



2023 Weather
Wrap Up



Open Day



TRATA



Summer Fashion
Swap



Life Activities Club

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Council news



THE TRENTHAM MECHANICS

Works at The Mechanics Trentham are progressing well with the building taking shape. The external cladding has been completed and the painting of weatherboards and plaster sheeting has now started. Fixing of the external feature timber screens and battens will begin shortly. The northern ramp and stairs to the building will be poured in early February and fencing to the western boundary will begin in mid-February.



CAT CURFEW

Our cat curfew started in July 2023. Your cat must be securely confined within your property between sunset and sunrise. This helps to reduce the chance of cats breeding, fighting, becoming injured or killing wildlife. Don't forget to register your cat! Registration helps you to be reunited with your furry friend if it becomes lost. We offer free and reduced fees for the first period of registration. Find out more about registration and the cat curfew at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/pets



GRANTS OPEN

Round 2 of our Community Grants Program is open until **Monday 12 February**. These grants offer community groups up to \$5,000 for projects. We also offer Quick Response Grants, which are open until 10 June (or until the allocation is exhausted). Quick Response Grants offer up to \$1,000 once per year to community groups and organisations. Find out details and apply via our website at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants



RAISE A REQUEST

Remember, you can report issues or make service requests relating to Council services or assets via our website. You will be issued a reference number so you can track progress on your request. It's easy! Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au and click on "Report an issue" in the quick links.

COUNCIL PLAN FOCUS AREAS



A resilient, sustainable & protected environment



A healthy, supported & empowered community



Embracing our past & planning for the future



Diverse economy & opportunities



A dynamic & responsive council



FREE FARMING EVENT

Extreme weather events are becoming more prevalent locally and across the globe. Proactive approaches to farming practices can help to prepare for, and minimise, damage to crops and livestock. Come along to a free Proactive Farmers Initiative Event and hear from highly regarded keynote speakers as they share evidence-based case studies relevant to local farmers.

The event will be held on Thursday 8 February from 9am to 1pm (lunch from 12pm) at Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve in Creswick. Register via the QR code or email communityrecovery@hepburn.vic.gov.au.



This free event is supported by a State Government Emergency Recovery Victoria response to the 2022 floods.



CAREERS AT COUNCIL

Join our team - We regularly recruit new staff across a number of roles. Along with great teammates, we offer attractive and flexible working arrangements. Apply online at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/jobs

Become a supplier - We advertise a range of tenders for works, goods and services to support our activities. You can register to receive public tenders notifications at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/tenders



NOXIOUS WEEDS

We have developed a flyer that identifies some of the most common noxious weeds (like blackberry, pictured), that we can't accept at our transfer stations and that must be treated on the landholder's property. By law, noxious weeds can't be transported because it risks further spread along roadsides. The flyer is available at our transfer stations, libraries, hubs and online at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations



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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

And Hello 2024!

We're back for another year, possibly setting the bar (too) high, as this issue contains our most awaited article about the most important topic: **Clyve and Jane's annual Trentham Weather Report!** For 2024 we'd like to get our order in early: Christmas Day *does not* need to be the rainiest day of the year. Silver lining, our gardens are loving the weather flip flopping from wet to hot – how fabulous is this year's Summer colour? And, we still have green grass!

There's heaps going on around town as you'll see on this page and throughout this jam-packed issue. Look out for open days, special general meetings with amazing guests, films, live music (what a treat Charles Jenkins was in the Cosmo stables in December!) and a plethora of community activities.

Already exhausted by the new year? Treat yourself to a coffee, wine or meal at one of our new establishments or return to a favourite. So much choice, how lucky are we?

Thanks as always to our contributors and supporters, we couldn't do it without you.

Enjoy the last of Summer.

Regards,
Chris & Penny



OPENING EVENING




Thursday the 22nd of February at 5pm

Join us for coffee, nibbles, beer and wine.
Introducing the amazing artist Natalie from Chalky designs
and the Mural Map of Trentham featuring its iconic
spaces, places and wildlife.

We cannot wait to see you there!

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Trentham Sustainability Group

You are Invited

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 26th February 2024

7.30 pm

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

GUEST SPEAKER (via zoom)

Professor Mark Howden

Director of the Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions
at the Australian National University

Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
Recipient of 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with other IPCC participants and Al Gore

followed by

**a brief Meeting to elect Office-bearers for the coming year
and a delicious supper!**

ALL WELCOME

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TRENTHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Open Day

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enriching installation telling the tales of our area.

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Tour, talks and a free sausage sizzle.
Books (& scones) to purchase.

UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

This years "UN World Interfaith Harmony Week"
(1-7 February) will be attended to at
Evera, 21 Beatties Road Trentham on the
25th of February, 10am – 4pm, or by appointment.

For information and/or booking contact
Henk Bak
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About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

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



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

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

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

The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month before. Please forward all items for publication to: thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com

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

The Trentham Trumpet is gratefully auspiced by the TNC.

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What's on!

Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

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
19 November 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap
19 November 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
cool.country.mens.shed@gmail.com

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

Knitters, Stitchers, Sewers Craft Group
10am every Friday
Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

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

TNC
see trenthamnc.org.au



Local Events

Lyonville Woodchop

The annual Lyonville Woodchop will be held on Saturday 3 February from 10.30am at the Lyonville Hall. Once again, this iconic event will provide a showcase for the prowess of our axe-wielders and of course the hammer-hefting ladies at the nail drive competition. This year's event promises a new experience as pine wood will be used due to the difficulty of securing suitable local eucalypt wood.

All the usual attractions will be available: a bar, BBQ, barista coffee, cakes and a light lunch stall, plus a raffle and spinning wheel with great prizes to be won.

Proceeds go towards the maintenance and improvement of the Lyonville Hall, the local community hub. We look forward to welcoming you to the Lyonville Woodchop. Entry is \$5 per adult, children are free.



Summer Fashion Swap:

Sunday 18th Feb 1-3pm!

This time **Trentham Fashion Swap** is gathering at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre and it's Women's Clothing.

Check out your wardrobe and bring along up to 8 garments (shoes or accessories) to swap, or make a donation.

Optional early clothing drop off at TNC on Thurs 15/2/24.

Afternoon tea and door raffle included, come and join in the fun.

Calling for Volunteers for...

Spudfest is almost upon us again and its time to gather our spud-buddies to deliver another spudtastic event.

If you want to be part of the amazing team that's raised \$12k for our community, then register now as a volunteer for this year's event.

All you have to do for now is register your details with our Volunteer Co-ordinator either by phone or email and she will be in contact closer to the event.

Volunteer Co-ordinator: Lynne Farrell
Email: spudfest3458@gmail.com
Mobile: 0457 749 618



Trentham Film Society

[Heard whilst walking down High Street.]

'Films are a mirror to the soul.'

'Er no, that would be the eyes are a mirror to the soul.'

'Okay, what about films reflect people?'

'Well yes, to state the bleeding obvious. Unless you are watching a wildlife documentary.'

