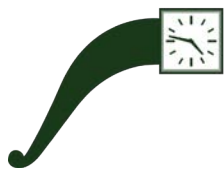




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Council News

Outdoor fitness equipment for Trentham

We're excited to announce that outdoor fitness equipment will be installed at the Trentham Sportsground Reserve over the next few weeks.

Equipment will include a pod set up with a combination of static and dynamic equipment, including:

- Aerobic walker (cardio)
- Back extension (back strength)
- Tai chi wheels (mobility)
- Bench press (chest strength)
- Stretch station (full body strength and cardio)

Temporary site fencing will be installed to ensure the safety of reserve users.

This project is being delivered in partnership between the Victorian Government and Council with funding provided by the Tiny Towns Fund.

Read more about the project:

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The First 72 Hours Workshop

Emergencies can be hard to predict, and emergency services may be unable to reach you in a disaster. The First 72 Hours Workshop supports you to create an emergency plan for your household or business. Building a safer and more resilient community is a shared responsibility, not just those in the emergency sector.

- Saturday 22 November 2025 at 2:30–5 pm
- The Mechanics Trentham

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Open access libraries are coming to Hepburn Shire. Daylesford Library will be the first library to trial the new open access arrangement in November.

Open access means you will have greater access to all the wonderful services on offer at the library and you will be able to use the library from 8 am to 8 pm all week.

To use the library during the open access hours, you will need to be aged 16 and over, be a library member and be inducted at the library. Young people aged 16 and below can use the library after-hours with an inducted adult. Visit your local library today to learn more about open access and being inducted. Trentham Library will have open access in May/June 2026.

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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

It's back! Join the traders of Trentham on Friday 28 November as they stay open late to kick off the silly season and promote shopping local for Christmas.

Wander our bestest ever Tiny Town with your neighbours – there'll be plenty of stores to visit, live music, delicious food, community groups with fun activities and new friends to meet.

Independent businesses need our support now more than ever, so get involved: see you there! Thank you to The Green Store, Belle Property Trentham and Daylesford Macedon Tourism (Destination Central Victoria) for making the magic happen.

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On a more sombre note, the Kyneton RSL will hold a Remembrance Day Observance at the Cenotaph on Tuesday 11 November at 10.45am.

To mark Remembrance Day we have included Deacon Joe's beautiful short story 'A Work of Mercy' in this edition. You may have heard him read it as part of this year's Words in Winter festival.

Regards,
Chris & Penny

Quarry Street Reserve

A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers!

The impact of the morning's work is potentially huge, not least the enthusiastic response of the community volunteer workforce. Thank you to all those who came along, prepared to slosh around in the muddy conditions, including some from out-of-town!

"A Healthy Coliban Catchment" instigated by North Central Catchment Management Authority working with Hepburn Shire Council and Quarry Street Reserve Committee of Management has now completed Stage One at Quarry St Reserve. This was the result of months of planning with several agencies, starting with the launch last December. The local Project Manager is Lauren Linke, HSC Environmental Works Officer who has organised the critical elements of the operation right down to providing the big box of tools and the Men's Shed for the BBQ.

This patch in the middle of town can play a significant part in habitat restoration on one of the Coliban River's many creeks. It demonstrates possibility, correcting the impact on our environment of recent times and practices. It is a small way to honour the Country we live on.

The Reserve CoM will move to Stage 2, while continuing weeding and maintenance. Next year will mark 40 years since the Trentham Lions commenced work to create the Reserve, including forming the lake. Please make contact if you wish to be more involved in the ongoing work for this wonderful resource in our town. You can send a message via our Facebook page "Quarry Street Reserve" or by email: quarzystreetreservetrentham@gmail.com

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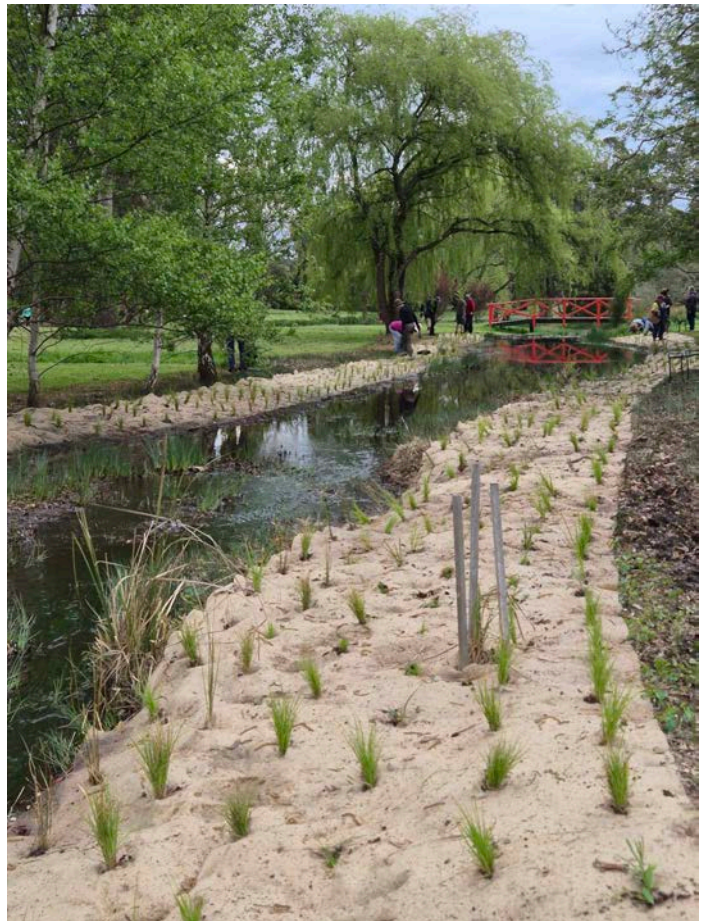


