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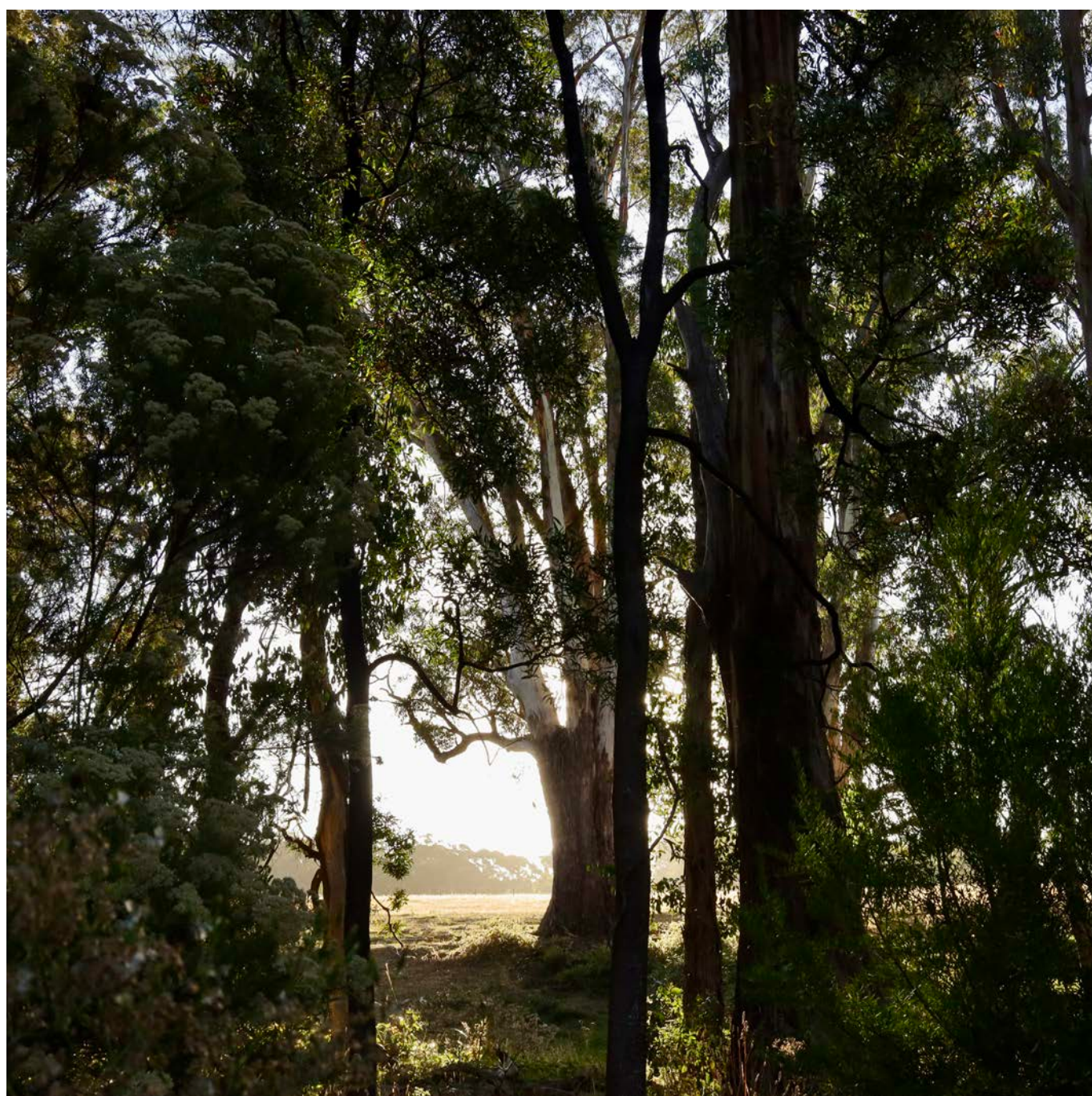


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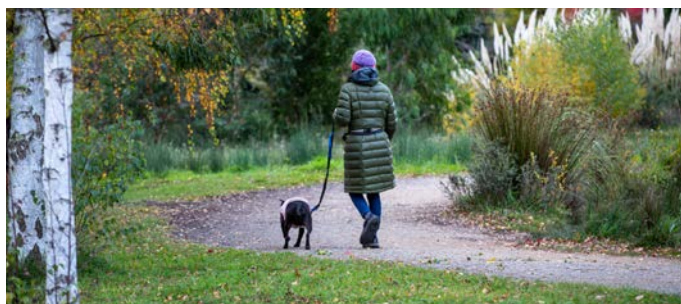
Council News

Paws-itive news for pets

Council has adopted its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026–2029 (DAMP), following a comprehensive service review and extensive community engagement.

The DAMP sets out Council's strategic direction, priorities and evaluation measures for the management of pets across the Shire. It focuses on promoting responsible pet ownership, reducing nuisance behaviour, improving animal welfare, strengthening public safety and protecting local biodiversity.

Read more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/paws-itive-news



Farmer's Day Out

Local farmers, producers and growers are invited to attend the inaugural Farmer's Day Out, a day filled with inspiring speakers, panel discussions, health checks, networking and workshops to help strengthen business models.

- Wednesday 25 March
- 9 am to 5 pm
- Ballarat Showgrounds, 6 Rose Hill Road, Mount Rowan

Council is covering the costs for a limited number of tickets, please email business@hepburn.vic.gov.au and provide your contact details including postcode and the number of tickets requested (max. two per business).



Community Awards

Nominations for the 2026 Community Awards are now open until Friday 6 March. Nominate a person, event or activity that has made a significant impact on the lives of others in Hepburn Shire.

Categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (25 years or younger)
- Community Event of the Year
- Hepburn Together Award

Successful nominees will be announced at an event on Tuesday 19 May at The Warehouse - Clunes from 5 to 7 pm.

Nominate at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/awards



Priority projects approved by Council

At this month's Council meeting, Council acknowledged the important role that advocacy plays in the local government landscape and endorsed several priority projects that will see better outcomes for the Hepburn Shire. The projects include Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Clunes Recreation Reserve Masterplan, Future Hepburn Settlement Strategy, and more.

Visit our website for more information www.hepburn.vic.gov.au

Council urges state to finalise guidelines

Council moved a motion at the February meeting to delay the implementation of the four-stream kerbside collection service until the Victorian Government finalises regulations and service standards made under the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*.

The Act requires all Victorian local government areas to provide households with a four-stream kerbside collection service with separate services for general waste (red), mixed recycling (yellow), glass recycling (purple) and food and garden organics (green) by July 2027.

Council is committed to complying and has already taken steps to meet requirements to increase landfill diversion rates.

Read more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/waste-guidelines

Council Plan 2025–2029



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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

'History is made by those who show up.'