'Okay, okay, anyhow the point I'm trying to make is films are great! Even better, watching films with others, and that's what the Trentham Film Society (TFS) think also.'

On 17 February TFS kick's off their film screenings for 2024 with 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry.' Their yearly program aims to screen quality English, independent and foreign language films. Socially, TFS screening nights bring together members in a warm and friendly atmosphere with drinks and nibbles available beforehand.

The TFS is part of the TNC and operates on a membership basis, as set out by the film society's governing body, the Federation of Victorian Film Societies. This allows TFS to obtain the screening rights for a wide range of films, including recent releases. The program offers 10 screenings per year between Feb and Nov. The 2024 program can be collected from the TNC or their website: trenthamnc.org.au

Trentham Film Society presents
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry



New members welcome

Saturday, February 17
Trentham Neighbourhood Centre
 Screening time 6.45pm • Social drinks & nibbles 6pm
\$15 for 3 month membership or \$50 for 10 months.
 Pre-show drinks and nibbles available.
 Cash payments only - can be paid on screening nights.
 Enquiries to gmckorr@gmail.com

Anyone interested in joining for the first time is welcome as a guest for their first screening, by contacting Graham Orr – gmckorr@gmail.com – prior.

Now where is that mirror?



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Trentham | Kyneton



Dr Fred Jayawardene
Trentham | Kyneton



Dr Nick Rhead
Trentham | Daylesford



Dr Danielle Robinson
Trentham | Daylesford



Dr Kate Turnbull
Trentham | Daylesford | Kyneton



Dr Brad Wyer
Trentham | Daylesford

If you have an urgent, non-life-threatening health concern after hours, call the After Hours GP Helpline **1800 022 222**.
In an emergency always call 000

www.springsmedical.com.au

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tel: (03) **5348 2227**

● **Trentham** 22 Victoria Street
tel: (03) **5424 1602**

● **Kyneton** 89 Piper Street
tel: (03) **5422 1298**



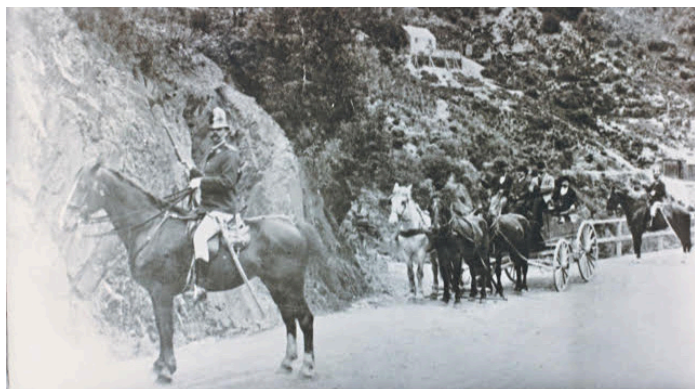


Trentham Tales

Keeping Trentham Safe: A Snapshot of Early Policing

From 1855, before Trentham was established as a settlement, policing mainly revolved around the goldfields, not least in support of the regular gold escort from Golden Point (Blackwood) to Gisborne.

Troopers accompanied the gold wagon as it travelled via "Fiveways" - Murphy's Commercial Hotel in High St - along the Chettle Track and Blackwood Rd to the Black Forest Rd police camp. This route changed the following year as the tracks to Black Forest deteriorated. The troopers and their valuable cargo passed the Gook, Clowes and Price family homes on their journey to Kyneton.



Once safely in Kyneton, the convoy joined the official Government Gold Escort, comprising six troopers and wagons "for conveyance to Melbourne" - the first Wednesday of each month.

In 1865 the police camp was gazetted as a police reserve, and the Police Station opened a year later. The first appointed officer was Senior Mounted Police Constable George South. South had been an Inspector of Slaughterhouses in Carlsruhe, before taking on the same role in Trentham in 1866, then the role of Trentham's first permanent trooper in 1867.

This position was short-lived. The following year South left the police force to take over Bickley's Hotel (known to readers as The Cosmo), which he ran for about four years as the confusingly named "South's Blue Mountain Hotel" (*Kyneton Observer & Ballarat Star 1869-1872*)

The police station had two troopers on site and if court records are anything to go by, they were certainly kept busy "protecting the Trentham community".

The February 1879 "Loddon Cutting Riot", widely reported in newspapers of the time, is a good illustration. The riot started when (already over-imbibed) workers employed on the Loddon Cutting on the Trentham-Daylesford railway were refused further alcohol by Mr Aitken, a nearby storekeeper. The workers retaliated by smashing in his door and "helping themselves".

During the maythem some rioters declared that they did not "care for the damned police and if they come, they will be smothered". Constables Hogan and O'Callaghan successfully quelled the riot, transporting the offenders back to Trentham where they were all locked up in the

single cell for 40 hours, according to the Kyneton Guardian of February 1879. Other newspapers reported 17 men were kept in the cell for that time, but only 10 faced court receiving prison sentences of two to three months.

It is believed the "uncomfortable" conditions the rioters endured prompted calls for the Trentham station to add a double cell, which was subsequently delivered by bullock train from Kyneton.



Trentham's troopers continued to primarily deal with drunk and disorderly behaviour and obscene language, according to court reports in the 1890-1891 editions of the Kyneton Guardian. Other offences included vagrancy, which presumably was a product of the 1890s Depression. Incidents of illegal and undersized logging, larceny, embezzlement, forgery and truancy only made occasional appearances in the newspapers.

But for some it would seem there was not enough crime. When Trentham's resident Constable Cox suffered ill health in November 1891, a temporary Trooper was deployed from Kyneton as relief. This replacement was decidedly unimpressed by policing in Trentham, declaring: "there is nothing to do!" to which the Police Department responded: "may he ever suffer from that complaint while he is in Trentham".

That said, The Trentham Advertiser observed the following year: "police protection is needed in the main street on Saturday night due to the prevalence of offensive behaviour exhibited to any lady passing."

What action was taken, I wonder?

Sue Worthington
Trentham and District Historical Society
trenthamhistoricalsociety.org.au



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*Left Gold escort, Blackwood. TDHS collection
Right: Police stables, 1922 by Const Duffy. TDHS collection*

Trentham and Districts Life Activities Club Inc.



Pentaque for men and women ~ Walking ~
Qigong (traditional Chinese exercise, like Tai
Chi) ~ Knitting and Sewing ~ Mahjong ~ Garden
visits for garden lovers ~ Eating out for Foodies ~
Music for music Lovers ~ Scrabble ~ Horse riding
~ Jigsaw Puzzles

and... coming soon...

Pickleball and Angling!

Are you interested in any of these activities?

They are all available, right here in Trentham!

All you need to do is join Trentham and District Life Activities
(\$25 for one year, \$15 for half a year),
which provides you with insurance indoors and out.

Our groups are friendly and helpful – joining in is the best way to keep healthy
and engaged in our great community.

How do I find out more?

