



Six Word Story
Competition



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Community News

MEET THE MAYOR

We have launched a new series of Listening Posts and Meet the Mayor sessions, which provide an opportunity to speak with Councillors and staff about local projects, highlight ideas or raise concerns in an informal setting. Listening Posts are open for everyone to drop-in without the need to register or book a time. For the Meet the Mayor sessions, community members are able to book a 30-minute private meeting either online or in person.

The schedule for 2022 is:

- Creswick Listening Post – 4pm to 6pm Wednesday 27 July at Creswick Town Hall
- Meet the Mayor – Wednesday 24 August
- Daylesford Listening Post – 4pm to 6pm Wednesday 28 September
- Meet the Mayor – Wednesday 26 October
- Glenlyon Listening Post – 4pm to 6pm Wednesday 23 November

Listening Posts are planned for Trentham and Clunes in 2023. Find out more at Participate Hepburn via <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/>

PHOTO COMP EXTENDED

The deadline for the storm recovery photography competition has been extended to Sunday 7 August. The project aims to use photography as a medium to allow impacted residents to tell their story. There are many great prizes and submissions can be from the June 2021 storm or January 2022 flood event.

An Awards Ceremony and exhibition will be held and everyone is invited to attend. It will be held at the Uniting Church (cnr Camp and Market Streets, Trentham) on Saturday 20 August at 1.00pm for 1.30pm start. Afternoon tea will be provided.

For more information contact (03) 4373 7373 or submit entries via Participate Hepburn.

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COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

Recent construction activity at the Trentham Community Hub has included demolition of sections of the existing building and site excavation to prepare for the installation of screw piles. We've had our engineering team in to complete an assessment for structural soundness and longevity now that the existing structure is exposed. We will need to rebuild some sections of the Mechanics Hall and will have a time lapse camera installed on site soon to capture construction progress. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of June 2023.



NEW PAVILION

Construction is continuing on the new pavilion at the Trentham Sportsground Reserve. The steel framing is now complete and works are commencing to install the roofing and gutters. The project allows for the replacement of roofing on the existing change rooms and social space. All internal wall framing will be complete and the windows in place by mid-August.



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Editorial

Hi Trentham,

July sadly saw the passing of our good friend and Sketchy Musings' Peter John Young.

As complete novices (not just to editing, but any kind of journalism!) Peter was an incredible support and wonderful mentor to us as we began and continued our Trumpet journey - encouraging, patient, positive and always happy to help.

We're grateful for his guidance, humour and sharing his many talents with our community so freely. We loved his waiting-for-his-breakfast sketch of our first Trumpet (on this month's cover) so much he kindly gifted it to us, which we immediately knew deserved pride of place on our website.

His energy, stories and positive outlook on life will be missed by many. He was kind, clever, quick with a quirky anecdote, witty, interesting and interested.

Our thoughts and hearts are with Sally, his family and friends.

Just days after the terrible news, his fellow sketchy friends Trentham Urban Sketch Club (TUSC) met at Aterics Café like they do every Tuesday morning (9am, everyone of all abilities is welcome!). It will never be quite the same without Peter.

As a tribute the group gathered a collection of his hats, spectacles, cuff links and cricket memorabilia to sketch. Peter's family joined the group for their TUSC debut, and Wes's (Peter & Sally's son) sketch of his father's spectacles is below.



Vale, Peter.

Trentham Sustainability Group in conjunction with the consultants of their energy project are ready to present their findings of the feasibility study, on Thursday 4th August at the TNC. Go along to hear about the solutions available to us and have your questions answered by experts. See page 5 for details, and page 8 for their fabulous new logo!

The Words in Winter program looks fantastic, with a wonderful diverse program. The full listing is on page 11, there's bound to be something of interest to you. Book early for the limited ticketed events, they are expected to sell out. Don't forget to enter the Trumpet's six word story competition for your chance to win \$100, see page 23 for T&Cs.

And last, but definitely not least, many thanks to Charles Sherlock for his insightful analysis of how the Trentham demographic has evolved over the last five years as captured by the Census.

Regards,
Chris & Penny

Trentham Town Survey

We've now begun the not-insignificant task of summarising the mountains of feedback we received in the recent Trentham Town Survey. Here's a sneak peak of what we're finding so far!

Focusing on the first tick-a-box section of the survey, development was listed as a critical concern more frequently than any other. There were more comments about this subject also, regularly referring to lot sizes, subdivisions, multiple occupancy and the potential for Council to enforce a minimum lot size.

Ensure that new builds are sympathetic to the town's heritage was another common concern.

Interestingly, while 'Surrounding residential streetscapes' received the greatest proportion of unimportant ratings, a number of comments referred to the wide nature strips of many streets helping to provide a 'country feel' and something that should be protected and maintained.

More broadly, maintaining the current 'feel' of the town is important to us. What that specifically means is a little greyer, but the common themes of community, connectivity, open space, walkability, and wildlife were on high repeat. Weekend parking (and the lack of it) was a frequent red flag.

And in some good news, we've seen progress since this survey first began. The need for a dog park was mentioned numerous times - and thanks to the efforts of locals Council has committed to this providing this facility. Power reliability and sustainability weren't unimportant to any respondent - TSG are in the trenches exploring possible options to secure a sustainable energy supply for our town.



	Critical	Important	Unimportant
Development	85%	13%	1%
The open space and creek reserves within town	84%	16%	0%
The historic character of the town	83%	16%	1%
Trees and tree cover	82%	17%	1%
Rural feel	81%	18%	1%
Maintaining a 'small town feel'	81%	17%	1%
Sustainability	79%	21%	0%
Protection of wildlife	75%	24%	0%
Power reliability	76%	24%	0%
The main commercial streetscape	71%	28%	2%
Retention of older houses and garden settings	68%	30%	2%
Building energy efficiency and environmental standards	64%	33%	2%
Community facilities	63%	36%	1%
Garden spaces on residential allotments	60%	38%	2%
Ratio of hard to natural ground surfaces	60%	39%	1%
Access to recreational bicycle and walking paths	52%	44%	4%
Safety	50%	46%	4%
Surrounding residential streetscapes	47%	48%	5%

About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

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



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

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

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

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

trumpet@trentham.org.au

Electronic subscriptions (which we encourage) are available at:

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au

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What's on!

Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

CFA

Open Day every Sunday from 9:30am

Hepburn Shire Council Meeting

16 August

Lions Schedule

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

Sunday Church Services

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

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market
21 August May 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

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

Life Activities Club

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

Wednesday Walkers

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

Men's Petanque

10am every Thursday
Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Knitters, Stitchers, Sewers Craft Group

10am every Friday
Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

Mahjong

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

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On Our Cover:

Trumpet & Coffee
Peter Young





Trentham Sustainability Group

You are invited:

TSG's third community information session on energy resilience and reliability will be held:
7.30 pm Thursday 4 August 2022
at Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham

Come and hear the results of the consultant feasibility study.