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All submissions need to embrace our pillars of inclusiveness, constructiveness and positivity. The editorial team reserves the right to refuse any article or advertising and to edit for length and clarity. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those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

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Farmers' Market: 3rd Sat / month

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Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market
15 November 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

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

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10am every Thursday
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Trentham Sustainability Group

Energy Resilient Trentham– Sparking Conversations

What is the likely impact for your household if the electricity grid has a five-day outage? How will you manage; what are your household energy needs; what can't you live without? What resilience measures do you have in place at household level? Does it matter if you can't access the pharmacy or food supplies or fuel?

What is the impact for your business if you have a five-day outage? Will you lose stock? Will you be able to trade? The Energy Resilient Trentham project is helping our community plan for these questions at household and community levels.

Energy resilience: In the July issue of the Trumpet, we reported that our consultants, Yarra Energy Foundation, presented their findings for the proposed islandable microgrid based on the Market Street transformer. Their report found that while technically feasible, the concept of a battery, generator, more solar PV and associated control system was not financially viable at the scale required, if not owned and operated by the distribution network service provider – Powercor, rather than a third party as had been proposed. You can read the full report on the Yarra Energy Foundation website <https://www.yef.org.au/our-stories-and-events/investigating-a-microgrid-for-trentham-victoria/> or at [this link](#). Our project team continues to work through solutions that will provide some community-level energy resilience for Trentham.

Sparking Conversations

We will provide an update on the microgrid proposal, and facilitate a discussion on energy resilience for businesses and households at our third community Energy Resilient Trentham meeting, 'Sparking Conversations':

6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Wednesday 19 November
at the Mechanics**

- What can I do to power my business when the grid goes down?
- What are the battery subsidies all about?
- What's involved in making my home more energy efficient?

Come along to learn and share, helping everyone to take the next steps with navigating energy efficiency, appliance upgrades, solar, batteries and generators – for businesses and households.

Energy Resilient Trentham is a project focussed on building household, business and community energy resilience in the Trentham township and surrounding districts.



This is our third community meeting for 2025, and this is what we'll be covering:

- Update on the microgrid proposal
- Energy resilience for businesses
- Energy resilience for households
- Planning what we will do next year
 - Energy Efficient Trentham



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We will also share our ideas for an Energy Efficiency Trentham project and find out if you are keen to participate.

In the meantime, you can watch an informative Youtube video about the microgrid technical study project (Search YouTube – Smart Energy Lab – Toolbox Tech Talk – YEF and microgrids OR access at [this link](#)). This Smart Energy Lab video launched on 12 October features the Yarra Energy Foundation and SolarQuip team and Energy Resilient Trentham project team member Jo Oddie.

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Naturalism in Garden Design

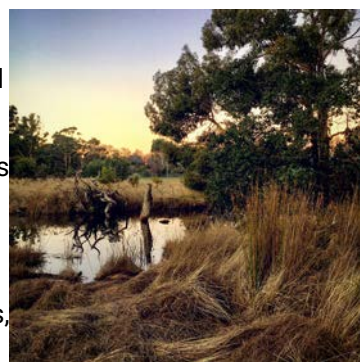
The history of garden design can be seen as a dance between two trends, formality and informality. Each culture and era has tended to favour one or the other. Think of the strict symmetrical precision of Versailles, the soft flowing lines of Japanese gardens or the rustic naturalness or the oft-maligned 70's Australian bush garden.

Naturalism in garden design is simply an approach that seeks inspiration directly from nature, aiming to look spontaneous and organic rather than ordered and contrived. Some international naturalistic garden styles such as the New Perennial movement have had less impact and appeal in Australia, but I've never entirely figured out why. Possibly because if people are wanting to try something different, they will sway towards a native garden.

A garden is never really a true slice of the natural world; there are too many human demands placed upon it. For example, privacy, spaces for recreation and play, ease of access through to important areas, bushfire risk management, sun mitigation, etc etc.

However, the feeling of being in touch with nature is often the primary driver of purchasing a house with a garden, so a naturalistic design addresses that desire. The informality of naturalistic gardens also tends to reflect our lifestyles and personalities... very few Australians present themselves to the world as European aristocrats, so having a garden filled with the style cues of that era can feel a bit jarring!

Naturalistic gardens are not necessarily low maintenance. A creative and horticulturally informed eye is needed to thin and shape plants, put in new specimens to fill gaps etc. Formal gardens often have fewer different elements to juggle so maintenance is often streamlined; trim the hedges, mow the lawn and then the picture looks complete.



Naturalistic gardens often succeed best when high-quality built elements bring strength and interest to plantings which can otherwise look formless. Think split-stone crazy paving, irregular shapes, corten steel etc. Water features and artfully placed boulders can bring a sense of variety to the picture, as well as bringing wildlife to the garden.