Speak to Trentham and District's LIFE ACTIVITIES CLUB, the umbrella organisation,
providing insurance and support for each activity. You can:

- Email: trenthamlac@gmail.com
- Phone: Di on 0405 750 340
- Or come along for information and afternoon tea at the Bowls Club on
February 15 at 3pm

Quarry Street Reserve

This coming April marks the end of the 3-year term of the current Committee of Management. This means we will be conducting a Public Meeting for the purpose of nominating members for the next Committee, at least 3 members, no more than 9.



This meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 February at 7pm at Cool Country Men's Shed, 55 Mulcahy's Rd Trentham.

Mayor Cr Brian Hood will be the chair and the meeting will commence with a presentation from HSC Biodiversity Officer, Brian Bainbridge, "The Butterfly Brings Us Together". This will outline the next stage of development and funding for local biodiversity projects, with a theme of connecting at many levels, human, flora and fauna, and various organisations, for which our Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly is a flagship and indicator of how this will benefit people and place.

Everyone is invited. As a local community we all have sense of ownership of this valuable open space so conveniently located. The Committee of Management attempts to keep the community informed of major developments as well as day-to-day running. You can find regular updates on our Facebook page and in the Trumpet. Those of you who include the Reserve in your regular walks will no doubt observe the visitor traffic as well and know that we are all part of making this a great part of a great town!

Some information about the way the Committee works: "Members of committees of management of Crown land reserves are appointed by the Minister for Environment to manage and develop the reserve under their control. The powers and responsibilities of committees are provided by the Crown Land Reserves Act 1978 and may be limited by the Minister, but in general cover the following areas:



- power to manage and develop the reserve
 - power to regulate activities on the reserve
 - power to employ people, engage contractors and volunteers
 - power to collect revenue and expend funds in association with the management of the reserve"
- A report is made annually to DEECA.

Some of the everyday Committee work requires contact with the local DEECA officers in Ballarat, particularly in relation to significant works on the Reserve. There is a Memorandum of Understanding with Hepburn Shire Council which relates to regular maintenance such as mowing, tree maintenance, rubbish removal, and work related to the Pavilion – Toilet block which is a Council facility. In addition, there are links to the North Central Catchment Management Authority which concerns the maintenance of a healthy creek.

Above: the renovated sign recognises The Lions Club and the dedicated Lions Anniversary Garden. The yellow-capped metal stake is a necessary marker of the Telstra pit but it will soon be softened by the growing Acacia shrub in front of it!



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SAT 03

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From 3-5pm

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SUN 04

SAT 10

STEFANIE DUZEL

Acoustic tunes from 1.30-3.30pm

SAT 17

AL CARR

Acoustic tunes from 3-5pm

SAT 24

NATHAN SEECKTS

Acoustic tunes from 3-5pm

WED NIGHT LOCALS NIGHT

\$25 CURRIES - CHOOSE BETWEEN 3 OF CHEF BOB'S FAVOURITES!

THECOSMOPOLITANHOTEL.COM.AU/WHATS-ON

Support for the Blackwood CFA from the Trentham Community with Frances Harkin

This summer, Frances Harkin, from Harkin Estate Agents is bringing the Trentham community and Blackwood CFA together as a way of saying thank you on behalf of the locals.

On every coffee order, from the new VIC MARKET Café at Shop 31 Victoria Street, Trentham, Harkin Estate Agents contribute 50 cents, recently gifting the total donation to Captain Ross Hall.

The CFA are a dedicated and skilled team, performing roles beyond fire suppression; educating and engaging the community, helping residents develop fire plans and responding to other emergencies when they happen.

Our valued advice and knowledge in fire behaviour, fire safety, incident management and community preparation adds further strength to Victoria's trusted and united emergency services sector.

Whether delivering community education programs to prevent fires or responding effectively to fires that have occurred, the services the CFA deliver seek to achieve a common vision – Victorian communities that are prepared for and safe from fire.



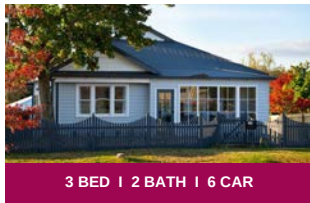
Captain Ross Hall being gifted a donation by Frances Harkin, from Harkin Estate Agents.

It is easy to be part of this ongoing community initiative, just head down to VIC MARKET café for your next coffee: Shop 31, Victoria Street, Trentham

PROPERTY UPDATE HARKIN ESTATE AGENTS

FOR SALE

18A ALBERT STREET, TRENTHAM



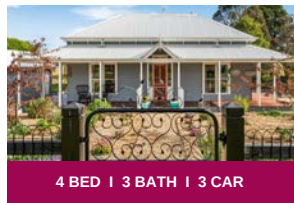
3 BED | 2 BATH | 6 CAR

Albeit On Albert! One of Trentham's most sort out locations!

\$1,150,000

566 m²

89 HIGH STREET, TRENTHAM



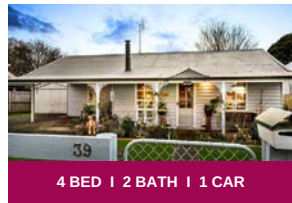
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Contemporary, high-end chic

\$1,830,000

1,986m²

39 COSMO ROAD, TRENTHAM



4 BED | 2 BATH | 1 CAR

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\$995,000

991 m²

RECENTLY SOLD

234 Blackwood Road, Trentham **SOLD - \$840,000**

15 Mulcahys Road, Trentham **SOLD - \$1,200,000**

150 Bergs Lane, Trentham East **SOLD - \$747,500**

560 Blackwood Road, Newbury **SOLD - \$470,000**

9 COLIBAN ROAD, LYONVILLE



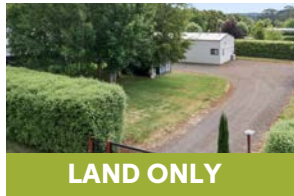
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St George's

News and Reflections from St George's

We have recently been told recently that some people are surprised to know St George's Anglican Church exists. Just east of the Neighbourhood Centre, our physical location is partly obscured by overgrown trees which are slowly being trimmed. Long ago we were subsumed into the Parish of Woodend so little appears on that website about us. We are working on this.

This monthly column in the Trumpet aims to make us more visible, and the following reflection tries to get us all thinking about the mysteries of God and faith. Worship is at 9am on Sundays and you are welcome to come and see.

Ash Wednesday is 9am February 14th at St George's as usual. This is not the bushfire which just happened to fall on Ash Wednesday 1983. In the church it is the start of Lent when we confess our sins and desire to do better.

We do confess our sins quite a bit in church, but it is not chiefly about the naughty things I have done last week. It is a "general" confession, my part in the state of our interconnected world. Today I contributed to the death of turtles and penguins by using plastics yet again in the kitchen. It is similar to the "butterfly effect" of chaos theory when a flutter of one wing can set off a cyclone on the other side of the world.