The study outlines the options for Trentham to secure greater reliability and resilience in its future power supply particularly for our critical emergency services.

The session will explore how we can combine household solar generation, batteries (including community batteries) and backup generators in collaboration with the key agencies to ensure we have the resilience to deal with future power and communications problems.

We will also have information and local case studies for how you can use solar and batteries to keep the lights on when the power goes out – and how this can help the whole town achieve a secure sustainable energy supply.

There are no magic bullets ... but we do have a broad blueprint for a stronger, more energy-secure Trentham, with more solar, batteries and a bit of Trentham *can do* attitude!

The recipe is: *for greater reliability add renewables.*

**Come along and learn about this exciting project and
how you can help yourself, your community and our climate.**

For further information email tsg@trentham.org.au or look us up on
www.trenthamsustainabilitygroup.com



The Energy & Climate Resilient Trentham project is a partnership between Trentham Sustainability Group and Cool Country Community Enterprises Ltd with additional funding from the Hepburn Council Towards Zero program. TSG's community information sessions are supported by the Coliban Water community rebate.

Art News

Hairy Arch 2022

A large crowd gathered on Saturday 9 July at the Pig and Whistle Hotel East Trentham for the 18th Annual Hairy Arch Art Competition. This fun art competition fundraiser was originally started for those who probably hadn't painted since Kindergarten, judged by Professional Artists! Amazing talent has come out of the Hairy Arch over the years and this year did not disappoint.

The Theme was "Life is Still"

60 Paintings from people of all ages were delivered to the Pig & Whistle days before and were hung the morning of the show. Our Judges of the Day were Louise Otten and Helen Cottle, both renowned Artists. Thankyou Louise and Helen. It is a big job and your time was appreciated.

The masses arrived to view the paintings at 2.30pm. A delighted crowd waited in suspense for the awards ceremony. All adult paintings were auctioned and a few amazing children's paintings also. Auctioneers Steve Manifold and Justin Long created a great atmosphere and sold all adult paintings and a few children's entries. A sterling effort by all.

Many thanks go to those who painted, especially the children. You have to be in it to win it!

A special thank you to the set up (packers) team who worked quickly and effortlessly the morning of the show: Pat Sutton, Mia Gartley and Tony Muir, Nikki Fontana, Fran



Congratulations to Jack Grant-Allan, winner of the 2022 Hairy Arch with his entry 'Nature is Still'.

Harkin, and Amanda Lee. Also, thank you Janine Bryant for supplying Graphics.

Thank you to Publican, Eamon Hamilton for hosting and for your generosity. We are very appreciative. Thankyou to Jenny Bibby, Tara Whyte and Rose Wilson on the day. A whopping \$10,608 was raised from the auction. An unbelievable amount in such a short time.

The Hairy Arch Auction donations always have been shared to groups around Trentham township. This year the funds have been split to go to both the Trentham Primary School and The Trentham Football Netball Club (Junior Division).

A BIG thankyou to all the generous people who purchased paintings on the day. Brilliant Effort!

2022 Prize Winners

- Hairy Arch Winner:** Jack Grant- Allan
- Highly Commended:** Donna Coutts, Debbie McKnight
- David Bryant Packer Award:** Mia Gartley
- Junior Packer:** Hugo Harding
- 12-15 Years:** Lizzy Long
- 9-11 Years:** MacKenzie Wales
- 6-8 Years:** Hugo Harding
- 5 yrs and Under:** Arthur Farrant
- Best Interpretation of the Theme:** Alice Petherbridge
- When Life is Still we Dream:** Nadene Hull
- Shoosh Award:** Dawn Bamforth
- Skip Hire Group Most Bin Worthy:** Allan Dickerson
- Too Good Award:** Gayle Cykner
- People's Choice Award:** Katrina Drake & Allan Dickerson

Until next year...
Madelene Sutton



Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

Maybe you're wondering how to start on a habitat-friendly garden? These cooler times discourage us from getting out and dirty but maybe it's a good time to plan, to dream, to read up on what we could do next. You can also book for a free home visit with our volunteers to consider some strategies and suggestions for what's best to plant.

While thinking and planning there are ways to get to know some of our local plants here in town. The HG4W volunteers in Trentham are developing a garden outside the TNC and most of these plants are labelled. This narrow garden is an example of what could be planted on a nature strip, all in line with Hepburn Shire Council's new "Planting on Nature Strip Guidelines": <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/council/documents/planting-guidelines-local-laws.pdf>

Quarry Street Reserve is also developing an assisted revegetation project at the corner of Lelant and Victoria Streets, funded through the Council's Biodiversity Grant program. There are at least 25 different local native plants here, most of them labelled, and many are looking well-established after even a short time and in spite of the storm damage in 2021.

The Friends of Stoney Creek Reserve team have also recently completed an impressive wetland planting on the corner of High and Quarry Streets. All these plantings have been done with tubestock and will provide a good example of how quickly these can take off.

CCCE

Community Banking Matters

Early July saw the conclusion of the very successful "Shop Local" campaign during which anyone who spent more than \$20 from local retailers was able to enter a weekly draw at the Bank to win \$250 in vouchers to be spent at local retailers. We had dozens of entries each week and four very happy winners: Jin Zhang who had shopped at Redbeard Bakery; Elizabeth from Hesket at Trentham Bakery; Charles Sherlock at Trentham Post Office and Karen Ryrie (pictured with Corina Sabo) at Trentham IGA and won on her birthday. Charles and Karen are both wonderfully generous members of our community who spend lots of their time supporting different organisations – worthy winners!

This idea is being extended into a community investment with Trentham Golf Club later this year. They are holding a Tournament Week, the first event of which is a two-day Seniors Event. This is the first time the club has held an event sanctioned by Golf Australia. All registrants for the event will go into a draw for ten \$100 vouchers to be spent at retailers and hospitality venues in Trentham. The players and their partners will bring lots of energy and money into the town.

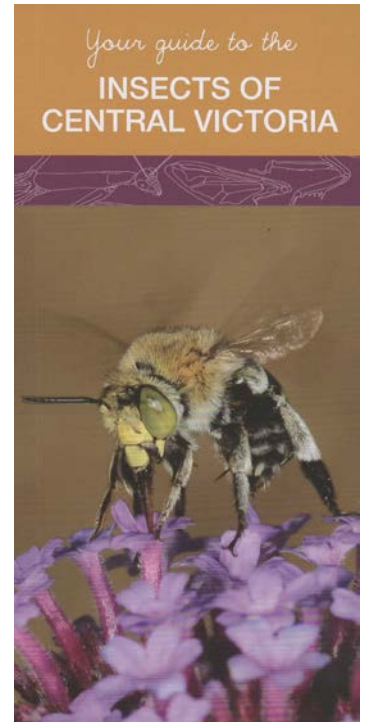
As a main sponsor of the Sainters Football club, we're delighted to see the development of the new building at sports ground. It will make a huge difference to many aspects of the clubs, from player facilities, referee rooms, to social events for the whole community.