Next time you are out walking in nature see what inspiration you can bring to your garden. Gardens are a dance between order and chaos, so enjoy finding the balance that brings the most joy to you.

Kaz Krasovskis – Garden Designer

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Above: Look for inspiration from natural or semi-natural spaces such as this magical spot along Trentham's Wombat Trail



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Trentham Tales

Jonathon Ogden and the Origins of Trentham

The reasons why the countryside has settlements where they are presently are many and various. Usually near water, and frequently at the best creek or river crossing in the vicinity, settlements were convenient points on the way to somewhere else. First a pub or store would form a nucleus, grow, and eventually become a village of township.

In the case of Trentham, however, the model doesn't quite fit, in that the town is near two smallish creeks and not on any major roads, pretty much in the middle of the triangle of Daylesford, Kyneton and Woodend.

Jonathan Ogden can lay a fair claim to being the cause of Trentham's being where it is, and, with his wife Mary, becoming, quite likely, its first permanent European family as the town grew from a lonely place of muddy tracks and gigantic forest into a thriving township connected to the rest of the world with telegraph and rail. Arriving around 1853, the Ogdens spent the remainder of their life here until his death in 1888 and hers in 1895. He is buried at the Trentham Cemetery.

Ogden was the proprietor of a hotel, called 'Ogden's Inn' or the 'Forest Hotel', or variations thereof. The 'Forest' was a reference to the area being known before its official survey and naming as 'Clowes' Forest', being on the southern boundary of the Clowes brothers' run.

Ogden's Inn is first recorded on the map of a survey by John D Daniell dated 7 November 1855. On the bend of the road are shown two small buildings and a larger rectangular one.

The map dated 3 May 1859 of squatting runs and surveyed lots in the County of Dalhousie is the first to pinpoint the location of Ogden's hotel. It shows lot 23 on the north-west corner of the intersection of Pearsons Road and the Kyneton–Trentham road purchased by Ogden, and marks the site of the inn.

The Mount Players

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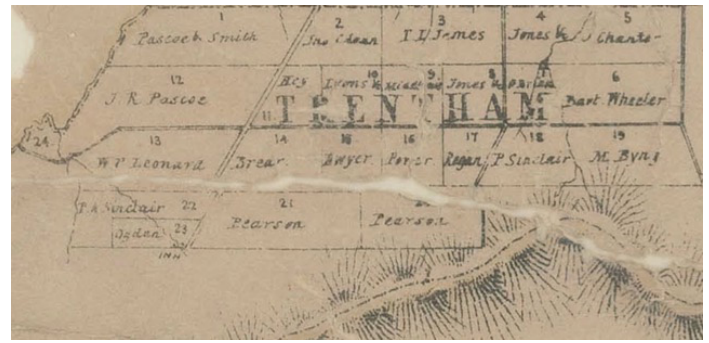
Our final show for 2025 is one for the whole family (10 years +) to enjoy together, and you might be lucky enough to still secure a ticket!



"Puffs" or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic, and Magic, is a fast-paced, heartwarming play that reimagines the story of a famous boy wizard—from the perspective of the overlooked and underdog students in the 'Puffs' house.

Across seven chaotic years, this story follows Wayne and his misfit friends as they navigate spells, dangers, and growing up, proving that being third place isn't so bad after all.

Perfect for wizards and non-wizards alike, Puffs is a magical and charming celebration of friendship, bravery, and finding where you belong. The season runs from 7 – 23 November.



Above: John Ogden's land and inn is shown in 1859 at the intersection of what will become the Kyneton–Trentham road and Pearsons Road. (Run377 PROV)

(You can still see a line of mature cypress trees on the corner, probably planted as a windbreak, possibly by Ogden himself. This map also shows Isaac Pearson had purchased lots 20 and 21 along the present Pearsons Road.)

But even more significant is that the survey ends in the south west in a line passing within metres of the Inn, marking the line of the present Victoria Street and its continuation to the Pearsons Road corner. When the time came to survey a township of Trentham in 1864 the line became the township's northern boundary.

Peter Parsons Trentham & Districts Historical Society

This article is continued in the forthcoming issue of the Trentham and District Society's quarterly newsletter, 'The Recorder'.



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Councillor's Report

Community news

Untroubled by a wee bit of rain the community once again strongly supported the **Lyonville Bakeoff**. An impressive number of high-quality cakes vied for donated prizes and the prestige of winning. Congratulations to the hardworking Hall Committee for organising a great event and to all those who ventured out. All proceeds fund the maintenance of what is an important community asset.

Reminder – **Trentham Primary School** will celebrate its 150th anniversary on 23 November.

Council news

In last month's Trentham Trumpet I noted the audited financial statements for 2024/25 were adopted and that there must be a comprehensive and **critical review of the 25/26 budget** and greater diligence in financial decision-making for Council to be financially sustainable. Councillors will conduct a "mid-year" review of the 2025/26 budget in February next year. The review will be guided by the financial results for the first half-year.

Similarly, councillors will soon complete the task to quantify the remaining **performance indicators in the Council Plan**. The 2024/25 financial statements, the 2025/26 budget and the four-year Plan are all available on Council's website.