How strange, this saying is quoted in two separate articles in this month. Collusion?! We prefer to think good advice – there's so much going on (just look at these jam-packed pages), it's your call to get involved!

Thank you to our contributors who leapt into action this short month, and our advertisers who enable this free publication to exist.

Have a great month,
Chris & Penny

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

YOUR Neighbourhood Centre would like to hear from YOU!

Do you have a special skill, wellbeing or fitness program, a talent that you want to share? Then contact the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre and let's talk about how to get you started.

We are already planning the Term 2 Program and maybe it's your time to shine! Call the centre on ph. 5425 1354 and speak to Richard or Rachel, or call into 56 High St and have a chat.

We'd also like some feedback on how you think things are going at TNC. Feedback is so important, as we can always improve things, make changes and make way for new and exciting opportunities too.

Trentham Writing Workshops

This year's Writer Meet Story workshops are now running for writers across Central Victoria who want to extend their writing and inspire new levels of storytelling. The workshops are designed to help writers of all levels to unlock their creativity and explore new writing techniques.

Local author and writing educator Sandy Watson launched Writer Meet Story last year to support writers with access to professional tuition, technical skills and a creative community of support.

According to Sandy, "As writers, we all continually seek to push the boundaries of our storytelling. These workshops are designed to help you tap into your creativity and inner truths and to share and explore your writing journey with a community of like-minded locals."

The workshops are suitable for all stages and genres – whether you are writing for yourself and your friends, for family, your local community or hoping to reach a broader field.

Inner Author is a three-hour introductory workshop for writers who are contemplating writing a book. Dates: 10 Mar and 10 Sep

Trumpet Photography Competition

It's back – now in it's sixth year!



We are looking for a(nother) fabulous photo of Trentham to grace our cover next month. Entry is open to all ages, camera types and abilities – and again we're offering a \$100 cash prize for the winner. Your photo can be taken with any type of camera (including your phone) but it needs to be square or cropped to square (17cm x 17cm)

To enter: simply email your photo to thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com with your name and the title of your work. By entering, you agree to let us share your work including on our social media (with appropriate credit, of course!) Entries close Wednesday 25 March. The winner will be notified before the issue goes to print. Judges decision is final.

Please complete our survey, it will take 4 minutes of your time, and it would make a huge difference for us at TNC. Just scan the QR code to get started.

Did someone say Spudfest?!

The TNC needs your help. We will be morphing into the Trentham Tea House on Saturday 2nd May, and volunteers are needed to help us prepare snacks, light lunches, serve takeaway, clean tables, or be our Maître D'! If you're looking for a Spudfest volunteer role, look no further. Contact Richard at manager@trenthamnc.org.au and we'll put you on the roster.

Tell us about your TNC experience!



Chapter One is a new 4-part course being run at Trentham Neighbourhood Centre over eight weeks. This course provides a guided creative environment for writers to increase writing output, learn new techniques and receive ongoing feedback.

Dates: Saturday 1-4pm: 28 Feb, 14 Mar, 28 Mar, 11 Apr

Writing Retreats in Trentham and Sicily for writers who want to combine a holiday in unforgettable locations with focused writing time.

Find your story Trentham is a 3-night retreat at beautiful Casa Allegra for writers across Victoria who would like to step out of day-to-day life to spend concentrated time to progress their writing. Includes guest presentations and insights from successful Australian authors and writers – Tony Hardy, Izzy Roberts-Orr and Caroline Parker. 6-9 March.

Full details and details of Sicily retreats at www.sandywatson.au/writermeetstory Find out more at www.writermeetstory.au or ring Sandy Watson 0401714880

About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

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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:

thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com

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What's on!

CWA - Trentham Night Owls

4th Thurs / month
TNC 7pm
cwatrenthamnightowls@gmail.com

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
21 March 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap
21 March 10-11.30am
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Cool Country Men's Shed

Open Wednesday & Saturday mornings
9.30am - 12.30pm
55 Mulchay's Road Trentham
info@coolcountrysmensshed.org.au

Life Activities Club

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

Wednesday Walkers
9.30am every Wednesday
Easy town walk
Meet at old Trentham Post Office

Men's Petanque
10am every Thursday
Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Trentham Dance

2nd Sunday / month
The Mechanics 1.30 - 5pm
Enquiries Dianna 0418 173 920
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TNC

see trenthamnc.org.au

Trentham Community Table

CWA / TNC / Lions joint initiative
last Friday of each month
TNC 12.30pm

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On Our Cover:

Summer's End

Chris Campbell

At the Station

Steamrail Victoria Visit

Recently the committee paid a visit to Steamrail Victoria's Newport facility. It was a very worthwhile and informative experience which helped us to appreciate the skill and resources that go into restoring steam engines and rolling stock.



We're at the early stages of exploring the restoration of our own Guards carriage, and seeing an identical one currently being worked on gave us a real appreciation of the work involved. Our plan now is to first focus on better protecting our carriage from the elements, with further restoration works to be considered along the line (excuse the pun!).

One of the unexpected highlights of the morning was seeing the fully restored K153 steam locomotive – the very last to run on the Trentham line.

We came away from Newport amazed by the numbers of volunteers at Steamrail Victoria who give so generously of their time and expertise. It was a valuable reminder of just how much work, skill, and commitment these projects

demand – something we'll be keeping very much in mind as we plan ahead.

Another great outcome of our visit was that we were able to connect with the Newport Railway Museum who have offered a new home for the non-Trentham related historical records we have been holding on to.

Goods Shed

Extensive structural works have now been carried out to our goods shed and we look forward to its official opening in the coming months. We're sure it's going to complement the station's events as well as add a unique space for the community to use.

Seasonal Markets

We have three remaining markets in March, April and May before our winter hiatus. If you haven't been for a visit for a while, please come down and have a browse, or a coffee, or one of our egg and bacon rolls or snags and see the progress with the mural and garden.

Phil Davis

Secretary

TRATA

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Left: TRATA committee members with the K 153 steam locomotive from left Ross Urquhart, Leigh Sutcliffe, Phil Davis, Lea Davis, George Tosi

Trentham Talks
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From the streets of London to a local Trentham farm
via National Security in Canberra ...

... hear
Rob Jackson's
story

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Trentham Sustainability Group

Sowing, growing a better life

The adage, history is made by those who show up, was turned on its head by members of the Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) at a strategy day last month. Ten members made the future – not the past – when they joined the TSG Committee to set priorities for the TSG, grow successful activities and sow the seed for new initiatives in 2026.

Proven and popular TSG activities such as the food and fashion swaps will be expanded. A community garden scheme for sharing space in backyards and on private land to increase local food security (see separate story, page 22), a project for reducing bushfire risk to people and property, and activities to strengthen energy resilience in readiness for extreme weather events, are new initiatives.



Committee member Sara Pheasant leads the strategy day.

