastic local nurseries; with a little forethought and planning you can create a beautiful garden that's suited perfectly to your individual needs.

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
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Sport



It's going to be a fun-filled season back on the playing ground, so get along, cheer and support your local teams.

Trentham District Football Netball Club is a vibrant family-focused club celebrating the club's 130th anniversary this year. We welcome any new members and players to come along and be part of a great club. We are looking forward to a huge round one clash at Carisbrook on Saturday, April 23.

Registrations are now open for all programs including both Senior & Junior levels. Auskick & NetSetGo programs are planned for Term 2.

Juniors train Thursday afternoons. Seniors train Tuesday & Thursday evenings, Thursday evening training is usually followed by a meal & social catch up at the club too.

Keep an eye on our Facebook groups and website for all the updates, contact information and details for registration too. trenthamsaintsfnc.com

Senior Football Coach Rick Dowling said, "I'm pleased to see the group come together again with the same drive and determination. "The side this year is looking good with natural strengths in the recruits. Keep your eye on Darcy Matricardi (NT Thunder), Liam Bianco (Woodend), Michael Shaw (Nth Heidelberg), and Michael Hourigan (returning). A great combination that adds excellent depth to the team and will hold us in good stead for the 2022 season.

Senior Netball Coach Sharna Ford said "The 2022 season is fast approaching and the Trentham Saints netballers are keen to get into it. We have some new faces amidst our ranks, including sisters Tegan and Mia Finch. Both girls bring speed, agility and versatility to our side which is super exciting, and we welcome any other new recruits who are interested in playing! The girls are smashing through our pre-season and are looking fit and ready for a competitive season. Bring on 2022!"

The Sportsground club rooms are undergoing a major reconstruction. It will provide a great atmosphere both on training nights and game days when they are complete. I strongly encourage all supporters to get along and back your local team, jump on board and support those who work so hard to manage the Club, volunteer to help out for any of the 100 jobs that need doing.

Cheers,

Corina Sabo
VP / Netball Administrator
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Golf

Another busy month of golf! The Annual Charity Day, sponsored by Belle Property, hosted a field of 112 players and raised \$5,500 for Hepburn SES. Thanks to all the players on the day, the volunteers and the sponsors who helped raise this donation of funds to such a worthy cause. Both major prizes were taken out by visiting teams, the Handicap by Goonawarra Golf Club, and Scratch by Ballarat and Midlands Golf Clubs.



The first round of the Mixed Championships was won by Simon Ovenden & Claire Perston (Scratch), and Colin Wilson & Julie Hanson (Nett). The Thursday and Saturday Monthly Medals were won by Mark Fisher and Liam Murray.

Two players celebrated a Hole-in-One recently, Rhonda Holcombe acing the 2nd on Feb 26 and Garry March Ford the 13th on March 17.

There is a Try golf program starting Sunday April 3 10am to midday which is open to all, so if you are interested, please contact Sue Byrne 0403 040 871 or Trish Mann 0415 472 028 or info@trenthamgolf.com.au.

Good Golfing

John Hudson Men's Captain

The course is in great condition for the first month in Autumn and scores are still reflecting that. One of our major events for the year was held on the 9th of March. We hosted 60 women who came to play in the annual President's and Captain's Day and Guest Day. We play Canadian Foursomes which is a challenging game. The Kyneton visitors, Joan Gibbs and Robyn MacRae won the P&C section with 76.62 and Pat Kinnell with her sister Cathy from Challanbar Golf Club won the Trentham player and guest with the same score.

The Wednesday monthly medal was won by Mandy Bestwick with (16) 67 nett and Saturday's medal was won by Sue Byrne with (12) 70 nett.

The yearly Kyneton/Trentham Challenge will be played in the last week of March. The Challenge has been played since 1997 and Kyneton is hosting this year's event. 17 Trentham women are entering the competition. The losing team on the day is presented with a hospital potty which we hope the team from Trentham won't be bring back to our club house.

The beginner golfers are playing the course and practising their skills. They have tackled the Par 3 course and by the start of April we hope to see some of them getting a handicap and joining a regular competition for new players.

Veronica Maher Women's Captain

Community

Words in Winter Trentham 2022

Trentham Words in Winter held a meeting in February, and we need people to become involved in the planning and organising of events in 2022. We are appealing for volunteers to contact us with offers and a vision for the future.



Words in Winter began in 2004 as a Shire-wide festival but has changed considerably over time. New people have come and gone, each making their own unique contribution to the festival.

In 2020 and 2021 due to the restrictions in place because of the Coronavirus, we were unable to have group events but ran a very successful, small online festival.

We do not want Trentham to lose this unique festival. There must be more people than the present committee members around town who appreciate words, in all their forms. Three of our committee members are standing aside this year and will need to be replaced for the festival to go ahead.

If you are interested in volunteering to keep the festival going, we need to hear from you as soon as possible.

Contact John McLaren to volunteer. He can be contacted on johnbettemclaren@bigpond.com

St George's on display over Anzac weekend

This year marks the 95th anniversary of St George' church building, the second built on the site. To celebrate the building and its contents, it will be open for an historical display in April from St George's Day (23rd) to Anzac Day (25th).

With over forty items, from flagpole to font, organ to altar cloth, dedicated to past parishioners and others, this has also become a short history of Trentham people from 1865-2022. Two large wall plaques, one for JWS Wolff and the other for the Wall Family and their descendants, take us all the way from the establishment of Trentham township to the present day.

It was known that four veterans, from World Wars I, II and Vietnam, are memorialised in the building, but memorials to two others were found recently. All six veterans will be mentioned during the Anzac Day service.

A booklet will be provided so visitors can enjoy the historical items on display. Everyone is welcome and of course to join us for worship every Sunday at 9am.