Council has just completed another round of consultation on specific aspects of the **draft town structure plans**. The process to adopt final plans calls for further consultation before they are submitted to the state government. Like many of you I am acutely aware of the need to preserve the character and amenity of our towns while catering for the expected growth in population. While I didn't really need the reminder my recent travels overseas reinforced how others have successfully managed to retain character and protect the natural environment while catering for growth and managing visitation through tourism. I strongly encourage you to take an active interest in the proposed town structure plans and have your say.

While on planning matters a proposed **9-lot development in Mulcahys Rd.** was the subject of a recent briefing: including attendance by objectors, and will be tabled at the November Council meeting for decision.

The much-anticipated **outdoor gym equipment** is due to be installed at the sportsground during November. Equipment will include a pod set up with a combination of static and dynamic equipment, including: Aerobic walker (cardio), Back extension (back strength), Tai chi wheels (mobility), Bench press (chest strength) and Stretch station (full body strength and cardio). More detail is on Council's website.

Reminder – **November is free green waste month**. Ahead of summer and the fire risk season this is an opportunity to dispose of green waste at the transfer station free of charge. Show your rates notice to verify you are a local!

I have requested the public **rubbish bins in High St** be replaced... or at the very least cleaned.

And the wait is finally over – Parks Victoria have opened a **new toilet block at Trentham Falls**.

Council will hold a statutory meeting on 18 November to **elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the coming year** and appoint councillors to various committees. With a fragile financial outlook, declining customer satisfaction, major challenges in town planning, an urgent need to strengthen relationships with the community and improve transparency and flow of information the outlook calls for inclusive and strategic leadership.

Visitor information desk at the Mechanics – frustratingly there is still no update available.

The Mechanics Trentham - Bookings can be made here [The Mechanics Trentham Hepburn Shire Council](#)

Contacting Council – to report an issue or request work please use the following link on Council's website - [Report an issue Hepburn Shire Council](#)

Planning applications – visit Council's website here [Track an application, view planning register or lodge an objection Hepburn Shire Council](#)

Council meetings – 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 before the meeting. Upcoming Council meeting dates: 28 October, 18 November, 25 November, 16 December.

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Sunday 9 November - 3 to 6pm
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St. Mary Magdalen's

Musings

Well, we've had the heat and sun of spring, as well as its storms. The days are getting longer and the trees around the lake are clothed in bright blossom, while those in Market Street are happily being torn apart by grumpy cockatoos. In the church, week has followed week in the season of Ordinary Time. That doesn't mean that extraordinary things haven't been happening.

Last market day, the Rev. Charles Sherlock, from St. George's Anglican Church and myself came together for the annual blessing of the animals. This is held each year, on the first market day after the feast of St. Francis. This year about thirty dogs, willing or unwilling, received a blessing. Each year I wait in hope for a cow, or a goat, or even a cat, but it was the dogs that turned up. Large and small, grumpy and happy, they all got their blessing. Although we did make it clear that the blessing came with no guarantee of improved behaviour.

Another significant event in this last month was the establishment of Saint Mary's Meadow. This was formerly just an empty piece of land in front of the church and between High St. and Bridge St. Now it has been fenced and signage and a picnic table added, providing a place for

families to picnic at the eastern end of town. A place for dogs, and kids, to run and for adults to simply sit and enjoy some quiet. Planned future development will include improved access for the mobility impaired.



This is a gesture of hospitality from the St. Mary Magdalen's parish community to the town, so that all can enjoy the spring warmth – until it becomes hot enough to complain about.

Deacon Joe

Ellie's Napkin Rings

My friend Ellie is getting married, and has decided to use a wedding gift registry with one of the larger homeware stores. Some people openly dislike the concept of being directed to a particular store; for others, this approach is a huge time saver. Ellie and her fiancé are experienced entertainers, with plenty of platters, serving boards and utensils between them. Curious to see what items they'd selected, I visited the chosen store. I could see straight away that Ellie and her husband-to-be were looking for contributions that complemented their existing dinnerware.

The sales assistant guided me through Ellie's selected items; the list included requests for replacement plates and glassware. In some ways this limited the scope for me using my imagination: why three red wine glasses, or seven champagne flutes; or a cruet dish, place mat, table runner, or three identical tablecloths? I didn't think egg cups are very romantic, but these appeared in the list, too!

Among the silver requests was a set of 10 simple napkin rings. The helpful sales assistant gave me a demonstration of how to fold and insert napkins in various ways, using different patterned or coloured linens. You can dress napkins up or down, contributing to a more casual or formal table setting. I've always wondered: where does the idea of napkin rings come from?

Some might think that napkin rings belong to a bygone era, when households had specific cutlery relating to certain foods. Think Downton Abbey and a table laid with a confusing array of cutlery, including fish knives, oyster forks, salad forks, and so on.

Linen napery was always incredibly expensive, requiring time and effort to clean. Rather than laundering between

uses, house guests reused their napkins from the previous meal. Napkin rings were an identifier, originally made of coloured woods, with different colours or designs used to distinguish which napkin belonged to which guest. At each meal, you looked out for your napkin ring, provided you could remember which design was yours!



The Victorians were great innovators when it came to displaying their wealth and status, replacing wooden napkin rings with gold or silver rings laid out on their tables, with their servants laundering used napkins and replacing with fresh napery for every meal.