If you would like a 'guided tour' or further explanation, please contact our group through the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.

Hepburn Shire Council, along with other councils and community groups, has produced "Your Guide to the Insects of Central Victoria", a comprehensive compendium of all these essential creatures in our ecosystem! Some more good winter reading available from the Shire Council office.

Meanwhile if you would like to register for a free home visit, please contact TNC for a registration form.

Fay Magee
Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife



Helen van der Werff
Director

Trentham Sustainability Group

We hope people like our new website and logo.

We do... partly because it's bold.

Growing alarm about the climate emergency, Australia's shocking state of the environment report and rising power costs mean sustainability should be front of mind: the lens through which all our decisions are viewed. We need bold action!

Check out our new website: trenthamsustainabilitygroup.com

A big THANK YOU to TSG's Nat Cursio (project coordinator) and More Studio who developed the website and logo. Assisted by a Council Community Grant, development of the website drew on a very large input of pro bono time and creativity.



Community

Vale Peter Young

The Trentham Easter Art & Craft Show has lost one of its most treasured supporters with the untimely passing of Peter Young.

Contributor, MC, wordsmith, and cheerleader, Peter was passionate about celebrating and promoting local art and talent. He was incredibly generous with his time, knowledgeable and always entertaining.

Our thoughts are with Sally and his family.

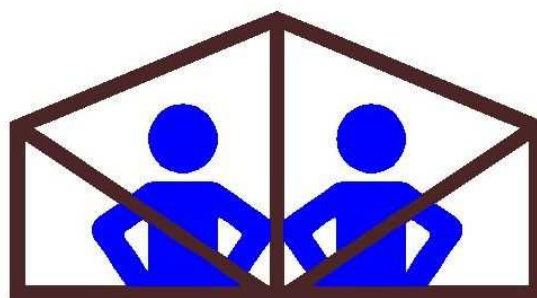


Health

As a sporting club with a high proportion of members over 60, Trentham Golf Club has partnered with Central Highlands Rural Health to promote Covid-19 vaccinations. The more people who get vaccinated, the more protection there is for you, your loved ones, your club and our whole community.

First and second dose vaccination rates are well above 95% for the Trentham postcode, but this rate decreases to 80% for the third dose and is much lower for a fourth booster dose.

Trentham is one of 30 local sporting clubs in the Central Highlands promoting "Get the jab done!" Read more about Covid-19 and where to get vaccinated locally at the [Central Highlands Rural Health page](#).



Cool Country Mens Shed Inc.

Looking for companionship, some time out, eager to build with wood or metal, learn some skills?

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Pursue your hobby or pet project.

Immerse yourself in gardening on the 3 acres of land.

Share your skills and interest with others.

Join in on the projects we take on in the community.

Just enjoy the atmosphere.

The shed is open every **Wednesday and Saturday** morning from 9:30am to about 12:30pm at **55 Mulcahys Road, Trentham.**

On the first Wednesday of the month a lunch is available

Contact the shed by

Email: cool.country.mens.shed@gmail.com

Or call Tony Johnston on 0417 598 144

Or just come along to the shed and say hello

The Trentham Garden

Tropical Gardens in Trentham

Having just returned from an overseas trip, I was recently asked 'what are the possibilities for growing a tropical garden here in Trentham?!'

'Right plant, right place' is the saying often repeated by many gardeners; correctly pointing out that a plant will thrive if it is planted in the conditions in which it originated. Drought tolerant plants succeed in dry places, frost-tolerant plants work best in cold places etc. But how far can this be pushed? And is there any advantage to doing so?

Clients will sometimes want to 'push the envelope' with plants and usually I advise avoiding any mass plantings or hedging with species you might not be 100% sure of. As a garden designer I can always suggest alternative plants which will give a similar effect with a lot less headache!

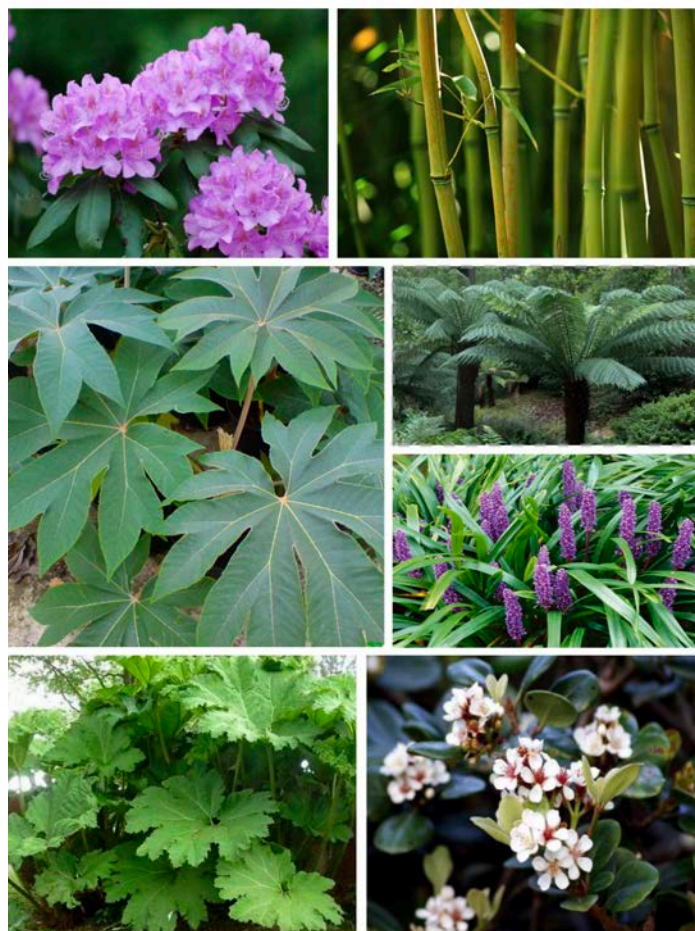
Trentham's frosty winters mean that tropical and subtropical plants will generally fail to thrive without assistance such as covering with protective fleece or relocating pots into a greenhouse for winter. However, I have some areas in my garden surrounding our little 'lake' that I'm currently planting out to an exotic theme, with no additional fussing required!

Frost-tolerant, clumping bamboos such as *Bambusa textilis* var. *Gracilis* give year-round evergreen structure, as do indigenous species such as the dramatic tree-fern *Dicksonia antarctica*. Some of the new cultivars of drought-tolerant, strappy leaved native *Dianella* give a lush appearance, and other large leaf plants such *Tetrapanax papyrifer* and *Gunnera manicata* can be fantastic too if planted in the right spot. Some palms such as Chinese Windmill Palm *Trachycarpus fortunei* are surprisingly frost tolerant too. Always keep in mind the slogan 'right plant, right place'.