Keeping our community fire safe

How can Trentham better protect residents, animals and buildings from climate-related risks such as bushfires?

It's a question a new project for the Earth Repair & Conservation focus area will explore in 2026, seeking advice from forest managers, wildfire researchers, building designers and others.

Topics for a proposed community forum include:
What sort of building materials can we use to minimise fire risk/impact?
How can Trentham respond in a coordinated way to mitigate fire risks?
What is the best way to respond to and recover from a fire emergency?

We're hoping that expert advice about individual and town risk assessments and mitigation strategies will help prevent a fire disaster in Trentham and give locals more peace of mind.

A stitch in time reduces landfill

Crafty people, a popular TSG sowing and craft group that meets on the fourth Saturday of the month, returns in 2026, starting on 28 March, from 1-4pm at The Mechanics, Trentham.

This "crafternoon", plus two Trentham Fashion Swaps, at least one visit by the Daylesford Repair Café and a Sewing and Upcycling workshop for Teens, helps locals keep clothes out of landfill.

In 2026, TSG's Waste & Resource Recovery focus area is also exploring the feasibility of a soft plastics collection bin and workshops for locals to develop repair and maintenance skills.

TSG wants you. Join us!

It takes a community to imagine, design and realise a vision for a sustainable future. With this in mind, the TSG is launching a membership drive at Trentham Farmers Market on 21 March.

Members and supporters are being invited to join working groups for new and existing initiatives So, join the TSG in 2026. Together, we can live locally, live sustainably and live well.

If you are interested in joining a project, contact us trenthamsustainability@gmail.com

'What's On' at TSG this month

13 March: Annual General Meeting, 6.30-7.00pm at the Cosmo
21 March: Trentham Farmers' Market: Membership Drive 9.30am -12.30pm; Food Swap, 9.30-11.30am, at the Town Square
28 March: Crafty People Group, 1.00-4.00pm at the Mechanics

www.trenthamsustainabilitygroup.com
trenthamsustainability@gmail.com



When: Sat, March 28th 1-4pm. Then every 4th Saturday of the month.

Venue: The Mechanics, Trentham

Bring: Your sewing / craft project & kit.

Beginners welcome! Arvo tea served.

Enquiries: trenthamfashswap@gmail.com



Technology

Introducing Coliban Digital

Computers can be intimidating! Especially to those who did not grow up with them. They are now everywhere - in our TVs, cars, kitchens and pockets. If they make you nervous every time you have to do something unfamiliar or you are tempted to throw your device across the room or out the window, there is help available.

I've spent the last 40 years working in Information Technology and Networks, in both support and design. As a child, I was fascinated by computers and was constantly asking why or how. So, I knew computers would be in my future.

I completed a science and maths undergraduate degree, as specialised Computer Science Degrees were only just beginning. After that, I worked in many roles - from teaching executives how to use an IBM PC for email and word processing (knowing that most of them then delegated use to their secretaries), through to designing and implementing largescale databases and document storage/management systems. This makes me a general specialist. I can read almost any technical manual and explain it to others. I can find solutions to your problems from my own knowledge or by accessing the internet to find and implement a solution developed by others. I now avoid climbing under desks to update hardware myself, but I'm happy to supervise others if that is needed.

As my parents have aged and had their own computer and phone access challenges, I have been their support and troubleshooter, allowing my mother to keep on writing even as her vision dramatically declined.

After a major stroke in 2010, I have myself lived with left hemiplegia, so I've had to adapt my computers and phones for use with one hand. At work, this forced a shift into project management support for support contract customers.

Coliban Digital was created after I retired. Its aim is to provide advice and practical assistance to those in our community who are finding current technology hard to manage. I can provide guidance through the digital forest while living in the peace of the physical forest.

The Mount Players

At the Theatre

Our year has kicked off well with our first show, *The Cemetery Club* by Ivan Menchell opening to a full house on Friday 20 February. The season runs till 8 March so if you haven't seen it check the website for any stray tickets still available.

Our second show, *Mr Bailey's Minder* by Debra Oswald opens Friday 8 May and is now in full rehearsal. This is an Australian Dramatic Comedy and is our 2026 entry into the Victorian Drama League Awards. Director, Sonja Prater, has gathered a very strong cast and is looking forward to presenting this tough, funny and big-hearted play. Tickets on sale soon.

I offer two types of service:

Standalone Issue Resolution is for specific occasions. I can, for instance, install your new printer so that it connects through your wireless network to phones and computers, allowing you to print from either. I can troubleshoot problems with your hardware or software or Home Network, or if you do not feel confident upgrading your phone or PC. Whatever the immediate problem, if you are tired of waiting for the young person in your life to get around to it, give me a call and see if I can help.

Ongoing Support acknowledges that you are likely to need help with multiple devices on different occasions. I might need to help you with any or all of the following:

- Manage your email or document storage, by creating a customised filing/folder structure on your PC
- Find a tool/application/program that does a particular function for you, install it and teach you how to access and use it.
- Set up your PC and work area in a way that makes it easier for you to use, especially if you have a disability such as low vision or reduced mobility. I can introduce you to screen readers and other accessibility tools, some of which may be already available on your PC or phone.

Ongoing Support requires that I spend a couple of hours getting familiar with and researching sources of tech support for your current equipment, as well as familiarising myself with your current usage requirements. We can then get together and come up with a plan. I'm happy to setup weekly or fortnightly assistance if needed and offer special rates for that.

Whatever I do for you as a client, I want you to feel in control and empowered. I will be there as a backup for when it gets hard.

Heather Bertrand
Coliban Digital
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On Friday 13 February, 2 outstanding members of the company were presented with Life Memberships. Frank Harvey and Karlana Santamaria have both given so much to make the theatre what it is today... a thriving, successful, creative space for the whole community to enjoy. Congratulations to both!



For tickets and more details of everything mentioned go to www.themountplayers.com or call us on 5426 1892.

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt
The Mount Players

News and reflections

One possible outcome of the dreadful attack at Bondi is that some folk might have since explored aspects of what Hannukah, or Channukah is actually about. So much can be symbolised in the lighting of candles, hope, thanksgiving, remembrance, prayers. In the case of Hannukah, "Festival of Lights", there is the dimension of reassurance, that God provides for God's faithful people.

Light itself is a feature of both Christian and Jewish sacred texts and practices, opposed to the reality of darkness, signifying the struggle of good and evil, the gift of enlightenment, a symbol of what God wishes to be the way of life for humanity, and the way God's people represent this to others around them.