These days napkin rings come in multiple styles and materials, matching all tastes and suiting all occasions. If you have a minute or two to spare, search 'napkin folds with rings' - you may be surprised at how many YouTube videos are available online, ranging from the simple fold to an origami-like challenge!

The humble napkin ring has become a stylish addition to our table, moving from something so clever and practical, into a beautiful place setting decoration. A perfect gift for Ellie and her fiancé!

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Twilight Night is Doggy Night! - we will be set up in Town Square with Special Guests Dogs of Trentham Calendar group! Family activity - kids come to our marquee from 430pm to grab your Scavenger Hunt sheet - then scour town to find all the Doggy Treasures!! Return to our marquee to enter with prizes drawn at 7pm. Bring your pocket money to purchase the 2026 Dogs of Trentham Calendar, and any actual Dog Special Guests brought to us for a pat will receive something delicious woof woof!

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TRATA

At The Station

Thank You to Trentham CFA and Our Supporters

We would like to extend a warm thank you to the Trentham CFA for attending our recent seasonal market. The information and advice shared were greatly appreciated and will help us prepare for the coming summer season.

Although the market was washed out by heavy rain, our volunteers still enjoyed the great community spirit that comes with being part of TRATA.

A special thank you also goes to our stallholders who turned up and supported the event despite the weather — your ongoing support means a lot and helps keep our market a valued part of the Trentham community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for our next market on Sunday, November 23 — come along, enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, and support our fundraising to keep the railway precinct in community hands!

Interpretive Signs

History of Trentham Railway Station, The Goods Shed and The Rolling Stock. We're pleased to share that the three new interpretive signs for the Trentham Railway Precinct are now completed and will be installed over the coming weeks.

Goods Shed

The Age (Melbourne, Vic., 1854 - 1954) Tue 20 Jul 1880
VICTORIAN RAILWAYS. Tenders are invited for the CONSTRUCTION of IRON GOODS SHEDS at Trentham on the Melbourne and Ovenside Railway. Tenders, duly endorsed, must be deposited in the Railway Tender box, Crown Lands Office, Treasury Gardens, on Friday, 7th August 1880. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. D. COLLIER Commissioner of Railways.

What was the purpose of a goods shed?
Goods sheds were constructed at a station with dedicated freight lines and facilitated the storage and movement of freight. These sheds featured a platform for the loading and unloading of goods and often included spaces for sorting of goods. Goods sheds are now historical landmarks and reflect the importance of rail transport in facilitating trade and movement of stock. The onset of road transport eventually changed the way people transported their goods, and goods sheds became less important over time.

What items were stored in a goods shed?
Agriculture formed the principal source of goods traffic at the railway station. Grain which consisted of wheat and oats, yielded many bags which would be stored in the goods shed. The several adjacent to the railway sent trucks of timber weekly when they were operating. Drums of crude naphthalene oil were also dispatched.

Statistics:	Year	Incoming goods	Outgoing goods
	1880	1,261	17,689
	1890	2,019	20,484
	1900	1,398	13,710
	1910	1,858	7,647
	1920	1,882	6,248
	1930	2,280	7,029
	1940	2,210	3,997
	1950	1,752	5,827
	1960	1,112	5,947
	1970	582	4,181
	1975	1,226	966

(Goods are measured by tonnage)

The Trentham Rail and Tramway Association gratefully acknowledges the Local History Grants Program and Public Record Office Victoria, supported by the Victorian Government.

Public Record Office Victoria



These signs highlight the rich history of the railway and help visitors and locals alike learn more about the stories that shaped our town. We look forward to unveiling them soon and thank the Trentham District Historical Society for bringing this project to life.

Phil Davis
Secretary
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Show and Shine 2025

Sunday 16 November 2025: put the date in your diary, mark it on the calendar as this is the day Trentham comes alive with Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicles for our local car clubs annual Show & Shine.

Our Cool Country Classics Car Club will again be hosting their Show & Shine event for 2025 at the historic Trentham Railway Station.



The enthusiastic club members from Trentham and surrounding districts collectively own a variety of historic vehicles from the early 1900's through to modern classics, military vehicles and motor cycles. This annual event also attracts interest and participation from other regional and city-based car clubs.

Our local TRATA volunteers will provide the BIG BBQ and coffee/cakes will also be available.

Vehicle entry from 9am and public entry from 10am. Entry is by gold coin donation with proceeds going to local community groups.

A great event for the whole family, please check the Cool Country Classics Trentham Facebook for up to date information on this and our other events.

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News and Reflections

On the best sunny day since last summer, in the best Tiny Town in Australia, a small miracle took place.

The two churches in town, St George's and St Mary Magdalen's, sent their retired clergy to the Farmers' Market in October to bless animals in honour of St Francis of Assisi.

After people got over their nervousness at a little bit of religion, we blessed over 30 dogs from 25 families.

People told us how their best friend "saved my life" and other expressions of devotion. In return we promised they would not necessarily be better behaved but as "doggy" as their Creator meant them to be. (God does the same for you. You too can be "all you are meant to be".)

Everyone went away happy and with a small certificate to remember the occasion. In many ways it's the best thing

Nicea

Nicea, and All That...

This year, in Christian circles across the world, the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea is being celebrated.

In late November, Pope Leo and Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, will both travel to ancient Nicea, in modern day Turkey, to hold a historic meeting celebrating the anniversary.