Trentham Sustainability Group

Phew, 2023 was the hottest year globally since records have been kept! The earth is hovering alarmingly close to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels beyond which is considered increasingly dangerous and unpredictable, but

~ action allays anxiety ~

and TSG is off to a great start for 2024 with a speaker linking Trentham into the global situation and good news for one of our local hands-on projects . . .

Special General Meeting **7.30 pm Monday, 26 February at TNC – all welcome**

Guest Speaker: Professor Mark Howden, Director of the Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions at The Australian National University. He is also an Honorary Professor at Melbourne University, a Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and the Chair of the ACT Climate Change Council.

Mark has worked on climate variability, climate change, innovation and adoption issues for over 30 years. He has been a major contributor to the IPCC since 1991, with roles in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and now Seventh Assessment Reports, sharing the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with other IPCC participants and Al Gore.

Following Professor Howden's presentation, there will be a brief TSG business meeting to elect office-bearers for the coming year.

This interdependent nature of the world is a good thing. It helps me understand how the death of one peasant rabbi in Palestine 2,020 years ago could be of any benefit to people in Trentham.

The forty days of Lent does not mean we should be miserable until April or go too far down the rabbit hole of the butterfly effect. Many Christians look to do good deeds in Lent: renew old friendships, put aside money for a good cause, eat two pieces of fruit every day, stop and confess your sins.

How does confession work? It is both very simple and very complicated. Tell God that you are sorry and receive God's forgiveness. God considers it dealt with by the death of that one man, Jesus Christ.

Enjoy the mysteries of Lent.

Peta Sherlock

Fashion Swap Success

Congratulations to Susan and the Fashion Swap team for their successful grant application.



The Trentham Fashion Swap project will expand this year to run four sustainable clothing swaps (women & children's clothing), two Repair and Repurpose Sewing Workshops, and is launching a community sewing machine that can be booked free of charge at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.

Many thanks to Hepburn Shire Council for their supportive funding.

This project is about social connection, saving money on clothing and saving our planet by reducing fashion waste in landfill. The workshops will teach skills to repair and lengthen garment life or repurpose fabric into other useful items. More details to come for the April workshop.

Swap dates for 2024 are 18 Feb; 27 April; 20 July and 19 Oct

For more information about any of the above, please email: trenthamsustainability@gmail.com

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2023 Weather Report

The Year in Review

Not an outstanding year for high temperatures for Trentham with the warmest temperature recorded being 35.7C during February, but the year was marked by a record cold minimum in August of -7.4C which caused a number of issues with frozen pipes.

Rainfall had 2 wetter phases between March and June, and October and December, with a drier phase between July and September.

The Trentham region recorded very little snow in 2023 with just occasional light flurries. The heaviest snowfall was on the last day of May when the region recorded a cover of 1cm for a few hours.

The windiest days occurred during September when the region recorded gusts between 70 and 100kph on the 8th September.

The rainfall for the year of 1036.6mm was slightly below our long term average (1873-2023) of 1102mm.

Disclaimer: Rainfall and temperature recordings can vary considerably across the Trentham region. This is typical of sub-alpine areas with varying altitude, aspect and orography. Our weather station is mounted according to specifications issued by the Bureau of Meteorology. Recording systems are aligned to the world standard of midnight to midnight inclusive of the entire calendar year.

The BoM records 9am to 9am the next day.

Clyve & Jane Herbert
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January 2023

A warmer than normal average maximum of 24C. Despite the warmer days the night average minimum was 9.6C, near 1C below normal.

The warmest day was 32.6C on the 14th and the coldest night was 5.6C on the 28th.

Rainfall was below normal at 32.6mm. The wettest day was the 29th with 18mm and rain was recorded on 9 days.

February 2023

A near average daytime max of 22.8C with the warmest day on the 17th with 35.7C and the coldest night was on the 15th with 4.1C. The ave minimum of 8.9C was slightly below the average.

Rainfall was again below normal with 34.2mm (ave 59mm). The wettest day saw 15.8mm fall on the 2nd. There were 12 days of recorded precipitation, some of which was overnight drizzle and fog.

March 2023

Another near average month for temperatures. The average maximum was 19.7C with the warmest day being the 18th with 30.7C. Overnight average minimum temperature was 8.2C, slightly above normal and the coldest night on the 8th was 5.3C.

March rainfall showed a change from the drier phase of summer recording 69mm (ave 66mm). The wettest day was the 5th with 19mm. There were frequent light showers and 16 days of recorded rainfall.

April 2023

The ave maximum of 15.5C was slightly below normal but the warmest day was just 22.3C on the 4th. The mean minimum for the month was 4.7C, also slightly below normal. The first severe frost of the season occurred on the 30th with a temperature of -3.4C.

Rainfall was above normal with 113.3mm (ave 78mm). The wettest day was the 7th (30.6mm) and rain was recorded on 19 days in the month.

2023 Temperature (°C) by Month

Month	Max (mean)	Min (mean)	Mean	High	Date	Low	Date
JAN	24.3	9.6	16.6	32.6	14	5.6	28
FEB	22.8	8.9	15.2	35.7	17	4.1	15
MAR	19.7	8.2	13.4	30.7	18	5.3	8
APR	15.5	4.7	10.2	22.2	4	-3.4	30
MAY	10.6	2.6	6.7	15.6	15	-3.1	23
JUN	9.1	3.5	6.3	15.1	4	-3.6	2
JUL	9.3	2.8	6.0	11.9	28	-4.4	17
AUG	10.8	2.4	6.6	15.9	28	-7.4	16
SEP	16.0	2.4	9.2	24.4	30	-3.2	29
OCT	15.6	3.4	9.5	23.9	20	-1.1	2
NOV	19.7	7.6	12.9	29.2	10	1.6	19
DEC	21.1	9.3	14.7	31.2	12	4.1	4

2023 Weather Report cont.

May 2023

A colder than normal month with frequent showery spells. Ave maximum was 10.6C with the warmest day just 15.6C on the 15th. The average minimum was 2.6C, 2C below the normal and there were 10 air frosts, almost double the normal number. The coldest night was -3.1C on the 23rd. There were numerous nights below -2C. Rainfall was near average with 99.2mm (ave 104mm) with rain recorded on 22 days. 24mm fell on the 23rd and light snow was recorded on the 31st.

June 2023

Average maximum temperature was near normal with a mean max of 9C. The mildest day was 15.1C. The average minimum monthly temperature was 3.5C, just slightly above normal. The coldest night was -3.6C on the 2nd. June was a rather boisterous month with frequent rain. 220.4mm fell for the month which was well above the average of 125mm. 59mm fell on the wettest day (7th) and by the end of the month creeks and rivers were causing minor flooding. There were 26 rain days.