Many Christian communities have just completed observing the season of Epiphany, "a season of signs". It commences with the recognition of the "Wise Men" from the Christmas story, people from faraway lands, not Jewish, but aware of the prophecies about Messiah, and following a special light. This time of 6-7 weeks is spent reflecting on many aspects of how the message of Jesus came to

Meditation for Peace

Evera: a Trentham destination 1996 - 2026

In 1996 Henk and Helma Bak moved from Ringwood East to Trentham to live and work after Henk retired from teaching at Monash Caulfield campus. We settled on 2 acres of vacant land with a dam, where our new modular 'R.A.L. Home' was built. There we continued the work we had started in Ringwood East: singing and meditating with friends that would come and join, even walk to the cave overhanging the Falls, which was then still accessible and formed an ideal acoustic shell for our singing, stopping visiting tourists in their tracks...

In 1999 we bought adjacent land, part of the Beatties estate: 13 acres of a well looked after combination of grazing land and forested shelterbelts after the ancient way of Saxon land management. During 2001 - 2004 we organized summer camps. Participants assisted in building a cabin/meeting place, a playground with sandpit and swings, and an Italian style pizza-oven

We turned the land into a parkland by planting clusters of native trees and shrubs in a wide circle which - after they had grown high and wide enough to provide shelter - became in 2007 'stations' along a meditative walk, each site dedicated to a different world-view, philosophy or religion: Aboriginal, Hindu, Buddhist, Dao, Judaic, Muslim and Christian. In January 2006 the spiritual teacher, Shin Shiva from Switzerland conducted a 4 day seminar including a public lecture on the Saturday night which was well attended by locals and visitors from the city.

In 2010 the United Nations Assembly designated the first week of February as "World Interfaith Harmony Week", so we synchronised some of our walks to coincide with this.

Shin's seminar had taken place in and around a rented marquee. When a Steiner Kindergarten shifted from Woodend to Trentham, a farm-shed was built as a multipurpose meeting place, housing the 'Bush-Kinder'.

be spread amongst the nearby Gentile populations, that is, non-Jews.

For centuries, Christians have reflected on the saying of Jesus about being the "light of the world". This is about how Christians contribute to the world around, to community, to big issues, and smaller ones. It's a bit like putting in your tuppence worth, seeing how God's values and desires for humanity can play into everyday situations.

As Lent now takes us to Easter - Easter Day is Sunday 5 April - there is time to contemplate one of the themes of Epiphany, what being a light means:

What does God require of us:
to do justice,
to love kindness, and
to walk humbly with God.

You are welcome to join us at 9am every Sunday

centralhighlandsanglicans.org

This space has served to receive about 35 participants of an interfaith/intercultural exchange to and from Northern suburbs of Melbourne, in Bus tours, government funded, organized by the then coordinator of the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre. In 2014 this space served as a gathering of about 85 friends from all over, commemorating Helma's life and work after her passing in October 2014.

In 2016 I opened the forest on the Eastern edge of the land parallel to Beatties for a sensory trail, marked on the Hepburn Shire planning map with an Aboriginal overlay and 'place of (environmental) interest'. Its surface was smoothed with crushed rock for wheelchair access, and signposted to highlight the relevance of the senses in a time marked by "degeneration of senses and degradation of the environment."

When members of the ADF had been engaged in the disaster recovery after the storm of June 2021 they cleared this sensory trail on the Friday before ANZAC day. After they had marched in the ANZAC day ceremony they returned in the afternoon to finish cleaning up the trail but also enriched it with signs: "Sensory Path" above the entrance and "Ervaar en geniet" at the exit, Dutch for: "experience and enjoy". Members of the Cool Country Mens Shed assisted in mounting the signage on sticks, the younger generation of my family planted them. The Covid '19 episode highlighted the relevance of the human senses, especially the first of the trail: touch and encounter. Nowhere in the universe as far as we know "touch" happens except on earth, and in our world of endless meetings, it may be only encounters that matter: an eye to eye handshake seals a deal.

This 30 year part of Trentham's historic/cultural destination has recently been sold.

Henk Bak

The Cairn of Friendship

On a sunny day in January 2013 a small group of local people met on Blue Mount Road for an early morning walk. It would turn out to be the start of years of daily walks and great friendships.

The group became larger and we changed the route to different locations to finally settle on Domino Road (opposite the tip) for various reasons; the track is not too uneven and the forest is pretty, with lots of wildlife. There are a few steep hills, which creates a few physical challenges. And there is very little traffic.

Friends and family have joined us along the way; some for longer periods of time, others would join in every now and then. Many dogs have come along as well.



The walk is about 6 km long ; it soon became a spontaneous routine for every one of us to put a rock down at the halfway point every time we walked. After all these years, The Cairn we created is now so big there must be thousands of rocks, mainly white quartz.

Walking and talking is what we do; sharing thoughts, feelings and ideas, plans for the future, discussing news, including politics, the weather, local gossip, the animals we see on the track. There is also a great deal of mental support for those who need it, or just an outlet for frustration and grieving for friends and family we lost, but mostly laughter and enjoyment. Our general fitness has improved, everyone's mental wellbeing has been an important part from the start.

We start early, at 7.30am, but that means that there is a whole day in front of us when we get back; refreshed and energized!

Anneke Hoekstra



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The Trentham Garden

Small Garden Spaces

Country properties often come with plenty of room. The challenge isn't fitting things in – it's creating a garden that feels in proportion to the house and surrounding landscape, without becoming overwhelming to maintain.

Large, grand gardens can sometimes miss something important: intimacy. When everything is expansive, it's easy to feel exposed, as though there's nowhere to sit comfortably and just enjoy being outside. Breaking a big garden into smaller, defined areas can make it feel more welcoming and human in scale.

Spaces closer to the house – especially near the kitchen – are natural spots for outdoor living. This is often where it makes sense to invest in durable surfaces such as brick or stone. These areas benefit from being planned as carefully as indoor rooms, with clear thinking about furniture placement and circulation. Pergolas with deciduous climbers and well-placed garden beds can help soften the space and offer protection from sun and wind.

It's also worth considering your key views and designing around them. Homes on hilltops can easily end up have beautiful views, but unpleasant gardens. Owners can be hesitant to interrupt the view, which sometimes leaves outdoor areas feeling exposed and windswept. Some well-placed hedges, planting or structures can actually make the view more enjoyable by creating shelter and contrast.



If you have a smaller garden, it's worth recognising the advantages. Smaller spaces are more manageable, and the work involved can feel satisfying rather than burdensome. A well-cared-for garden – even a modest one – often has a warmth and charm that larger, more imposing gardens struggle to achieve.

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
Garden Designer
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Smaller, intimate gardens often mean you have more scope to fill the space with things you really love

Trentham Community Action Inc

Trentham Website

It's time to check out the new Trentham community website! Packed with loads of information, trenthamvic.org.au is showcases what's great about Trentham.



We are incredibly grateful to [Sandy Scheltema](http://sandyscheltema.com), (sandyscheltema.com) who is one of Australia's leading female photojournalists and a local resident, for contributing her professional photography that demonstrates the unique and beautiful landscapes of Trentham. Sandy's work perfectly captures the charm and natural beauty of our town and makes the website look amazing (see right).