Why all the fuss about an ancient church meeting? On November 16 the Combined Churches of Trentham will sponsor a gathering to answer this question. Dr. Charles Sherlock, formerly of Ridley and Trinity College, and Dr. Joseph Leach, formerly of the University of Melbourne, will each talk about the history, importance, and controversy surrounding this ancient meeting.

Come along if you want to understand how this meeting shaped not just the future of the Christian Church, but that of western civilisation itself.

November 16, 2 - 4pm
Trentham Neighbourhood Centre, 56 High St, Trentham.

The Gisborne Singers

Songs of Connection

The Gisborne Singers are looking forward to sharing their passion and joy for music at their upcoming concert. Under the direction of Christopher Roache and accompanied by Anna Clarke-Zuidland, this promises to be a heartfelt afternoon of music.

The concert will be followed by afternoon tea.

Sunday November 23, 2.30pm
The Church of the Resurrection, Honour Avenue, Macedon

Tickets are available via: www.trybooking.com/DGRUM

we do all year. Some were pleasantly surprised to find both Catholics and Anglicans working together but to us it is natural. (We have planned a joint celebration of 1700 years of the Nicene Creed on November 16, see below.)

As we trudged home with our equipment we told visitors to go see the new ducklings all around the lake. There are at least two families of twenty or more and I had to pause the other day driving to the junction of Victoria Street and Tylden Road as a family of a dozen crossed. Where were they going?

We have three dogs who come to Sunday church regularly and we probably should record them in the service register. How good it is to be mindful of the whole of creation. If you are happy to step around a canine congregation, you are welcome to join us at 9am every Sunday.

Peta Sherlock

Writing Workshop

Writers tapping into their creativity in Trentham

Fourteen writers from across central Victoria gathered in Trentham last month to share strategies for taking the next steps on their writing and publishing journeys.

Poets, family historians, real-life criminology writers, memoir writers, illustrators, fantasy and short story writers from Trentham, Castlemaine, Macedon and Woodend took part in the first Writer Meet Story workshop.

Looking for your inner author? is a three-hour workshop designed for writers who are pondering taking the plunge on their first book or writing project. The interactive discussion covers strategies for honing voice, purpose and storytelling as well as brain science on storytelling and identification of master plots.

Local author Sandy Watson launched Writer Meet Story to help writers and authors share diverse stories that are often invisible in mainstream media and publishing.

"It was so inspiring to be with so many writers, of all creative interests and backgrounds, coming together to support each other and share writing strategies. We write on our own – so having a community to walk that path with is incredibly motivating and helpful."

The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday 11 December. To find out more, contact Sandy Watson on 0401714880 or sandywatson555@icloud.com or visit www.sandywatson.au/writermeetstory

Looking for your inner author?
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Suitable for aspiring and beginning authors. All writing genres welcome.

Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes - a way to Support the Community



Every year the four Neighbourhood Houses in Hepburn Shire run our Reverse Advent Calendar drive, to support those in the Shire experiencing food insecurity. We all like to have nice things at Christmas, but for some, just putting food on the table is a challenge.

The idea of a Reverse Advent Calendar (actually it's more of a box), is that you put things in it that people might like to receive at Christmas. You can follow the theme of the advent calendar, and place one item every day for 20 days in the lead up to Christmas. Or you can fill the box all in one go. Think about filling it with things like non-perishable food, toiletries, Christmas treats etc. A mix of basic essentials and more special festive treats is a good idea. Once the box is filled, return it to the TNC.

Your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is then distributed to people in the Trentham community, and the greater Hepburn Shire, who are in need of a bit of extra help. Christmas is all about giving. Why not join in the spirit?

You can pick up a box from us during office hours and make Christmas a little more special for someone. Boxes are available from Monday 10 November. Please return them by 8 December to give us time to distribute them before Christmas

Equally, if you know someone who might appreciate a box appearing on their doorstep, reach out and let us know.
Meditation for Peace

'Blue likes to scatter' – really?

At the science museum, then housed at the State Library (mid-1980s), the above 'explanation' featured next to a linear diagram in clear daylight that left out the deep dark of outer space that forms the background for the sunlit atmosphere that surrounds the earth.

Viewed from an airplane 10km above this atmosphere the deep space appears black, not blue. Even at the top of Mount Buller the space directly around the sun on a clear day looks dark. The quasi-scientific explanation in the precursor of "science works" sounded rather childish: 'blue likes to scatter'. I hope that in its now Docklands location, light phenomena are demonstrated in dark space.

Even Newton knew how to experiment with light in a darkened room, although he drew his conclusion too hasty: Newton published his Colour Theory after only a fortnight. Goethe, who attempted to repeat Newton's experiment, took forty years before he published his *Farbenlehre* = Colour Study, complete with colour charts for readers to see for themselves. Newton's book shows only 'lines', no 'colours'. Newton thought mathematics, Goethe thought in images. For Newton a prism 'splits' the light, Goethe observed the triangular shape of a prism and concluded that it 'displaced' or 'shifted' an image for the viewer...

It took Goethe's sharp observation only a split second to notice the difference between the narrow hole that Newton had used and the much wider hole he himself used when

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repeating the experiment. Seen through the prism the wider hole shows colours at its edges: strip of blue at the one edge; strip of yellow at the other. When seen or projected through the prism the strips overlap, which means the yellow and blue produce green in the mix...