Exhibition open Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 - Monday 25 April, 10.30am-2.30pm

Everyone is welcome.

Whole Town Garage Sale

- 36 Houses registered for the Garage Sales Map
- Over 160 Maps were sold
- BBQ raised almost \$650

With limited volunteers this year, the TNC approached the Community Bank Trentham & Districts for help with the set up and the barbecue. They were great to work with - and they offered to sponsor the barbecue (so all funds raised went directly back into the TNC) as well as loaning us their market tent (remember the rain the night before!!) and also helped out with some volunteers.

TNC also approached Rural Australians for Refugees Trentham group for volunteers support for the barbecue. We deliberately invited this community group as they were launching their food drive for March through the TNC so we thought it a great opportunity for them to promote their event.

The day was a huge success we raised over \$1545, which we'll put towards programs and activities at the TNC. I think the day was even more successful as we had all three community groups working together in a joint community partnership - and everyone enjoyed being there and helping out.

Karen Rylie
TNC



Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc.

As the Autumn months begin to wrap their arms around us all, keep in mind staying active and being socially engaged. The Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club has varied activities available to interest everyone.

Most are held on a weekly basis, a couple monthly. Petanque for Ladies and Men, Mahjong, Scrabble, Knit, Stitch and Sew, Chinese Exercises/Qigong, and Wednesday Walkers, are all available weekly.

The Garden Group, The Foodies Group and Bushwalking activities are all monthly activities.

Horse Riding can be organised on request, and Music Lovers meet several times throughout the year. Jig Saw puzzles are always available to borrow.

Activity Co-Ordinator Di Clausen (phone 0429 008 763) is always very happy to answer any queries regarding all the activities, and any other enquiries, as is Secretary Gaye Lovelock (0411 150 114).

There is also information on the website www.life.org.au and click on Trentham in the list of clubs.

Remember to stay involved and stay active.

LIFE'S BETTER TOGETHER.

Wendy Redman



Plonkers

The end of Regional Lockdown saw the reopening of one of Trentham's much-loved pubs – the Pig and Whistle. The new owners have done an expert job of renovating and restoring this family favourite.

Whilst the ambience of the rustic front bar has remained along with the courtyard windmill, a new pool room has been created and the interior has been completely overhauled into very warm, cosy and comfortable dining areas. The new look is further enhanced by external party lights and seating.

The Pig's menu consists of high-quality classic pub grub and a surprisingly good selection of vegetarian fare – even the Pigman's charcuterie board has a vegetarian option! The wine list is also surprising, with few local offerings but an extensive selection of affordable French and Australian regional wines.

The Plonkers' evening began with a bowl of spicy French fries, a couple of expertly poured cold Guinneses and a beautifully crisp and clean Riverland, Growers Gate, brut cuvee bubbly.

For their mains the Plonkers took advantage of the Tuesday Steak night special – a 250 gm porterhouse for \$24 whilst their partners ordered a home-made burger and the Goddess orecchiette vegetable pasta. The steaks were great quality and well charred over an open flame; the burger plump and juicy; and the pasta perfectly balanced, tasty and with vegetables cooked to perfection.

Our meals were accompanied firstly by an excellent Banks Rd, Pinot Grigio from the Mornington Peninsula. It had a beautifully perfumed nose and a soft mellow flavour with hints of lemon and pear.

For the red, usually Digby will demand a Heathcote Shiraz to accompany his steak, but tonight his more adventurous spirit took hold, and he ordered a Heathcote, 2019 Buckshot, Primitivo.

For those unfamiliar with the Primitivo, it contains Zinfandel grapes which are favoured in southern Italy. The Buckshot primitivo, typical of Heathcote reds, is quite a rich strong wine with a hint of cherry and a great silky, lingering finish. Interestingly, they found that the taste of the wine merged beautifully with the char of the steaks to produce a very pleasant taste on the mouth.

A perfect evening of good food, wine and company was enhanced further by attentive but not intrusive waiters and by the beautiful, thin stemmed quality wine glasses complete with etched pig and whistle emblems.

As we sat back and contemplated a cleansing ale in the front bar, the owners' dogs wandered inside to wearily settle down under a nearby dining table and we thought that there was not a better place one could find to have a pleasant time on a quiet Tuesday evening in Trentham.

**Niles & Digby
The Plonkers**



Hepburn Z-NET

Hepburn Shire paves the way to zero-net energy

The Hepburn Shire community has reached 42% renewables, outperforming Victoria's state average of 29% and powering the Shire's transition to zero-net energy with local solar and wind.

This news comes from Hepburn Z-NET, a collaborative partnership helping the Shire move towards zero-net energy by 2025 and zero-net emissions by 2030. They recently completed an electricity audit of the whole Shire, finding that net emissions from electricity in FY2021 dropped 6,640 tonnes, to 35,640 tonnes of carbon over the year.

A large reason for this reduction was the increasing number of households taking up solar, with solar generating 17,840MWh over the year and Hepburn Wind generating 10,150MWh. Hepburn Z-NET partnership programs have been helping the Shire to tackle emissions in various sectors, ranging from transport, land-use change, stationary energy and waste.

Hepburn Shire Mayor Tim Drylie said that Hepburn Z-NET was a game-changer for community-led energy transitions and climate action.

If you would like to find out more about Hepburn Z-NET and our community's achievement, check out their website: z-net.org.au/hepburn/

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 - Briony





Postscript

Last month's Trumpet reported that the **Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Team** would be in town on March 28. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances they were unable to make it to Trentham.

They apologise for any inconvenience caused and encourage anyone interested in learning more to call for a free phone consultation about the latest incentives for small businesses (see left).

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Finished your Trumpet?
 Great, now go back and have your say about Trentham! You'll find our Town Survey either in the middle of this publication or online at thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/survey.



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