While the website celebrates the landscape and heritage that make Trentham unique, its purpose goes further. It is designed to be a central hub of information for residents and visitors alike. A place where you can easily find community contacts, local services, and directories. Is your community group listed? Have you promoted your business in a community directory?

Contact the volunteer website management group and we will get you online! Email info@trenthamvic.org.au for more information - we look forward to hearing from you soon.

AGM

7pm Monday, 2 March at TNC

After the usual AGM requirements are dealt with, Cr Brian Hood will outline how he sees Trentham's future and how the community can best seek to influence this.



To assist the incoming committee, all members (now 100+) and people attending the AGM will be asked to complete a 1-page survey indicating their thoughts on TCA's (and Trentham's) directions and priorities.

We are at an interesting stage of national, state and local government - so what do we want for our community?

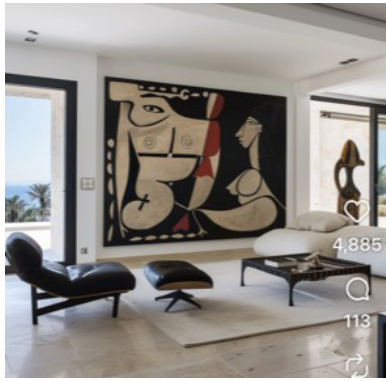
History is made by those who turn up (attributed to Disraeli)
TCA e-mail: trenthamca@gmail.com

For any specific inquiries: Fay Magee 0417 113 927, Ian MacBean 0438 529 481

Interior Design

Minimalism

I'm helping a client who has recently downsized, curating their artwork and furnishings. The client likes a minimalist vibe, but didn't want their new home to feel too stark or too cold. What is minimalism?



For a lot of people, it's a concept of interior space devoid of clutter; it's a style that emphasises simplicity, clean lines and functionality. Minimalism involves consciously stripping things down to their basic form; natural elements are essential, as are modern plastics: it's the dramatic tension created by contrast that is so appealing.

You need to engage and manipulate the essential elements: light, form and beautiful materials, no excessive ornamentation or decoration; pattern is restrained, while the focus is on simplicity.

I'm thinking large windows, clean-lined architraving, staircases and doorways linking rooms decorated in a consistent style maintaining a tight, largely neutral or monochrome colour palette. The few details used are uncomplicated, blending harmoniously; think a lightly-veined quartz or marble, a simple woven carpet, or timber flooring without pattern.

Minimalism also relies heavily on modern furnishings, defined room layouts, and architectural details that are prominent but not overwhelming. Sofas and armchairs with exposed legs that allow light and site lines through them could start your furniture selection. Perhaps ultra-modern with clear perspex or moulded plastics and metal frames, and bring in some designer names, like Alessi, Wassily, Jacobsen - or the furniture they inspired.

Negative space is a concept where you allow a certain amount of room around your furnishings and displays, giving the eye space to move and rest, focusing on the object displayed. It sounds easy to achieve: use white paint and place a few pieces of basic furniture into your room! However, simplicity requires a controlled mix of elements and highly executed finishes and materials.

Artwork becomes a more dominant feature; a larger more dramatic piece is preferable over a number of smaller pieces. Scale of all elements becomes increasingly important: you can mix a blend of decor styles, balancing a blended tension. Poor workmanship will stand out, as will daily untidiness. Excellent storage is essential, as is the discipline to maintain a pristine environment!

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Meet Dean Mighell – New Trentham Lions Member

Thirty years ago, Dean struck up a relationship with Stan Falloon, previous President and legendary Lions member. Dean and Stan were once



adversaries in the Victorian Building Industry. They reconnected as residents of Trentham and became good friends. Dean found that Stan's commitment to community service through Lions was inspirational. After Stan died in late 2024, Dean decided to extend his commitment to community service and join Lions. He became a member in February 2026.

Dean came from a working class family, raised in Footscray and Avondale Heights. He left school in year 11 and became an A grade Electrician before joining the 1st Commando Regiment Australian Army. He later became an official at the Electrical Trades Union and eventually rose to the position of State Secretary, a role he held from 1995 to 2013. Twenty-five years of constant conflict led to 'burn out' and he knew he wanted to take a different path in life helping others.

Dean fell in love with Trentham and purchased 29 acres on the Domino Road in 2002. The property was enjoyed by Dean's wife and two sons who loved the bush, horses, bikes and nature. Dean's love of nature and horses led to a career change. He studied Equine Assisted Learning and then went on to dedicate four years to qualify as a Gestalt Psychotherapist and Registered, Clinical Counsellor.



He founded the charity 'Path of the Horse' in 2016. The service specialises in trauma (PTSD), anxiety, depression, moral injury, neurodiversity and complex post-traumatic stress disorder and his work focuses on building better relationships. The charity was set up using Dean's savings. The cost of the upkeep of the property including the maintenance of 9 horses is considerable and is dependent on donations and grants.

Dean now works with people from all walks of life seeking better mental health. Asked what his long-term aim is, Dean responded "to help people by creating the best psychotherapy and equine therapy practice in Australia". Dean has over 6000 Facebook followers.

We welcome Dean to Trentham Lions. We are delighted to have you as a team member and invite others with an interest in community work to contact our President John Morrissy on 0417 162 296.

Tony van Rensburg
Trentham Lions

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The committee of TLAC decided that it would be a wonderful idea to gather our members together for a picnic. The site was chosen - the Quarry Reserve - and Valentine's Day seemed appropriate!

It wasn't long before people carrying plates of food to share could be seen making their way to the pavilion. There were seats for all, and it was obvious that everyone was having a very good time, catching up with friends and meeting new acquaintances.

The sun was shining over the lake, a cool breeze blew and the corellas serenaded us as the sun went slowly down. And the 20 happy participants made their way home.

We are now thinking another picnic in Spring may be a very good idea!

If you would like to know more about TLAC we are very happy to tell you about all the many groups that are on offer - from craft to pétanque, foodies outings, walks, Chinese exercises, chair yoga and many more.

Contact Di Clausen on 0425618297 for more information.

The Real Gardens of Lyonville

Calling all garden lovers!

Join us for a stroll around the lovely cool climate gardens of Lyonville. These are not just show gardens but are gardens created by local enthusiasts who revel in the rich volcanic soils and fickle climate of the area.

This is our third open garden day and this year we have seven open gardens including three new gardens. We also have a very special feature garden, Babbington Park, which is separately ticketed.

The idea for this event was first hatched by the Lyonville Garden Club with help from the Lyonville Community Planning Group Inc. All proceeds from the day go towards projects to enhance our township.

Refreshments will be available at the Lyonville hall. Please book lunches when you buy your tickets.