Have fun in your garden but do keep in mind that you need to work WITH nature; there's something stressful about being in a garden which is kept alive merely through willpower and 'intensive care'!

Happy gardening,

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Trentham Quarry Street Reserve

It seems to be the season for paperwork! The Committee of Management was delighted (overjoyed, riotously happy) to learn that the Hepburn Shire Council budget allocated \$35,000 for the provision of shade sails for the playground at the Reserve. Our local Councillor Brian Hood has been advocating on behalf of the Coliban constituents and his hard work has paid off. So the round of emails, quotes, administrative processes has begun, and decisions and oversight of the project will be with DELWP and the Council officers. We hope these will be in place for whenever summer comes!



This month's photo shows one of a pair of herons observed at the Reserve. There seems plenty to eat for a large flock of ibis as well. Lots of visitors are enjoying watching our wonderful birdlife.

Helen van der Werff
Chair
Trentham Quarry St Reserve

A more significantly delayed project has been the spending of allocated Council funding for the long-awaited renovation of the Pavilion and toilet block. This process has been held up by several factors, COVID being one of them. However, the tender process has resulted in some responses this time and we wait with high hopes.

The committee is also grateful to Council for a quick response in installing a line of flexible bollards limiting the encroachment of vehicles onto the soft ground at the corner of High and Quarry Streets.

Trentham Lions Club

Our Farmers' Market in July was a super chilly one with the theme "Bastille Day - let's get our berets out" (and overcoats, scarves, gloves...)

Fun was had by all despite the bristling temperatures! Lots of folks came along to the market wearing their berets and Lion Bette McLaren (right) again added to the festivities by cooking up French Onion Soup to warm us up.



Fay Magee and her friend Val Goodwin sang some delightful French songs and her entertaining interview is recorded on Trentham Lions Facebook. Fay had a stall on site providing interesting information about Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife. This new volunteer group aims to encourage local folk to plant native plants to create greater biodiversity, thereby supporting local fauna and the ecosystem we are all a part of! Check out Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife on Facebook.

The BBQ was run to fundraise for Trentham Kindergarten and their team did a great job. Huge thanks to our Lions members and others who generously put in their time and efforts to support Lions projects, and ensure that the Farmers' Market continues as a successful monthly event.

Trentham Lions Club held their Annual Changeover Dinner in July attended by a number of representatives from community organisations in Trentham. Tim Walsh, our outgoing President thanked members for the wonderful work done during the past year and since its inception in 1984. He also thanked the many local community organisations that have worked with the Trentham Lions Club to support our town and surrounding district.

Our new office bearers were inducted for the coming year by past Lions Australia Council Chairman Bruce Hudgson OAM. Gita Khatri was welcomed as our incoming president for 2022-2023 assuring us that she will continue the strong leadership and expressed interest in supporting the Lions Alzheimers Foundation research. Tim Walsh was thanked for the many years he has served as president and for his outstanding 27 years of service to the club and community.



Joining Trentham Lions Club helps our community! For further information about Lions please contact Gita Khatri, Tim Walsh 0417 006 146, Ceri Spain 0400 619 729 or myself 0418 555 035.

Stan Falloon
Secretary
Lions Club of Trentham



Words in Winter

Words in Winter is now open for August!
reading, writing, speaking, listening, singing and puzzling.

This year's theme to stimulate your writing "It's cold!"



The Trentham Trumpet **Six Word Story**: This is easy. Or is it? Submit your entry via email to trumpet@trentham.org.au by Sunday 21 August. \$100 first prize announced in the September issue.

Red Beard 50 word story (exactly) Entry forms and box at Red Beard Bakery or Neighbourhood Centre. Closing date Sunday 14 August. Prize is a Red Beard voucher

Trentham District Primary School will be writing on the theme for book voucher prizes to be announced at assembly, Friday 19 August

Saturday 6 August 10am **Clever Town Challenge** at Library. Just bring your general knowledge

Saturday 6 August 4.30pm **Modern Poetry Competition and Reading** at Chaplin's: Entries close at Neighbourhood Centre Monday 1 August

Sunday 7 August 3.30pm **Poetry Book Launch** at Cosmo wine bar: John Scott and Ross Gillett launch their latest books in Trentham. All welcome

Saturday 13 August 2pm **Bush Poetry** at Neighbourhood Centre: Retrospective and Open Mike

Sunday 14 August 11am Henk Bak on **Bang Trickle Whoosh: Language and Sound** at Men's Shed

Sunday 14 August 3.30pm **Short Story Competition and Reading** Cosmo wine bar: Entries (max 500 words) due at Neighbourhood Centre Monday 8 August

Saturday 20 August 6pm **An Evening with Rosalie Ham** at Aterics: book with Eric for an intimate evening with the author of *The Dressmaker* (\$55 two course meal, buy your own drinks)

Sunday 21 August **Words to Sing** St George's Church Part 1: 2pm Hymn Writers with Fay Magee, Part 2 3.30pm Songs with Maria Forde

Saturday 27 August 1pm **Meet the Author** Trentham Neighbourhood Centre: Trentham has many resident authors, discover them and their craft

Gold Coin donation encouraged at most events.
check our website for fuller details wordsinwintertrentham.org

2021 Census

Trentham town: getting bigger, older, richer, roomier, staying Anglo

A first look at the 2021 Census

The 2021 Census was held on 10 August 2021 and all but 43 of Trentham's residents were snug at home as winter rolled on. The first results were issued on 28 June, focusing on Australia's people, housing (including costs), health and household income. The October release will cover education levels and work.

This article highlights major outcomes for Trentham township, keeping in mind the surrounding district. Both the 2016 and 2021 censuses were for the township and Coliban and Rothes Roads to the west, with separate results for Newbury, Little Hampton, Spring Hill, Fern Hill, Trentham East and North Blackwood. The 2011 Census, however, included them all under 'Trentham', making comparisons difficult.

So – what has been learnt?

Getting bigger

This table sets out the population for the district as a whole:

	2011	2016	2021	growth 2016-21
Trentham township	na	1180	1382	17.1%
Trentham East	na	153	181	18.3%
Spring Hill	na	198	200	1.0%
Little Hampton	na	62	74	19.3%
Fern Hill	na	104	125	20.2%
Newbury	na	71	84	18.3%
Nth Blackwood	na	51	252	494.1%
TOTAL	1411	1819	2298	26.3%

The district as a whole has grown by around 30% and 25% in each of 2011-16 and 2016-21 – more than double the rate for Victoria in both periods (11.6% and 10.0% respectively). Most parts grew around 17-20% over the past five years, although Spring Hill remained unchanged. But North Blackwood's population – East Trentham south of the Pig & Whistle – multiplied fivefold, with dwellings growing from 17 to 107 in five years!