The painter William Turner didn't use tubes with green paint in his landscapes or seascapes. He painted atmospheres, letting shades of blue and yellow themselves blend into green where it occasionally showed in nature. Dutch painters before him mixed their paints themselves, didn't need green at all, even though their countryside, especially Holland, shows a lot of natural green...

As to the colour blue in nature, a simple rule tends to prevail: seen through a light transparent medium a darker object appears blue, example: distant mountains; a lighter object seen through a dark transparent medium appears red, example: Sunrise and Sunset, showing spectacularly red through densely polluted skies, as above large cities.

'blue likes to scatter'? Forget about it!

A simple formula instead:

light over dark > blue... dark over light > red

On study-leave later that year I visited science museums in Brighton UK and San Francisco USA, both museums displayed colour phenomena in dark rooms as Newton did.

Henk Bak



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Trentham Talks is run by a nonprofit community group which plans to present a bimonthly speaker. The next event is being held on Wednesday 3 December at 7pm in The Mechanics Trentham. Entry is by Gold Coin donation.

"From the streets of London, protecting our oceans, operating at the highest level of government in our nation's capital, to settling in our local district to breed Scottish Highland cattle – are you up for an intriguing yarn with Rob Jackson?"

A warm thanks to our Advisory Team: Carol, Cynthia, Licia, Linda & Mary and to our Bump In & Out Crew: Andrew, Chris, Darren, John, Nola and Paul.

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Short Story - Words in Winter

A Work of Mercy

France 1916

It was time of rain and mud, of cold and snow, filled with the incessant, fearful sound of rifles and machine guns. A place of trees stripped bare and broken, where the muddy fields were scarred with shell craters and barbed wire. While artillery shells shocked the day and lighted up the night, shaking the very earth with their violence. The dead lay untended in the mud.

Then, when the quiet came, and the guns could only be heard in the distance, the time came to collect the dead. A righteous duty, a work of mercy. Back in school, the nuns had taught them about works of mercy and 'to bury the dead' was always on the list. A righteous duty, even though the smell never left him, and their pallid faces tormented him as he wept through the haunted night. So many parading before him, their mouths gaping open in silent screams.

Luke tightened his coat around him as the two of them followed the corporal out into what had only recently been no man's land. Between them they carried a simple board. Those they were collecting were past discomfort.

A winter wind was blowing and a cold drizzle falling. The going was difficult, through mud, barbed wire, and flooded shell craters rimed with frost. What trees remained were stark and skeletal against the grey sky. It was hard to believe that anything green could ever grow here again. They found him near the lip of a crater. He was a German and little more than a boy. His eyes were closed and his mouth held shut by the strap of his helmet. "Another bloody Hun," the corporal complained. He spat casually to the side. Then looked more closely at the corpse and frowned. "Jeez, why does he look so peaceful?" He shook



his head. "Sometimes they creeps me out. They really do." "His legs are all smashed up," Luke muttered. "Probably got this far and couldn't crawl any further. So, he just lay down and quietly bled to death. Would've taken a while."

The corporal shrugged. "Don't matter. Load 'im up. They'll want him back as well, even if he is a Hun. Apparently, we gotta bury them too. I'd let 'em rot." He bent down and took the soldier's ID card from his jacket pocket. "Johan Bruin. 12th Bavarian Infantry Division. Says here he's eighteen. Don't look it." He put the card back in the young soldier's pocket. "Load 'im up."

As they loaded him roughly onto the board, his arms dropped to the sides, and some rosary beads fell from his hands. They were a fine set with a bronze chain and carved beads of dark wood. Luke knew with a horrible certainty what they were, a parting gift from a tearful mother as she watched her son set out for war. He knew this because his own set would still be in his pocket, if he hadn't lost them somewhere while on leave in Paris. Luke bent down to pick up the beads. "He was a Catholic," he said softly.

"Don't matter," the corporal said. "Leave all that where it is. Load him up and be done with it. Don't forget, he's the enemy and he's dead. Nothing else matters."

But suddenly it did matter to Luke. It mattered a great deal. He knelt in the mud and, holding the beads tight in his hand, he traced a cross on the young soldier's forehead with his thumb. "Rest in peace, Johan," he whispered.

Deacon Joe

Trentham Community Action Inc

The new Trentham community website is going LIVE!

Now you need to be on it. You're invited to the LAUNCH on Wednesday 12 November, 6pm at Trentham Mechanics.

So get ready for the launch, sign up, get noticed, and be listed in the Community Directory.

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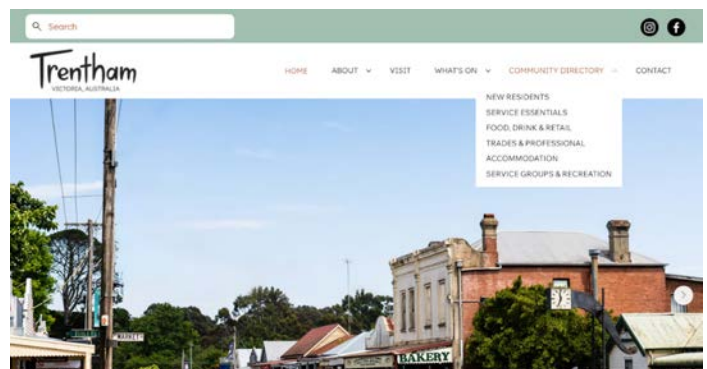
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To be a representative community website we need the community to get behind it! So if you are a local community group, retailer, small business owner, artist, tradie, sporting club, musician, hairdresser, pub, cafe (you get the drift!) sign up now to the Community Directory.