Tickets are \$30 and are available from <https://events.humanitix.com/the-real-gardens-of-lyonville-2026>

All queries to Vicki Jackson vickicj102@gmail.com

About the day

On the day, registrations commence from 9.30am at the Lyonville Hall, corner Bremner Avenue and Gleeson St, Lyonville, where ticket holders will be given a wristband and leaflet with a map and description of each garden.

There are two ticket categories: Garden Friend and Garden Lover. Garden Friend (\$30) gives access to all open gardens except Babbington Park (Annie Smithers' garden). Garden Lover (\$30) tickets allow access to Babbington Park only. From 10am until 3 you are free to explore the gardens in any order.

A brown bag picnic lunch (\$18 veg, \$20 meaty) is available if booked when purchasing tickets.

Please dress for the weather and wear boots or sturdy shoes. We love dogs but not when visiting these gardens please. All children must be under adult supervision.

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Trentham Veggie Gardens

Rampaging Reproduction and Shady Cover-Ups

We've found it to be a challenging Summer for growing vegetables in Trentham. Until around late December, the weather was mostly cool, skies were grey & we had had reasonable Spring rains. Many plants failed to thrive; we suffered a 0% success rate with growing cucumber seedlings in late Spring, then just a 60% rate in December with a second punnet. The plants are growing okay now, but there aren't many cucumbers yet. Observed the same recalcitrant lack of activity with our compost transplants, the cherry tomatoes. What to do?

I've heard that at least one avid & experienced local vegie gardener (hello Bill!) heads out to his patch with an electric toothbrush to help his tomato flowers along with pollination. He's had success. I'd heard of bee activity facilitating pollination, also using a paintbrush, but is this electric- toothbrush-pollination yet another Trentham triumph?

From late December, Trentham weather changed dramatically, with dry & hot days, and some windy days & dangerous fire weather. Meteorologists reported a "Solar Maximum" with extremely strong solar flares on our Sun's surface, producing gorgeous auroras as well as more intense & damaging sunlight on Earth. In our vegie garden, it seemed that most vegetables growing underground did well (eg our new season's spuds, spring onions). Plants with naturally leafy cover did well (rhubarb with its elephant ears, strawberries, zucchini). Plants receiving afternoon shade from our trees & shrubs did well (our



blueberries, maybe our beans? TBA). Many of our other vegies which remained in full sun suffered or gave up the ghost completely. Luckily noticing this trend, we rummaged around in the garage & found some heavy-duty shade cloth which we draped over our lacklustre beetroot, wilting salad greens & kale. These plants are much healthier now. Covering backyard vegetable crops may become a necessity now that our climate has changed.

Well, better shoot off to the vegie patch now, - armed with my electric toothbrush of course!

Josie Reid

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We're calling on our legendary Spud Buddies to help deliver another gloriously spudtacular two-day celebration. This is Trentham's signature event. It brings huge support to our local traders, farmers and artisans from Trentham and surrounding region, and helps our community groups raise funds (almost \$20k in 2025!). And it simply wouldn't happen without our volunteers.

Want to be part of the magic? Join us for Street Fair (Saturday 2 May 2026), Discovery Day (Sunday 3 May 2026) or go all-in for both days!

We have a wide range of options including volunteer roles in the kids zone, setting up and packing up the event or even helping visitors with questions on the info stand. Shifts run for just two hours, so you'll still have plenty of time to join in the festivities.

New to town? This is hands-down one of the best ways to meet great people.

Not so new to town? Come show your pride in this amazing place we get to call home.



And of course, all Spud Buddies are invited to our post-Spudfest thank you get-together, a well-earned celebration and always a good time!

Ready to join the team?

Simply email info@trenthamspudfest.org.au and let us know which day (or days!) you're keen for. Our amazing Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch soon to chat about your preferences and next steps.

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Councillor's Report

Community news

Congratulations to the Lyonville Community Hall committee for another successful Woodchop and to the Trentham Lions Club for a wonderful Australia Day celebration.

At the February Council meeting I tabled the following condolence motion:

Council acknowledges with great sadness the passing of Trentham identity Jack Griffiths.

Jack Griffiths was a muchloved member and supporter of the Trentham Football Netball Club and the broader Trentham community. A man whose presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him, Jack was the kind of bloke who brought warmth, laughter, and loyalty wherever he went. We extend our sincere condolences to Michelle and the Griffiths family.

From a personal perspective I am deeply saddened by the untimely loss of a great bloke.

Council news

Key outcomes from the February Council meeting:

- Council resolved to adopt the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-29. Residents should familiarise themselves with the obligations related to domestic animals. The Plan is available on Council's website.
- The historic Wheelers Bridge on Creswick-Lawrence Road, Lawrence, has been closed to traffic in recent years due to the bridge's deteriorating condition, significant safety risk to road users and pedestrians, and disproportionate renewal costs. However, in a 5-1 vote overturning the officers' recommendation to maintain the bridge's closure councillors resolved to seek grant funding to restore the bridge. The officers' recommendation to divert \$507,000 into other roadworks across the Shire was also rejected. Restoring the bridge would be a \$10,000,000 project. I am of the view the bridge should be permanently closed due to the availability of alternate routes and the lack of funds to supplement any grants that may be secured. Until work on the 2026-27 budget is advanced the project's priority against other projects is untested. Diverting the \$507,000 into other much-needed road works was in my view an appropriate thing to do.
- In accordance with the State Government's Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, all local government areas in Victoria are required to provide all households with a four-stream kerbside collection service, inclusive of separate services for general waste (red), mixed recycling (yellow), glass recycling (purple), and Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) (green) by July 2027. However, Council resolved to delay the decision on the implementation of the expanded kerbside service until (a) service standards are finalised by State Government and (b) the current kerbside contract term concludes in July 2028. The introduction of a glass recycling bin will incur significant implementation and operating costs for Council and may lead to additional charges of around \$400pa for residents.
- In a 4-2 vote councillors resolved to adopt a Priority Projects statement which will be used in advocacy for project funding ahead of the State Government

election later this year. I did not endorse the creation of such a statement now, nor some of its contents, on the grounds that it could pre-empt yet-to-be-commenced 2026-27 budget discussions; the unexplained priority given to projects listed in the statement ahead of others to be considered in the budget; the varying and questionable level of community support for some listed projects; and the lack of available cash to co-contribute to the projects should funding be secured from the state government at less than the requested 100%. The \$12m list of projects was expanded to \$22m with the late addition of the \$10m Wheelers Bridge project.

In a 5-1 vote councillors resolved to note the financial position and performance for the six months to December 2025 and endorsed the CEO's recommendation that no mid-year revision be made to the 2025-26 budget. I did not support the motion, especially concerned that no changes would be made to the budget. The recommendation to bypass any mid-year budget changes seemed to be reliant on the assertion that Council is "materially on track to budget". I could not endorse any inference that yet another substantial deficit (almost \$5m this year and it follows substantial underlying deficits in recent years) is acceptable nor that it doesn't warrant immediate attention.