Some other data about we who live in Trentham town:

- In 2016 women outnumbered men 51.5/48.5%, while in 2021 this had reversed to 49.7/50.3% (Victoria 49.2/50.8%).
- In 2016 three women were listed as Aboriginal or Islander, but in 2021 five men were.
- No records are given for Australian Defence Force numbers in 2016: in 2021, 33 men and five women are listed as having served, and four men currently serving.
- In 2016 29.2% of Trentham residents did voluntary work, dropping to 25.1% in 2021, but still about double the rate across Victoria (13.3%).
- The most frequent health challenge is arthritis (13%, Victoria 8%), reflecting the town's higher median age (see below), followed by asthma (8.2%, Victoria 8.4%)

Getting older

The median age is the age at which there are equal numbers of people younger and older. In 2011, the median age across the district was 48 (Victoria 37). In Trentham, it was 56 in 2016, growing to 58 in 2021, when across Victoria it was 38. This table gives more detail:

	2016	2021	Vic	Comment
0-14	13.0%	12.7%	18.0%	Stable, 50% lower than Vic
15-44	23.5%	17.7%	41.7%	Dropping, 120% lower than Vic
45-64	31.6%	37.5%	24.2%	Growing, 50% higher than Vic
65+	31.8%	31.8%	16.8%	Stable, 50% higher than Vic

Changes in the makeup of households across the district are shown in this table:

	2011	2016	2021	Vic	Comment
Couple no children	38.2%	40.1%	42.3%	26.3%	Steady growth
Couple with children	29.9%	22.5%	18.8%	31.9%	Steadily dropping
One parent	9.1%	8.1%	6.5%	10.6%	Steadily dropping
One person	30.5%	30.3%	30.1%	27.2%	Stable
Group households	3.2%	2.0%	2.2%	4.0%	Stable

Getting richer

This table shows median (i.e. where 50% have less, 50% more) personal and household weekly incomes in Trentham township:

	Trentham Township			Vic		
Income	2016	2021	growth	2016	2021	growth
Personal	\$552	\$723	31.0%	\$644	\$803	24.6%
Household	\$1,047	\$1,489	42.2%	\$1,419	\$1,759	24.0%

This shows that median incomes are lower than the state as a whole, but have increased more quickly than across Victoria. More significant is the change in low (less than \$650 weekly, \$33.8k annual) and high (over \$3000 weekly, \$156k annual) incomes:

	2016	2021	Vic
Low income	25.9%	21.2%	16.4%
High income	6.3%	21.0%	24.2%

The proportion of low income households in town is dropping, but remains 50% higher than across Victoria, while the proportion of well-off households has more than tripled. The story is similar across the district except for North Blackwood, where weekly median household income halved from \$2249 (2016) to \$1221 (2021) as population grew fivefold, and dwellings from 17 to 107.

One interesting table is that for Motor Vehicles per Dwelling. For Trentham town this is:

	2016	2021	Vic
None	3.1%	2.0%	7.5%
1	34.0%	33.8%	35.8%
2	37.3%	41.6%	36.9%
3+	20.1%	21.6%	18.4%

Outside town, the proportion of three or more vehicles is (understandably) higher.

2021 Census

Getting roomier

We all need somewhere to live, and this table shows the figures for Trentham town:

	2016	2021	Vic
Occupied	456	553	
Unoccupied	130	163	
Unoccupied	22.1%	22.8%	11.0%
Total	586	716	
Owned	46.3%	53.3%	32.2%
1 bedroom	5.5%	3.7%	5.1%
2 bedroom	23.6%	21.9%	19.1%
3 bedroom	48.9%	50.5%	41.5%
4 or more	18.6%	23.0%	32.6%

Mortgaged 33.4% 31.5% 36.1%

Unoccupied dwellings make up some 22% of houses in town (for 2016 and 2021), double the rate of 11% for Victoria overall. Changes in rent and mortgage pressures are seen in the next table. ('Low'/'High' means rent or mortgage takes up less/more than 30% of income.

	2016	2021	Vic	Comment
Low Rent pressure	93.9%	46.8%	60.7%	Low pressure renters halved
Low Mortgage pressure	93.6%	78.7%	73.9%	15% less low pressure mortgages
High Rent pressure	6.1%	43.5%	30.9%	High pressure renters up 7-fold
High Mortgage pressure	6.4%	12.6%	15.4%	High pressure mortgages doubled

Rent pressures are affecting an increasing proportion of Trentham households. Mortgage pressures have grown since 2016, but the proportion affected is less than for renters.

Trentham Bus Update

Good News for Bus Users

The change of contract for the bus service from Daylesford to Woodend has positive implications for local bus travellers.

Previously, this bus route only took cash payments. The new provider can take Myki cards on all buses- much easier!

Melbourne to Daylesford via Woodend and Ballarat

	Monday to Friday				Fri	M-F	Fri	Saturday				Sunday
Service	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN	TRAIN
SOUTHERN CROSS	07:02	10:06	11:16	15:06	16:39	17:26	18:08	09:05	15:06	18:06	09:06	15:06
Footscray	07:09	10:14	11:24	15:14	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
WOODEND	08:03	11:05	12:15	16:05	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Change Service	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH
Service Information	08:13	11:15	12:25	16:15	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
WOODEND	08:13	11:15	12:25	16:15	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
CASTLEMAINE	08:13	11:15	12:25	16:15	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Change Service	08:13	11:15	12:25	16:15	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Service Information	08:13	11:15	12:25	16:15	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
CASTLEMAINE	08:13	11:15	12:25	16:15	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Tylden	08:24	11:26	12:36	16:26	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Trentham	08:35	11:37	12:47	16:37	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Lyonville	08:44	11:46	12:56	16:46	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Bullarto (1)	08:48	11:50	13:00	16:50	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Musk	08:53	11:55	13:05	16:55	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
BALLARAT	08:53	11:55	13:05	16:55	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Change Service	08:53	11:55	13:05	16:55	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
Service Information	08:53	11:55	13:05	16:55	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
BALLARAT	08:53	11:55	13:05	16:55	16:47	17:34	18:17	09:13	15:14	18:14	09:13	15:14
DAYLESFORD	08:58	12:00	13:10	17:00	17:02	17:39	18:22	09:18	15:19	18:19	09:18	15:19

Staying Anglo

Several tables are given related to cultural identity (e.g. Place of Birth), and for Trentham the figures vary little across them. This table is 'Ancestry', as named by Census respondents.