Precipitation (mm)						
Month	Total	Max	Date	Days over 0.2	Days over 2	Days over 20
JAN	32.6	18.0	29	9	5	0
FEB	34.2	15.8	2	12	4	0
MAR	68.9	19.0	5	19	8	0
APR	113.2	30.6	7	19	10	2
MAY	99.2	24.0	3	22	13	1
JUN	220.4	59.0	7	26	16	1
JUL	81.4	14.4	28	21	11	0
AUG	60.8	13.6	10	20	9	0
SEP	43.8	19.2	8	14	4	0
OCT	85.4	42.8	3	17	8	1
NOV	81.4	25.4	24	12	5	2
DEC	115.4	38.8	25	17	8	2
TOTAL	1036.9			208	101	9

July 2023

The unsettled month of June was followed by a more settled July and the start of a period of below normal rainfall.

The average maximum temperature was 9.3C, almost 2C above normal. The warmest day of 11.9C was on the 28th. July was a frosty month with 8 days recording a minimum of below 0C with the coldest night on the 17th with -4.4C. Rainfall was below average with 81.4mm recorded (ave 130mm). The wettest day was 14.4mm on the 28th and there were 21 rain days.

August 2023

The average maximum temperature was near normal at 10.7C with the warmest day 15.9C (28th). It was a different story for overnight temperatures with an average of just 2C. There was a significant frost on the 16th when the minimum in Groves St fell to -7.4C - the coldest night since the records we have from 1983. Many residents reported frozen pipes and there was widespread plant damage. The month also recorded 10 nights on which the minimum fell to below 0C.

Rainfall was below the average with 60.8mm (average 131mm). The wettest day was the 10th with 13.6mm falling and rain was recorded on 20 days.

September 2023

Daytime maxima were above normal with an average of 16C (ave 14C). The warmest day was 24.4C on the 30th. Overnight minima were below average with an average of just 2.4C, close to being the coldest monthly average for the year. The lowest minimum was -3.2C on the 29th with 7 nights falling below 0C. The drier trend continued with just 43.8mm (ave 110mm). The wettest day saw 19.2mm on the 8th with 14 rain days.

October 2023

It's not often that October is a colder month than September. The average maximum was 15.6C with the warmest temperature of 23.9C recorded on the 20th. Overnight temperatures were below normal, averaging 3.4C. The coldest night was -1.1C on the 2nd but there were only 4 nights below 0C. Rainfall improved in October as the region moved into a wetter phase with 85.4mm, still slightly below average. 42.8mm fell on the 3rd making it the wettest day since June. There were 17 rain days.

November 2023

Generally a near average month for both temperatures and rainfall. The average maximum was 19.7C with the warmest day being the 10th with 29.2C. The coldest night was 1.6C on the 19th but the average overnight temperature was slightly above average at 7C. Rainfall was above average with 81.4mm (ave 76mm) with the heaviest fall of 25.4mm on the 24th. There were 12 rain days.

December 2023

A slightly above average month for maximum temperatures with an average of 21.2C. The warmest day recorded 31.2C on the 12th. Overnight, the ave minimum was above the norm at 9.4C with the coldest night being 4.1C on the 4th. Rainfall was well above the average with 115.4mm (ave 66mm) and the wettest day with the 25th with 38.8mm. Unusually there were 17 days of rain during the month rather than the average of 11.

Wind Speed (kph)				
Month	Ave	High	Date	Dominant Direction
JAN	5.0	43.5	3	S
FEB	4.6	45.1	2	S
MAR	4.5	48.3	20	E
APR	3.2	41.8	15	N
MAY	3.3	51.5	3	W
JUN	5.1	49.9	8	N
JUL	4.1	45.1	7	N
AUG	3.8	45.1	9	N
SEP	4.2	69.2	8	N
OCT	5.2	48.3	22	W
NOV	5.5	43.5	3	S
DEC	4.9	51.5	20	S
AVE	4.4			S

Councillor's Report

Council meeting – the major decisions arising from the December Council meeting were:

- The awarding of sizeable contracts for the provision of bulk bins at transfer stations \$890k, works at Central Springs reserve \$878k, kerbside collection and landfill waste disposal \$453k and road works on Smeaton Rd. Campbelltown \$364k.
- Further strengthening governance matters two revised policies were adopted – one covering the leasing and licensing of Council properties and the other covering the acquisition and disposal of land. Adherence to the latter policy will prevent inappropriate acquisitions as has happened in the past.

November 5 incident in Daylesford – in response to community concerns Council has installed large boulders in Bourke Square, adjacent to the Royal Daylesford Hotel. The installation is temporary, Council is considering a range of long-term options. These will necessitate consultation with the community and other stakeholders before being implemented. Recommendations arising from external investigations, including the Coroner's Office, will also guide future works. Community consultation will also be undertaken to determine what, if any, type of memorial may be placed on the site.

Mayoral duties – in a pleasant end to 2023 December included performing official functions at the Daylesford Agricultural Show and the Daylesford Highland Gathering. Both events were well attended, successful and a credit to their respective organising committees.

Schools – during December I was privileged to present citizenship awards to students at Trentham and Bullarto Primary schools and to extend my best wishes to those students moving up to secondary education.

Pedestrian crossing – works will soon be undertaken to freshen up signage and road line-markings at the crossing adjacent to Trentham Primary School.

Congratulations – to Trentham Lions Club for organising a wonderful Christmas Carols in the Park event and the very well attended Australia Day function. In a fitting tribute to many years of volunteering supporting our community Kath Morrison had the honour of raising the flag.

The Mechanics Trentham – the construction of the new community centre, library and customer service centre is progressing nicely to the anticipated April 2024 completion.

Trentham Falls – is managed by Parks Victoria. You will be aware the toilet block was destroyed in the June 2021 storm. I have enquired numerous times about the timing of replacement facilities. The latest update indicates there may be construction in the coming months. I agree, the delay is extraordinary given the popularity of the Falls and their importance to visitation. It seems we may have to hang on a wee bit longer. Updates to follow.

Roads – Council's website provides details on which roads Council is responsible for and which are RRV roads. Use this link to report an issue - [Roads Hepburn Shire Council](#)

Fire season – started on November 20 so burning off

is not permitted. Please take all precautions and if you need advice on fire preparation contact the team at Trentham CFA and check the CFA website.



Contacting Council – to report an issue or request work please use the following link on Council's website - [Report an issue Hepburn Shire Council](#) Your request will be directed to the relevant department, you will receive a job number and an update.

Planning applications – for information on tracking an application, lodging an objection, viewing the planning register, etc visit Council's website here [Track an application, view planning register or lodge an objection Hepburn Shire Council](#)

2024 – will be a big year for Council. All Victorian councils will conduct elections in late October. The outcomes of the electoral reviews will soon be announced and for Hepburn Shire the two possible outcomes are i) increase from 5 to 7 wards retaining 7 councillors or ii) move to an unsubdivided model with no wards and 7 councillors being elected from anywhere within the Shire.

Work is underway to prepare a long-term (10 year) financial plan. That vitally important work will necessitate a strategic review of Council's operations in order to ensure the organisation's viability. Our goal is to complete the new town structure plans, updating the planning regulations, by the end of this term (September). It is also expected that the Minister will soon introduce new legislation giving her increased powers to address councillor behaviour and performance and to increase the provisions for councillor training.