I also strongly disagreed with three other assertions in the report – that there are no matters of concern, no risk implications and no adverse implications for the community. In debating those points I noted - cash flows are being seriously impeded by ratepayers' difficulty in paying rates on time. Over \$4,000,000 in rates is overdue at December 2025, as it was at June 2025, much of it many months overdue. Only 255 ratepayers are under hardship or payment arrangement plans – that's only 3% of residential ratepayers.

The significant underspend in operating costs and capital projects brings into question the timely delivery of commitments made in the Council Plan and budget. The capacity to fulfill such promises must be of concern. It is also highly problematic that one business customer is indebted to Council by more than \$525,000. Residential ratepayers are incurring additional interest costs on overdue rates at a rate of 10%pa, accruing daily. Interest income is \$85,000 over budget in just the first six months. Of the \$4,000,000 in overdue rates \$532,000 of that amount is unpaid interest charges. In the first half year only 13% of the year's budget for roads, footpaths and drainage has been spent. Should the full year budget on such fundamentally important assets not be substantially expended that could represent an adverse outcome for the community. On the matter of reputational risk the late or non-delivery of services or capital infrastructure promised in the Council Plan and budget would materially harm Council's reputation, especially given the 10%+ rate increase that was applied to fund them. Cashflow risk - the ongoing difficulty to pay rate instalments on time compromises cash inflows and the ability to fund services and projects. Financial sustainability risk - Council's 10-year financial plan discloses an absence of cash to fund construction of new assets; to co-contribute to grants; and to fully fund disaster recovery efforts. This

Councillor's Report cont.

half-year report illustrates the challenges to deliver Plan and budget commitments on basic services and projects.

The Mechanics Trentham - Bookings can be made here [The Mechanics Trentham Hepburn Shire Council](#) Community groups can and should apply for a fee waiver.

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Council meetings – next meetings 24 March, 28 April 26 May at 6pm. The public may attend in person or view proceedings via the live broadcast on council's YouTube page. Agenda papers are available on Council's website the week prior..

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Kyneton Marist Brothers

Old Boys Reunion

The forecasted high temperatures and fire danger alerts did not affect the attendance at the seventy-ninth (79th) reunion of the Kyneton Marist Brothers Old Boys, held at the Shamrock Hotel on Sunday 25th of January 2026.

As the membership diminishes the event has become a family affair rather than just the past pupils. Forty-two members and guests attended and enjoyed the camaraderie and for some to renew lost friendships.

The Marist Brothers commenced teaching at Kyneton on July 26 1947. A 21st Birthday celebration was held at Kyneton when 150 past students gathered at a reunion dinner from many parts of Victoria. At that meeting they formed the Old Boys' Association and the traditions continue. The Brothers ceased teaching at Kyneton in 1967 and with their departure the records were lost. It is known that 58 boys enrolled in the first class and the highest annual attendance probably never exceeded 120.

At the meeting the names of seven members who had died since the last reunion were related and members were given time to personally reflect upon their mates.

The association's web site: - <https://kynetonmaristbrothersoldboys.com.au/deceased-old-boys-honour-roll/> lists the five-hundred [500] plus names of deceased past pupils that have been reported.

The Alma Mater was delivered by Vice President Michael Halley and he invited a special guest and Old Boy Father John Hegerty to "say grace" which he delivered with reflections on life and the school.

John is a member of St Columbans Missionary Society and has spent most of his life in Chile where he used his agricultural training at the family farm in Redesdale to impart knowledge and logistics that has markedly improved agriculture and food quality.

After John's inspirational address meals were served and the participants settled down to enjoy their personal selection from the extensive menu.

Slowly and surely the day came to an end and folks returned to their own homes, after spending quality time with the Old Boys family.

The 2027 reunion is scheduled for Sunday 31st at a venue to be determined. But as the Golden Centenary of the Brothers first day will occur on Monday July 26th a special occasion event maybe organised.

Michael Halley

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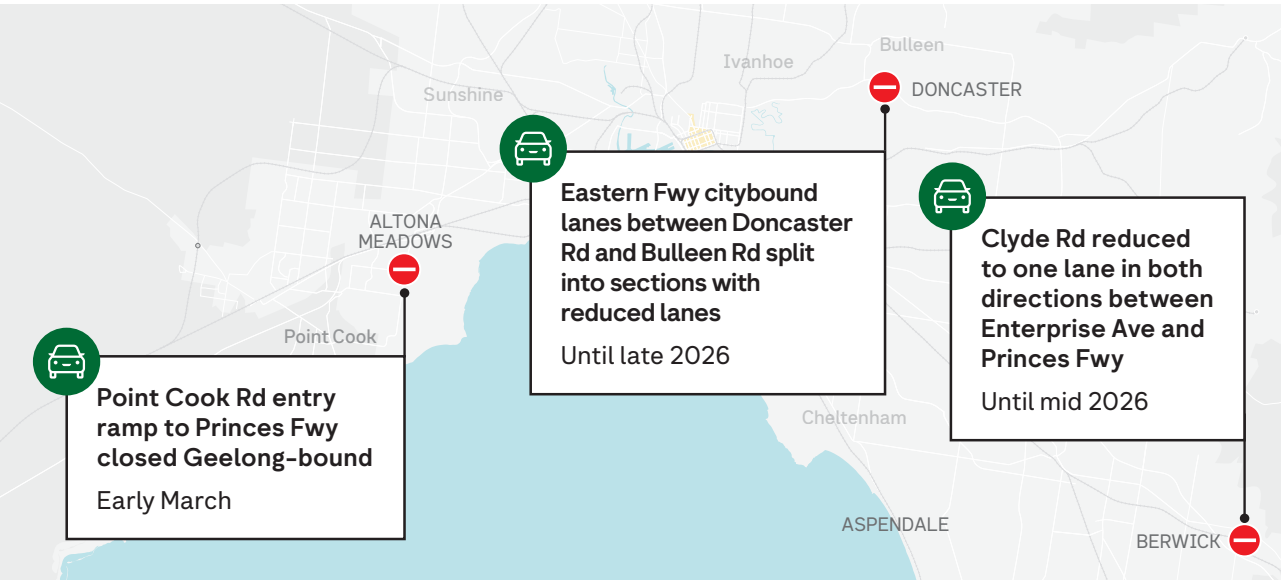
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Trentham Easter Art and Craft Show

Only 3 weeks left to get your entries in for the Trentham Easter Art and Craft Show!!

Soon we can all enjoy seeing the hundreds of entries from local and other artists so make sure you make time over Easter to call in. Last year nearly one quarter of nearly 400 exhibits were sold, and the money raised went back into supporting arts and crafts in our community.

Money donated helped resource the materials used by the Activities Co-Ordinator at Trentham Aged Care to enable art and craft creativity. This ensures residents continue to have the joy, mental exercise, emotional support and meaningful experiences these bring.