	2016	2021	Vic	Comment
English	33.9%	37.5%	29.2%	Increasing, 25% higher than Victoria
Australian	28.8%	25.9%	27.2%	Decreasing
Irish	14.9%	16.8%	9.4%	Increasing, 75% higher than Victoria
Scottish	10.2%	12.4%	8.2%	Increasing, 50% higher than Victoria
German	3.0%	3.8%	3.3%	Stable
Other European	9.2%	3.7%	na	Decreasing

Ancestry was identified as Asian (Chinese, Filipino, Indian) by 22 people, and Maori by three others. As noted earlier, six men identified as Aboriginal or Islander.

Finally, this table shows Trentham residents' worldviews:

	2011	2016	2021	Vic	Comment
No religion	32.1%	39.9%	53.2%	38.8%	A majority of Trentham residents
Catholic	23.1%	18.5%	14.8%	20.5%	
Anglican	17.0%	12.9%	11.1%	9.8%	
Uniting	8.7%	4.7%	3.2%	2.6%	St Andrews closed in late 2021
Christian other	na	2.5%	3.1%	11.1%	
Other, or not stated	na	22.5%	14.6%	17.2%	

In 2016, 23 Trentham residents (0.02%) identified as Buddhists; in 2021 ten did so.

A future article in Trentham & District Historical Society's Recorder will analyse Census data further, taking into account more fully the information from the district as a whole.

Charles Sherlock,
former Senior Research Officer,
Australian Bureau of Statistics

The timetables (below and online at ptv.vic.gov.au/route/1760) have been revised slightly to provide an even better connection between buses and trains, towards both Melbourne and Bendigo.

Now, bus travel is easier and smoother. Remember, facemasks remain mandatory on all Victorian public transport.

Daylesford to Melbourne via Ballarat and Woodend

	Monday to Friday				Friday	Saturday				Sunday
Service	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH	COACH
Service Information	06:18	07:15	10:23	14:00	15:18	17:23	19:02	20:39	09:22	14:18
DAYLESFORD	06:18	07:15	10:23	14:00	15:18	17:23	19:02	20:39	09:22	14:18
Change Service	06:18	07:15	10:23	14:00	15:18	17:23	19:02	20:39	09:22	14:18
BALLARAT	06:18	07:15	10:23	14:00	15:18	17:23	19:02	20:39	09:22	14:18
Change Service	06:18	07:15	10:23	14:00	15:18	17:23	19:02	20:39	09:22	14:18
BALLARAT	06:18	07:15	10:23	14:00	15:18	17:23	19:02	20:39	09:22	14:18
Musk	06:22	07:19	10:27	14:04	15:22	17:27	19:06	20:43	09:26	14:22
Bullarto (2)	06:27	07:24	10:32	14:09	15:27	17:32	19:10	20:47	09:31	14:27
Lyonville	06:31	07:28	10:36	14:13	15:31	17:36	19:12	20:49	09:35	14:31
Trentham	06:39	07:36	10:44	14:21	15:39	17:44	19:16	20:53	09:43	14:39
Tylden	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
CASTLEMAINE	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
Change Service	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
Service Information	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
CASTLEMAINE	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
WOODEND	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
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Service Information	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
WOODEND	06:43	07:40	10:48	14:25	15:43	17:48	19:20	20:57	09:47	14:43
Footscray	08:19	10:01	12:18	16:14	17:20	19:30	21:41	22:53	11:19	16:14
SOUTHERN CROSS	08:29	10:11	12:28	16:24	17:30	19:40	21:51	23:03	11:30	16:24

Trentham & District Historical Society

TDHS August Update



The Trentham and District Historical Society has had a busy first half of the year and the second half will be just as active, with a number of projects on the go:

Archive Centre

Our major project this year has been to significantly improve the storage and management of our historical collection (documents, maps, books, photos, artefacts, etc). The new building that will house our Archive Centre (with our sincere thanks to the Community Bank for their financial support) is now in place, and we have recently received a welcome grant from the Regional Access Collections Program which will enable us to relocate our storage compactus to the Archive Centre, purchase an additional map cabinet and enhance our capability in the digitisation of the collection and its records.

So, by the end of winter, our volunteers will be able to store, manage, document and access historical records more efficiently, safely and securely. This will be of enormous benefit, not just to them, but the community at large. Many hours are spent researching articles for the Recorder, The Trentham Trumpet (ed note, we love these - see page 21 for this month's Trentham Tales) local newsletters and social media outlets, as well as producing our rapidly growing podcast collection and responding to a plethora of research requests.

Obviously, any new building on a site such as the historic Old Police Complex was likely, in some way, to clash with existing buildings. We are aware of this and are taking time to develop a landscaping plan that mitigates the dissonance, making the Archive Centre less visible from the street.

Timeline Project

An important part of this plan is our Trentham and Districts Timeline Project, due to be launched for the coming summer. This will be a series of panels retelling our history, sited in the front, eastern, section of the site. We have received tremendous support for this project from the Community Bank, Hepburn Shire Council, the Trentham Masonic Lodge as well as generous individual donations through our own fundraising efforts. The Timeline Project

Help Needed

Tylden working couple, with two young children need help in cleaning/tidying their home and some garden/lawnmowing work.

In addition, they are looking for a carpenter or builder to timber line an 'old school' garage and fit off.

If you can help, please ring:

Alisha: 0410 628 575
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aims to bring our history to life for both residents and visitors, through an attractive, landscaped public display area, accessible 24/7.

Website

The society is also close to completion of a new TDHS Website, which we expect will be launched by early spring, along with our new logo. There is no doubt this will be an enormous asset in showcasing not just the work of our society, but also our district and its unique history, while enabling more direct interaction between all.

We thank all our sponsors and members for their fantastic support and personally I would like to sincerely thank our brilliant volunteer committee (and other members) for all the hours they put in, ensuring the collection is accessible and stored to the highest standard, research undertaken, articles written and podcasts recorded, opening the Old Police Complex to the public and maintaining the site - while still finding time for fundraising.

To join this vibrant society, email us on hs@trentham.org.au - and if anyone out there would like to join our committee, we currently have a vacancy for the role of Secretary.

Michael Worthington,
President,
Trentham and District Historical Society

The T&DHS regrets that in the June edition of The Trentham Trumpet they failed to attribute the photograph included in the story of Dr Ruth Anderson. Please find attribution below:

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Interior Design

Defining a Space

It's easy to get excited about colours and decorating, and how you want a room to look. But a room that looks good may not work well. It's always better to work out the configuration of your space before starting to decorate.

A space may just feel right, or it can feel uncomfortable. I like to walk into a room and "listen" to what it is saying: what will this room be used for? Where are the windows and doorways? How can we use this space?

A friend recently moved house and was feeling uncertain about arranging living room furniture in the larger space in her new home. I started by asking her how she pictured using this room.