Council meetings – meetings are at 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month (next meeting Feb 20). The public may attend in person or view proceedings via council's Facebook page. Agenda papers are publicly available on Council's website the week before the meeting.

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Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

Nature Stewards



Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife will be supporting this great program coming our way, the Nature Stewards short course. This will provide knowledge about the environment we live in, the values of the ecosystem we are part of, and how we can be actively involved.

This is an educational program co-hosted by Hepburn Shire Council in partnership with the Mitchell and Macedon Ranges Shires and the Victorian National Parks Association. The 10-week program will allow everyday people to connect with others in their community to be more informed, and learn how to volunteer for nature as a citizen scientist, advocate for nature or a nature guide.

March 16 – May 25, 2024, (excluding Easter long weekend)

The program includes learning about rocks, soil, fungi, plants, and animals; climate change and seasons; ways to care for Country and manage private property; being a citizen scientist, conservation volunteer, and particularly where you can volunteer in your area. This will be a great boost to the potential for caring more effectively for this special place and its distinctive landscape.

More info:

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Residents/Sustainable-Hepburn/Natural-environment-and-biodiversity> with registration closing 3 March.



Meanwhile, back in our Summer gardens: some of us are even planting in response to the rain – just keep an eye out on the hotter days! Grasses are blooming, Poa lab. and Wallaby grass *Rytidosperma* spp (photos above), along with lots of other species large and small: ground cover Crane's Bill Geranium, daisies, tea tree, Cassinia and Sweet Bursaria shrubs, Messmate. Some of these can be seen in the roadside verges, others more likely in local gardens.

It's worth making a note now of what you might add to the native elements of your garden, ready to plant in Autumn.

Contact Trentham Neighbourhood Centre if you would like a free visit to consider how your garden might become more habitat friendly.

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The Tretham Garden

A Beautiful Summer Garden

To me, Summer is the time when Australian gardens should be in their prime... Christmas entertaining followed by lazy days spent with friends and family. What can you do to maximise your garden as a beautiful space for outdoor living?

The key for me is light shade. Cold-climate European gardens are often designed to maximise sun, whereas Australian gardens benefit from trees with light canopies that soften the impact of the sun whilst still letting through enough light for understory plants to thrive. Fast growing birch trees are ideal for this purpose, as are dogwoods and crab apples. Native trees often have light canopies too, but take care that you select one which will grow to an appropriate height. Trentham clients often choose to have a sunnier aspect for their outdoor entertaining area. Often the best solution is an umbrella or deciduous creeper such as *Vitis coignetii* or *Wisteria* for shade rather than a solid-roofed structure.

Christmas itself can fall at an awkward time in the garden; spring-flowering plants are finished but the summer perennials are just starting up. Roses, Lamb's Ears, *Euphorbia wulfenii* and hardy Geraniums like 'Rozanne' are looking fantastic. Berries such as red and black currants are usually fruiting at this time, and make a lovely contribution to the Xmas table. I'll often irrigate the lawn up until Christmas and then let it brown-off a little for the next few months to save water.

Drought-tolerant summer perennials like sedums, catmint and salvias are popular and have a great sense of colour, movement and fun about them. I like a garden to look good throughout the year, so I tend to plant them in areas where it's not a problem for them to complete their natural cycle and die down in winter; often backed by an attractive looking hedge, wall or similar.



Whether growing food for the table, or creating a beautiful outdoor space to share with friends and family, Summer is a great time to celebrate the colour and abundance of the natural world. Enjoy!

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
Landscape Designer
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Above: Hardy 'Rozanne' geraniums and allium seedheads catch the light of the summer sun

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TRATA

At The Station Precinct

We received fantastic news in December from the Hepburn Shire Council. Our submission for a community grant was successful. The funding, totalling \$4,910 will be used to purchase a container and positioning earthworks. In conjunction with the council planning department, it will be next to the Goods Shed. This will enable TRATA to complete an inventory of all the heritage items stored all over the place within the precinct. We will be seeking advice from the Trentham Historical Society as to the correct storage and digitisation of the items.

A presentation of the grant from the Hepburn Shire Mayor and other council reps has been scheduled for early February, along with the other successful community groups. The station precinct has been selected as the venue. Below is one of the old photos found recently at the station.

Our submission to the Trentham and Districts Community Bank was reviewed in January 2024 by the Board. We were ecstatic to receive \$8,000 to continue the enhancement of the station precinct. A huge thank you to a wonderful community bank who have recognized the importance of this heritage place in Trentham. The committee will be prioritising the spend over the coming weeks.

The Goods Shed refurbishment will re-commence in February based on the latest communications from the contractors. They will be focussing on the interior flooring and beam replacements. Very exciting times ahead for the usage of this very old building.

The committee had a working bee in January. The front fence was cleaned, some old signage removed, new signage erected, and garden rejuvenation continued with planting in front of the barriers where the car club has its coffee setup. A big thank you to Tony Meehan who kindly loaned us his industrial gerni.

Our 10 year lease has been approved by Victrak, and is now in the hands of the lawyers for sign-off. This is fantastic news, as we can start to plan longer term initiatives knowing the asset will remain part of the Trentham community. Our first priority is to get the 1880 railway station open again for the community to use, and tourists to see what a fantastic asset the town has. We will be applying for a Regional Development

Grant over the coming months to perform the following works:

1. re-blocking the station, it's basically sitting on the ground which makes it quite unstable in certain areas.
2. removal of asbestos which has been identified and tagged
3. some re-plastering
4. re-painting in heritage colours. Some of this work will be done by our volunteers in conjunction with the successful contractor(s).

We will need heaps of help to get the work completed over the year.

Membership

To continue the preservation and heritage of the Trentham Railway Precinct, new members are always welcome. A fee of \$10 goes solely to the upkeep of the railway infrastructure, assets and grounds. We really would love to hear from you.

Contact us at: trataattrentham@gmail.com.au, 0484 558 333 or Instagram: trenthamrailwayprecinct Facebook - coming soon!

Upcoming events being held at the Railway Precinct:

- 28 April - Trentham Tractor Pull
- 4-5 May - Spudfest
- 19 May - Classic Car Show

Phil Davis
Secretary
TRATA



Trentham Community Forum

Our Town... Growth and Change

While the summer scene has meant most of our town committees have taken a break, there's always something to think about, certainly amongst that pile of new books to read. I picked up a copy of Amanda Lohrey's latest novel, *The Conversion*, a story of a couple in their 60s deciding to give up on life in the city (Sydney) and buy a deconsecrated church on the outskirts of a small rural town called Crannock! Sound familiar?

The story is about the main character's relationship with the church as her potential home, including some of those deeper aspects of a sense of place and a particular history symbolised in now irrelevant but beautiful stained-glass windows, along with the sheer scope of the space. There are also cameos of what moving to a small town might be about, some of the 'stereotypical' characters, and how the town provides the context for her personal journey.