Funds raised through the supporter revenue will support TCA to keep the website up-to-date and online.

Trentham Structure Plan 2025 Consultation

Hepburn Shire Council released the second draft of the Trentham Structure Plan as adopted 3 September 2024, which responded to the strong opinions expressed in our community during last year's process. Some of the



changes made still result in questions about housing and the Stoney Creek Reserve. A short submission was made by TCA, also focusing on the need for a more efficient and inclusive consultation process. TCA will be endeavouring to be proactive on this as the Strategic Planning process continues.

Traffic Petition

This was presented and noted at the September Council meeting. As yet there is no action to report. The TCA Working Group will be following up.

General contact email: trenthamca@gmail.com

Food for Thought

Last Sunday I attended the Lyonville Bake-Off, not as a competitor as I have been in the past (and proud to say I did take out a prize) but more in that it is such a delightful community grass-roots event that raises funds for the upkeep of the Lyonville Hall.

Rural halls are vital connections for a community. Steeped in the history of the area they were mostly built by a local builder along with other tradies and volunteers. These people did the fitting out that invariably included a stage and a decent sized kitchen, one that could cater for the many functions and celebrations from the wedding receptions to the funeral wakes, to balls and dances, 21st and engagements. Flower shows, quilting and tapestry days along with an array of acts and presentations by visiting performers, the local hall was the showcase and the epicentre of the community. And it was where you cast your vote.

In this region we are fortunate of such halls, however just as the Lyonville Hall, they require regular upkeep and maintenance with funds for the overheads and the operation of. Thankfully they are well used and respected for what they are and what they stand for, and although they may not have the latest in modern equipment and

The Plonkers

Digby looked up from his phone. Raising his voice so that Mrs Digby, out in the laundry, could hear him shouted;

"How does a chef wear two hats?"

"Oh dear" moaned the long suffering Mrs Digby to herself. "They don't dear, it's an award given out by The Age Good Food Guide for excellence in the dining scene. I knew Annie would win another one for du Fermier. So well deserved for her and her team, it's such a fabulous place"

"Well I knew that, we've eaten there many a time. But I can't see how a second hat's going to help her? You've seen the size of her kitchen."

Mrs Digby sighed and returned her scrubbing brush to the laundry. Walking back she said to Digby: "Come on, let's call the Dukes and see if they'd like to come over for dinner, I'm craving some of Emma James' homestyle cooking tonight."

The Duke & Mrs Duke arrived just as Mrs Digby had finished setting the table. Digby set out in his British Racing Green Jaguar convertible to pick up dinner. Always on the hunt for quality at a fair price he picked up three bottles of Scotchman Hill wines from Hotel Trentham before swinging by Emma James's down on Station St.

Back home, Digby and The Duke admired the Jaguar's upholstery out in the garage sipping the Scotchman Hill wine.

"This Bellarine Peninsula Shiraz is excellent, deep dark cherry with elegant pepper notes", mused The Duke leaning over the biscuit coloured leather interior, his glass at a precarious angle.

Digby, looking on nervously, replied "Yes it's excellent value.

some possibly a little drafty, they are a local beacon and charming.

Last Sunday not only did I enjoy an eye-full of cakes, tarts, buns, breads, biscuits and scones, but the energy and excitement of the competitors. Watching a father guide his daughter with her precious cake through the crowd to the judging area; a woman arriving with a 3-tiered highly decorated sponge protected within a large box, only to later proudly show off the blue rosette in winning a first prize, and the 'oh well', you didn't win but you did well'. Nice!.

So, I thought as I sat on a pew sipping a well made coffee the Bake-Off was much more than any recognition of skills, it was also the showing of a small united community engaged in a unique and gorgeous event for their hall. Long may it continue.

Sylvia Johnson
Food for Thought
Trentham

Come, let's join the girls inside. I just heard them pop the cork on the Victorian Prosecco I also bought at HT."



Emma's fine food began with a delicious bowl of Thai-style pumpkin soup. Mains followed with a choice of three; potato topped fish pie, ratatouille with grilled polenta and a slow braised lamb, accompanied with a lemon and herb grain salad.

"We normally can't go past Emma's famous lasagna but these dishes are equally delicious", said Digby, already checking to see what wine his buddy had brought along.

"Don't worry mate", laughed The Duke, "we remembered to pick up a bottle of the Kyneton Ridge Estate Shiraz from the Cosmo, we know it's your favourite."

Mrs Digby chimed in, "Dear, you did remember to pick up some dessert wine, I think we're all out. We can't drink red with Emma's scrumptious roast pear Frangipane tart."

"Don't worry, you ladies have all the Prosecco, Duke and I will take one for the team and leave it for you."

Leaning over whispering into Duke's ear Digby confided, "Looks like you're walking home tonight, I have a second bottle of the Scotchman hiding in the car."

Cheers!

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