It was obviously going to be a principal living area for relaxing, reading, watching television and eating. Each of these uses needed to be accommodated. We needed bookshelves and adequate lighting, and tables within reach of the sofa and armchairs.

My friend had several options that could be used as focal points to start laying out the room. A limiting factor was the wall of sliding glass doors, leading to a covered entertainment porch.

So we walked the living room, starting from the entrance. The natural flow for the room was to walk straight ahead, with the kitchen and island bench on the left, a dining space to the right; straight ahead was a sizeable living area. We needed clearly defined routes to move through and around the room.

As this was a deep and wide space, I suggested placing the three-seater sofa facing the window, with a sofa table behind. This arrangement divided the area; a large floor rug clearly defined the space.

Two swivel based armchairs were placed on one side facing the television, they could be quickly and easily reorientated towards the main sitting area. Another sofa was placed along the window wall, facing the other sofa, with a large coffee table between. A pair of smaller chairs placed either side of the fireplace meant that nine people could be comfortably seated in the space.



Placing several small side tables strategically around the room served the sofa group as surfaces to place coffee cups and drinks.

In the dining space the furniture removalists had centred my friend's dining table under a pendant light fixture. We pulled the table back towards the entry, creating a more cosy feel with a solid wall behind the table featuring a large abstract artwork. We rolled out a rug under the table. The dining area now felt more contained and intimate.

Success!! Now that we had worked out the configuration of the room, we started thinking about how to decorate it.

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Councillor's Report

National Census 2021 The national census conducted in 2021 discloses some interesting facts about postcode 3458 and its comparison to the national average:



- Postcode 3458 population 2330, comprising 51.1% male and 48.9% female.
- The population is up 20% from 1945 in 2016.
- Postcode 3458 median age = 53 years (national mean 38).
- Postcode 3458 the proportion of people stating they have no religion = 54.6% (38.4%)
- Postcode 3458 weekly income = \$1537 (\$1746)
- Postcode 3458 weekly rent = \$350 (\$375)

While the mean weekly rent may be \$350 there will obviously be many cases where rent is substantially higher.

Of great concern is that 361 private dwellings were declared as unoccupied... which is 27.9% of all private dwellings. The Australian result is 10.1%. That is a remarkable statistic in the context of housing affordability in Hepburn Shire.

The census also demonstrates that Trentham is growing at a much faster rate than other parts of Hepburn Shire which is of no surprise given the acceleration spurred on by Covid. The strong population growth has implications for the need for infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, drainage and services such as child-care.

Population	2016	2021	Change
Total Shire Population	15,327	16,604	↑ 8.33%
<i>Suburbs and Localities, Towns</i>			
Clunes	1,728	1,844	↑ 6.71%
Creswick-Creswick Nth	3,170	3,334	↑ 5.17%
Daylesford	2,548	2,781	↑ 9.14%
Glenlyon	389	431	↑ 10.8%
Hepburn	599	631	↑ 5.34%
Trentham	1,180	1,382	↑ 17.12%



Vale Peter John Young it is with immense sadness that the Trentham community and I bid a premature farewell to one of our dearest and favourite figures. Peter was a skilled storyteller, accomplished artist and a true gentleman with a sharp sense of humour. A former journalist and Manager of Public Affairs at Cricket Australia Peter was highly respected for his skills and integrity and will be greatly missed.

Rex at the time of writing the decision on the future of Council's ownership of the Rex building is due to be decided at the July meeting. I will provide an update when I return from a mid-winter break. This is a contentious project with significant implications for Council's finances. It directly affects accommodation for Council staff, community space, the Daylesford library and the former cinema.

Council budget 2022/23 and asset plan was adopted at the June Council meeting. The precarious cash outlook necessitates a thorough review in the next few months. The projections disclose a massive reliance on securing grant funding in order to fund the ambitious capital works program. The state government has ranked Hepburn Shire in the bottom ten of Victoria's 79 councils on long term financial viability. Significant steps must be taken to improve the outlook. The asset plan appropriately takes a long-term, full life cycle approach to asset management. It takes an evidence-based assessment of asset condition so that maintenance costs and renewals are well planned. However there are substantial gaps in asset condition data that must be addressed and the asset plan and financial budget are not completely aligned... a situation that is problematic.

Council meetings are held at the new starting time of 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. The public's attendance in-person will be determined according to prevailing Covid restrictions.

Upcoming Council meeting dates

- 16 August
- 20 September
- 18 October

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RESIN CHEESEBOARD WORKSHOP SATURDAY AUG 6TH 2.30PM

In this 2.5 hour workshop you will learn how to prepare a wooden board by taping and painting on undercoat, then how to mix pigment into the resin and apply to primed wooden board, with large selection of colour options available including metallic powders. Tutor will demonstrate how to create a sea water edge using hair dryers. Suitable for complete beginners. Students will take home a large board.

BEGINNERS PASTEL ART CLASS MONDAY AUG 29TH 10AM

Learn how to work with oil pastels with local artist Alice Petherbridge. In this 2hr class Alice will show you how to create and paint with pastels. All materials supplied.

*****Alice is kindly donating all proceeds from this class to the Trentham Historical Society.***



FILM DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY AUG 24, SEPT 7, 21 & 28 12-3PM

This group meets regularly to discuss a film that they have watched. This term's theme is
"What makes a Film Australian?"

New members are always welcome. \$5/session

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Eating your Garden

6 year old me would be shocked, but we're growing Brussel Sprouts. By Choice. Because we want to. It may have taken me decades to realise that they don't have to be the soft, bitter, sulphuric veggie of my childhood, but here we are!

It's likely some form of Brussel Sprouts were cultivated in ancient Rome (obviously under a different name!) but they became popular in the cooler parts of Europe during the sixteenth century, particularly (and unsurprisingly) in Belgium. Mid-last century purple hybrids were created by crossing with purple cabbage, and more varieties continue to be developed today. Look out for Kalettes: a cross between Kale and Brussel Sprouts, they are incredibly delicious!

An odd looking plant, the edible sprouts grow as buds along the side of a single stalk up to 1 metre tall, hidden by bright green leaves similar to that of a cabbage on stems. Along with other members of the Brassica family (broccoli, cabbage, kale) they are a perfect winter veg for growing in the Trentham veggie garden, as they not only laugh at frosts, but become sweeter at sub-zero temperatures. Winter sees them reasonably slow growing, so there's little risk of a zucchini-style glut. While they were an absolute magnet for cabbage moth in autumn, they are trouble free now the weather is cold. They are heavy feeders, so should be planted into soil with plenty of compost and if exposed can do with a stake to help them remain upright.

Low calorie, high fibre, like many dark green veg they are chock full of vitamin K and C, perfect for boosting immune systems to ward off winter ills.