There is a sense in which the challenge to convert the church building is a metaphor or symbol for change, the end of an era. In this case what to do with a building formerly central to community life and all that might represent? Some of these threads emerge in the story. As we take the opportunity to consider the Council's proposed Structure Plan – hopefully soon – how will it reflect what we hope can happen, what 'conversions' might be needed, not just buildings but ways we make community, what changes we really need?

The 2021 census provided data to show that our district has increased in population at twice the rate of the whole State in the two periods 2011-2016 and again 2016-2021. There are nearly 3 times the number of homes now as there were in 2011 with many of these not occupied permanently. Half our current population has been here 5 years or less. If, as is suggested, the population gets to 3,000, what will this mean?

Relay for Life 2024

Calling all Trenthamites: "Macedon Ranges Relay for Life 2024" needs you!

Are you a local business, club, school, group of friends or family wanting to come together for a day of fun, fitness, fundraising? Then Macedon Ranges Relay for Life 2024 is the cause for you.

Taking place on the 2nd March in Lancefield Park, this will be the 22nd year the event has run in the Macedon Ranges. Each year the event raises over \$50,000 for Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services.

Relay is a chance for the Macedon Ranges community to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives.

The event features local music from the Gisborne Singers, local acoustic artists, local school choirs and more. We have 15 teams across the council joined so far, however



Is bigger always better? Does bigger also mean 'different' in significant ways, some of these being radically new ways, while keeping what is good? You may think of situations where this has happened in your working life.

Is the town going to become more suburban-like in its thinking, less cohesive, or are we able to consider our context and our responsibility to 'our place'? And how do we communicate effectively across our community?

The town survey of 2022-23 revealed some of our common values, now a very different scenario from what many of us knew 15, 20, 40 or more years ago. Are we prepared to work to take these values into our next stage, perhaps in new ways? Is the 'future' something we want to work for or just let happen to us?

These are some of the thoughts behind the activities of the group working to see what we might need to re-establish a community forum group.

Fay Magee Forum Working Group

Please contact the working group with your ideas. Adele Anderson (0418 125 947), John Brereton (0417 500 103), Ian MacBean (0438 529 481), Fay Magee (0417 113 927), Corina Sabo (0409 866 695), Vicki Steggall

we invite more teams from across the council to join us for this moving and rewarding event.

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Interior Design

Just Add Textiles!

When you stand back and look at any room, the most cohesive elements are the soft furnishings made of different textiles.



A bed layered in wools, cashmeres, linens and cottons is warm and inviting through the winter; nothing is quite as nice as stepping out of bed onto a wool or natural fibre floor rug, rather than onto a cold floor. Upholstered sofas and armchairs, rugs, curtains, lampshades, throws and cushions all allow a mix of colour, pattern and texture, creating the perfect and unified pulled together look.

In addition to looking good, textiles also have physical benefit, enhancing whichever aesthetic you choose. They absorb noises and echoes as you walk across a hard floor, while heavy drapes and curtains insulate and control light filtering into your room. Fabric cost is a major consideration: you get what you pay for. A sofa upholstery fabric needs to be strong; you don't want a fabric which pills from daily wear and tear. You also need a fabric which is low maintenance and easy to clean.

I encourage my clients to use blended fabrics. Quality wool is naturally fire retardant, strong and forgiving when being cleaned. When polyester yarns are added to wool, the combined fabric is stronger and retains its shape. The polyester component is resistant to stains and spills, and adapts well to synthetic dyes and weaving techniques. Similarly, linens and cottons can be quite durable, with a lovely slump, textured characteristic.

A small pattern or texture in the fabric weave is always better than a solid fabric. It helps hide small stains and will better contrast with cushions in differing colours, fabrics, textures and sizes. Here you can play around with latest trends and fashion, by adding binding, tassels and fringes.

Like clothing fashions, décor schemes are influenced by trends, which come and go fairly quickly. Once you have decided on your general aesthetic, play around with what is trending within that style.

Over recent years, bouclé fabric has been featured as a trending material. Usually made of wool, it is a loopy knobby fabric which complements softer, more curvaceous shapes; it was a popular furniture fabric choice in the 1940s and again in clothing in the winter ranges of the late 2000's.

More recently, in soft tones of white and ivory, bouclé has appeared on sofas and mid-century influenced armchairs. If you are prepared to maintain it, bouclé looks great; consider having removable slip covers which can be easily soaked and laundered.

Alternatively, perhaps select a few scatter cushions with bouclé fabric covers. Play with a couple of shades of the same colour for interest. Bouclé as a trend is now developing and merging with winter longer-haired and denser shearlings, making a statement in deeper neutrals and pale silvery greys.

Periodically moving your textiles from room to room is a satisfying way of changing the appearance of your spaces. With some minor and new additions you can readily incorporate what's trending into your home.

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Sport

**Trentham Bowling Club:
New Members Welcome**



The pennant season is well underway in the Highlands Bowls Region. The season runs from October to March each year. This year we are fielding two teams on Saturday and one team in the Tuesday competition. We play against clubs such as Woodend, Kyneton, Macedon, Lancefield and Romsey.

Our training night is Thursday commencing at 4.30pm. You are welcome to come down to our Park Street green and experience the fun, camaraderie and social experience that bowls brings to all ages and talent.

We are also holding a number of Friday Barefoot Bowls Nights before the end of the season commencing at 5pm. Dates to lock in are: February 2, February 16, March 1 and March 15. Come along with your family and friends and enjoy a casual bowl, BBQ and refreshments.

The club is looking for new members. If you are looking for a fun and social sport to have a go at, come and give lawn bowls a try. You do not need to commit to playing both Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Keep up to date with what's going on at the club on our Facebook page "Trentham Bowling Club". For further information regarding the Club contact the Secretary on 0411 736 736.

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**Trentham Golf Club:
Golf lessons for women**



Trentham Golf Club is running golf lessons for women, in both beginner and advanced categories, during February.

Any woman interested in learning to play golf, or improving her skills, is welcome to register.

The clinics will be held on three consecutive Tuesdays in February from 9:30 (beginners) or 11:30 (advanced).

See the flyer below for more information and contact details.

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The Mount Players

A 'Wild' start to 2024 for The Mount Players

Another year kicks off at the Mountview theatre with, **WILD** by Mike Bartlett.

A darkly comic play that explores the unexpected, bewildering, and life-changing consequences of challenging the status quo at a global level.

Last week, Andrew was that guy with his girl lunching in KFC, making plans for the future. Today... he's in Moscow in an undisclosed hotel room, on the run and at risk of assassination. One day an ordinary guy, the next one of America's most wanted! The play is loosely based on the story of Edward Snowden who leaked highly classified information when he was an employee of the National Security Agency. It's a riveting story with an ending you won't see coming. The season runs from Fri 23 Feb – Sun 10 March. Tickets via themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

Trentham Lions Club

What does it mean to be a Trentham Lions Club member?

It is being part of a devoted group of great people who work from the heart and deliver with compassion. We enjoy wonderful friendship and fellowship as we provide service and support to community - locally, nationally and internationally.