Our donation helped provide the students at Trentham Primary School with a creative learning experience, along with teachers notes through the annual YEAH! Young people + Education + Arts = Happiness fundraising campaign through Regional Arts Victoria. These programs encourage young people to develop their creativity and enhance awareness and participation in the arts which is curated to support positive mental health and wellbeing, celebrating self-expression and learning with curiosity. As creative activities have been shown to assist mental health in the short and longer time especially in managing anxiety and overwhelm, the Trentham Easter Art and Craft Show put together inspiring art and craft activities suitable for Primary school aged students. These were delivered to the local Primary Schools of Trentham, Bullarto and Tylden.

For a year now, the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre has provided a place for children to enjoy and learn art. Local artist/educator Penelope Cato runs classes for children from Prep to year 4 which explore different themes, new mediums and techniques, including textiles. Learning weaving, making pom poms and learning the art of zentangle are among the many activities they have

St Mary Magdalen's

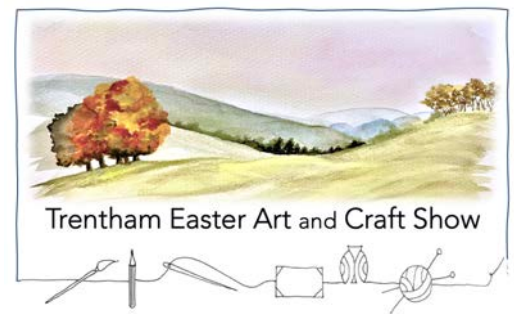
Musings

The fields are brown and the sun is warm as summer slowly comes to its end. The memory of winter cold seems a long way away as does the drenching rain that will again turn our fields green.

At St. Mary Mags, we are now in the season of Lent. For Christians, this is a time of deep reflection, a time to consider who we are and how we have treated others. It begins on Ash Wednesday with a 'memento mori', a reminder of our mortality, and ends at Easter with a proclamation that love and life have overcome death. It is a time of waiting, of hope, and of expectation. Just as now we wait through beautiful, warm, sunny days, with skies of adamantine blue, for the rain that will surely come and bring new life to a dry and parched earth.

This Lent we will be offering some sessions on meditation in the Christian tradition, and all are welcome to any and all of them: the devout, the questing, and the just plain curious. Many are not aware of the tradition of meditation in Christianity, but it is ancient and profound. Almost wiped out in Europe during the turmoil of the 16th and 17th

learned. TEACS has providing two sponsored places for children to attend who could not otherwise be able to participate.



The Creative Recovery Network has for many years, helped communities following disasters, supporting them to recover and respond better through art and cultural programs. They collaborate with artists and the community in need, to facilitate recovery through creative experiences tailored to each need. The TEACS donation went towards the ongoing development of their research, handbooks, podcasts and other resources which are free to access, and to continue their work in creative advocacy. Given the recent bushfires in our region, support for creative arts in areas experiencing disasters has also meant that your money, through art has been where its needed most.

We are also proud to support local quilters in Trentham who have seen the need to retain the history and expertise of this craft by establishing and preserving quilts. We are looking forward to seeing one on display this year at the 2026 Show. Quilters Victoria has been developing the Australian Quilt and Textile Collection (AQTC) since 2011, with the principle objective of capturing our cultural, artistic and social history through textiles. Based locally, they acquire, preserve and provide opportunities for everyone to see quilts and to learn this skill. Each quilt reflects our history, through the stories woven and stitched into each work.

centuries, it has been rediscovered and is flourishing, even outside its traditional monastic home.

Come along on to the church at 7.00pm on Tuesday the 10th and the 24th of March and discover the power of silence and stillness.

Deacon Joe



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Community Gardening

A community garden for Trentham?

Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) has endorsed investigating some form of community garden as the priority for its local food and farming focus area.



This follows the screening of 'Rachel's Farm' last year which traced actor Rachel Ward's transformation of a somewhat rundown property into a thriving regenerative farm.

It builds on the monthly Produce Exchange at the Farmers Market (see Feb Trumpet) and the previous successes of the Trentham Food Hub, notably the annual Local Food Dinners and the Veggie Box scheme.

So, what might a community garden in Trentham look like? How much emphasis should there be on food production or/and social/community-building? Raised or ground-level beds? Communal or individual plots? Tapping into expert local gardening knowledge? Organisational matters? Location and access to water? How can we build food awareness/food security? All these interact.

The Plonkers

This month saw our Plonkers out on a Tuesday for Hotel Trentham's Burger night.



"Oh, I thought it was Parma night tonight", said The Duke.

"No, no, Parma night is on Mondays and steak night is on Wednesdays. Tuesday night is Burger night", explained Daphne.

Sitting at the round table near the front they all made their choices pretty quickly, except Digby of course.

"Why is the chicken burger called a PUB burger? I mean why don't they just call the chicken burger what it is, a CHICKEN BURGER!!"

"I think they want it to sound more casual and comforting dear", said the long suffering Mrs Digby.

Digby continued to moan, "I just want a burger, a pattie made from beef, with salad, onion and cheese."

"That's the cheese burger luv."

Before Digby could rant about the names of all the burgers Niles offered to get a bottle of the Swan Bay Prosecco and a bottle of the Henry Frost Shiraz.

"We'll tuck into those after your free glass of whatever you're choosing. That's right Digby, you get a free drink with your burger."

That put a smile on Digby's face.

Between Niles, Daphne, Digby, Mrs Digby, The Duke, Mrs Duke and the sometimes saucy Uncle Worcester there were seven Plonkers, one for each of the seven burger choices. In addition to the pub burger and the cheese burger, they also ordered the pulled lamb, the fish (barramundi), the veggie, the schnitzel and the special

There are many models of community gardens in other towns – we need to develop a model that works for Trentham!

One suggestion is that we explore underused backyards and private property in 'share-gardening' partnerships with willing owners.

A terrific mix of local people and groups is about to launch into working through establishing 'a community garden for Trentham'.

And consider this: gardening is SO much cheaper than therapy – and you get veggies!

If you, or a group you belong to, are interested in joining the working group, please contact us:

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of the night - the pulled beef burger. All came with a generous serve of chips and a choice of drink.

The fresh citrus bubbles of the Prosecco and the rich spicy plum of the Shiraz added to the delicious meals putting smiles on everyone's faces. Service was friendly and prompt.

"Steak night tomorrow guys?" asked Niles.

"Yes, let's meat!"

Join us - Friday 27 March

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Sharing a meal, creating connections.

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- 12.30pm to 2.00pm - a gold coin donation
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In the end the rain comes down.

Washing the duck poo from our town.

Giving strength to our spuds.

Our roses their second and third buds.

But now that Summer has come to an end.

We get Easter, then Spudfest, what a blend.



Spudman

by Peter Young

Oil on Canvas

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