Being a member of our club means making a difference, helping people and enjoying fun and social activities.

Welcome to the year 2024, and thanks to the community of Trentham and the Hepburn Shire council for supporting our club during the past year, and in fact, since the club was established 40 years ago.

You may not know, that Lions coordinate the monthly, unique Trentham Farmers Market bringing people together with fun, a diverse offerings of entertainment, local goods and produce, and valuable connections with other community groups, to make our town the perfect place to live. Lions provide the market BBQ facilities for groups to raise funds for projects they support. These include Dogs of Trentham, RAR group, the Mens Shed, Trentham Historic Society, Trentham Railway station restoration group (TRATA), Trentham Neighbourhood Centre and others.

Trentham Lions are the primary organisers for special events in Trentham such as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, Australia Day, "Carols in the Park", Santa's visit on Christmas Eve, and the wonderful community farewell to Elizabeth and Leanda from the Trentham Post Office.

Trentham Lions together with Shannons Bridge donated funds for the purchase of special equipment to assist a local disabled person; the club prepared and delivered fire wood to some of our elderly local residents; and a treat is in store every year for our locals aged over 80 with the special delivery of a delicious Birthday Cake.

Auditions for our 2nd production in May will be held on Sunday 18 Feb at 2:00pm. 'Looped' is a comedy by Matthew Lombardo. During the Summer of 1965, celebrated actress Tallulah Bankhead entered a LA recording studio to re-record (or "loop") just one line of dialogue from her final film Die, Die My Darling. What should have taken about 8 minutes is anyone's guess as to what happened in that room on that day. 1 female and 2 males required.



For full details go themountplayers.com. Bookings by appointment only with director, Peter Newling at peter.newling@gmail.com

Looking forward to a great 2024! See you at the theatre.

Karen Hunt

Lions gave funding to Creswick Lions club to provide assistance to their community after damaging floods last year. And Lions assisted by local groups annually collects funding for the Royal Childrens Hospital Appeal.

Trentham Lions contributed to Australian Lions Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions Alzheimers Foundation, Lions Hearing Dog program and Lions Crimewatch program. Our club has collected over 2000 pairs of used eyeglasses for the Lions Recycle For Sight program. We also donated funds towards the purchase cutting edge research equipment for St Vincents Institute of Medical Research and also the purchase of a large wood splitter for community groups use.

The establishment, under the Lions banner, of the **Cool Country Carers** program brings carers together in a secure environment to support each other and to discuss the impact the role has in their lives.



As Lions, we also love to help out at the Spud Fest and Trentham Twilight events.

And if you have a little time to spare, we really love new members as they come up with great ideas to help and support our town – to make a difference.

Busy – yes! But the rewards are simply brilliant.

Interested in joining a wonderful service club and getting to know all the locals? Like more information and a free cuppa? We are **Always** happy to chat and hear your thoughts on community projects or needs. Contact Tim Walsh 0417 006 146, Ceri Spain 0400 619 729 or Stan 0418 555 035

Lion Stan Falloon
Secretary
Lions Club of Trentham

Bullarto Hall

Bullarto Hall to host folk and acoustic music event

On Saturday 16 March 2024 Bullarto Hall will host the Festival of Small Halls, a series of tours that takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists and sends them on the road to small halls in communities all over Australia.

Supported by the Bullarto Hall Committee and Hepburn Shire's Community-led recovery fund, locals will see performances by Icelandic act Svavar Knútur, a gruff and gentle local of the eastern fjords, along with Australian musicians The Maes and a local support act. The event celebrates local and visiting talent, with opportunities to savour local food and hear local musicians.

The Hall Committee is calling for expressions of interest for the support act, in particular any early career solo folk or acoustic artists that are local to the area. Tickets are \$35 full price, \$25 concession and \$15 for children (under 12) and limited, so get in early.

Please contact bullartohall@gmail.com to purchase tickets or express your interest in the opportunity to be the local support act.



The Plonkers

Finally, Hotel Trentham was reopening, albeit with a limited menu. It was time for our Plonkers to check it out.

Digby, Niles, The Duke, Uncle Worcester and their partners were pleasantly greeted at the main doors by a polite and rather handsome bespectacled waiter who explained the menu and led them through the bistro to a large table. They each admired the results of lengthy renovations as they passed through the busy eatery. The polished floorboards, the exposed brick and painted finishes really impressed them.

"Well," said the sometimes-saucy Uncle Worcester, "I'm going to try their chicken parma, that's always a good litmus test of a pub's kitchen." Other orders included the Italian meatballs, mushroom arancini, beef lasagna, fish and chips, a cheeseburger with extra bacon, the pear and walnut salad and a chicken schnitzel.

"Not such a limited menu after all," said Niles. "By the way, has anyone seen Digby?" Rolling her eyes, the long-suffering Mrs Digby went on the search for him. Firstly, the bar where she found plenty of happy customers chatting and swapping stories of Trentham's past in front of huge photos of the town and locals from a century ago. Numerous silent TVs mounted above showed sports from around the globe. But, rather surprisingly, no Digby.

She tried the beer garden, maybe he'd gotten a drink from the bar and wandered out back? But no, only families eating their meals with dogs on leads, a few teenagers further up playing hacky sack. Where could Digby be?

Back inside, she went up the ramp to the cosy lounge area, but only a few ladies chatting after their meals were to be found. Returning to their table it suddenly dawned on her; "Aha, the Wine Room, of course!"

Sure enough, there was Digby being shown the extensive range of wines by the handsome bespectacled waiter they'd met earlier, now apparently acting as the Hotel's sommelier.

"Look love, they have some fabulous wines in here. Wines from all around the world. A few NZ bottles including a Pinot Noir from Mt Difficulty in central Otago and a Babich Sav Blanc from Marlborough. There's a French Cote du Rhone, an Italian Gabbiano Chianti and Ricky Ponting's Australian wines. And there's de-alcoholised, some of it from South Africa. There are great takeaway deals too and local wines by the glass. I think I'll order a bottle of the Wolf Blass Shiraz and the Henry Frost Sangiovese. Haha, look darl, look at the wallpaper with chimps and toucans, we should get something like that for home."

"Yes dear" said Mrs Digby, "Come back to the table and share it with the others, stop monkeying around."

With the wine flowing and the meals consumed, Uncle Worcester was most impressed. Unable to finish his parma he pushed his plate away saying; "Well, that was delicious. I can't wait to come back in February when the head chef opens the full menu".


Niles had no trouble finishing his meatballs though. "There's chocolate mousse on special tonight, who's up for some?" But no one answered him, they'd all followed The Duke into the bar to watch the Test cricket, well, all except Digby who had returned to the wine room. Contemplating a glass of the local Captain's Creek red from nearby Blampied he said out loud to no one in particular; "Yes, I'll find out where they got this wallpaper and hang it myself at home. Mrs Digby will get such a lovely surprise..."

Cheers!
The Plonkers



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