So, what to do with them? Please don't boil, and perhaps even avoiding steaming them. Roast them whole in a hot oven (at least 200C) or cut them in half and pan fry them – either way you want caramelised colouring on them, as



Photo Credit - Anthea Ward, superstar veggie gardener

colour is flavour. Dry heat helps bring out a wonderful nutty flavour and retains the texture. Dressing them in a little olive oil & salt prior to cooking is sufficiently delicious, but they are wonderful carriers for a variety of flavour profiles, from garlic to chilli to lemon to bacon, added either before or after they are cooked. The robust flavour is complementary to sweeter condiments, lightly drizzle pan fried sprouts with your best balsamic vinegar. A generous side of sprouts is a great accompaniment to any roast, and an interesting contrast to a bowl of creamy risotto.

Finely sliced, they make a wonderful winter salad – maybe add some spring onion and orange? They can also replace cabbage in coleslaw.

Lemon & Chilli Brussel Sprouts

Preheat your oven to 220 degrees. Tidy up 500g of sprouts, trimming the stalks, removing any outside leaves which have seen better days. Cut any large ones in half so they are all of a similar size.

Combine 1.5 tbsp of olive oil with 1 tsp of chilli flakes, and toss with sprouts and spread out over a flat baking tray. Season with salt. Roast until browned in spots and tender when pierced with a knife, about 20 minutes, tossing halfway through. Transfer to a serving dish and top with lemon zest and a sprinkle of lemon juice.



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Golf

Men's Captain Report

Fortunately the weather has been kinder over the last few weeks resulting in improved scores in all competitions. The major events concluding this month were the Jack Groves Memorial won by Shane Robinson and the Mixed Championships which has two awards, the best net score won by Di and Geoff Hills with the lowest three round score of 222.50 and the best scratch result taken out by Claire Perston and Simon Ovenden with a three round score of 238. The winners of the July Monthly Medals were Mark Trinder (Saturday), yes, that's two in a row, and John Hudson (Thursday). Once again, we need to congratulate a Hole in One winner Colin Wilson who aced the 15th.

The next month sees the running of two major events: the Winter Cup and the commencement of the Singles KO, continuing through September and October with the Club Championships and the Trentham Tournament. This year the Trentham Tournament has been enhanced by a new event - Open Seniors event for men and women held on the Monday and Tuesday. This event will be drawing players from many individual clubs throughout Victoria.

Course Marker Upgrades

What do greenkeepers do when it's too wet to mow? They make new course markers!

Members may have seen the new distance markers, now installed on the driving range. Made of durable timber with the distance (in metres) and the club logo, they were made by Ricky when confined indoors during wet days. We reckon they look a treat. There are also three flags on the range, at varying distances, for members to aim at while practising.

In addition, Ricky is making a quantity of blue and red tee markers, also with the club logo. These will be installed when all have been made.'s



Women's Golf Report

The Grace Moloney trophy was played this month. Grace and her husband Arthur were well known residents of Trentham and played many years of golf. The winner of the trophy was Rosemary Kelly with a particularly good sixty-seven net. Rosemary also won our monthly medal.

The third round of the Silver Spoon was played on 20 July. Mandy Bestwick won (76 net), the runner up was Alison Borchers. Mandy and Alison will play in October to determine who will represent our club at the state final.

Five of the club's women (Sue Byrne, Linda Marchesi, Amanda Beswick, Terri O'Callaghan and Claire Perston) have been selected to play in Country Teams, held in September. There are only fifteen selected from our Dalhousie region and for Trentham to have five of those is a great achievement.

On July 30 the club is holding a fundraising event for Linda Marchesi, a member at our club for 20 years who plays off a handicap of eight. Linda has been selected to play in the deaf games in Hawaii later this year. Previously she has been part of the team that travelled to Dublin Carter House Golf Club in 2018. The women's team was runner up and Linda came fourth in a strong women's field.



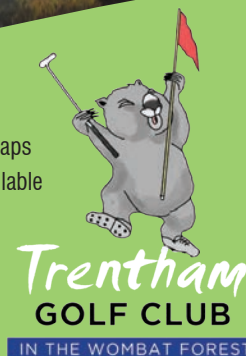
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Trentham Tales

Words in Winter

Trentham's first Words in Winter Festival was in August 2004. Our town was a lot different then and while the buildings remain, most are now used for new purposes and businesses.

The very first event of the Festival was a book launch at Reverie Books – now Trentham General, and originally home to the old National Bank. Next door, the Trentham Hotel hosted a concert of Irish and Australian music in the 'Back Room', a venue well known to local music lovers.

Over the road Trentham Café and Crafts hosted 'Bush Poetry Old and New', an event organised by the Trentham Historical Society. The Old Bakehouse down the laneway – now Red Beard Bakery – served up pizza along with Blues/Roots music that was the passion of the owner, Adrian Kosky. The Trentham Neighbourhood Centre – still a venue nearly two decades later, was the place for a 'Village Glee Club' and also a 'Scrabble Fest'.

Trentham local, Peter Fernon, was already on his feet in a performance poetry item at the Fir Tree Bistro – the old Commercial Hotel. Food and entertainment was in full swing at both Wilding's, a restaurant in the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and The Chimney, a European-style café where Kuki now stands. A book workshop ran at the Trentham Railway Station while Trentham's combined churches hosted Melbourne Football Club's chaplain for some 'Sporting Words' at St Andrew's Uniting Church. Looking back, we can see that Trentham Words in Winter kicked off with a variety of events involving many groups in interesting places.

Food For Thought

Affordability of our Food and Wine

All of us are noticing the higher prices of food with constant reminding by intense coverage from the media: "French beans \$30 p/kg, \$12 cauliflowers... it's getting harder to put food on the table". Well, there is 'yes' and a 'no' in this and although I have seen beans at \$27 p/kg, do I buy them? I do not, as I would never pay that price and they are completely out of season. Regardless of the floods in NSW/Qld, cost of fuel and shortage of workers, they will always be a higher price in our winter months.

Last weekend I read that wine will increase in price as fuel, fertilizer, bottles, labelling, etc., is at an all-time high. But we are still fortunate to be able to enjoy a glass or two of 'good wine' at a very good price. Currently we are the beneficiaries of a reduced export market into China - the glut sold-off at often less than production costs, all for our palates' and pockets' pleasure.

However, such times must surely cause us to think of the enormous overheads of any consumer-based production, especially that of the farmer. For most farming is their life, needing resilience and bravery to survive, particularly in this raw and uncompromising country.

Some of our popular events have been the Clever Town Challenge, which Trentham has won in the past and is the current custodian of the trophy, Contemporary Poetry, Bush Poetry, Ellen Kemp writing competition for students at Trentham & District Primary School, the Red Beard 50-word writing competition and Trumpet 6-word competition.

Mike Gretton, Natalie Gretton & Di Parsons

Six Word Story

As part of the Trentham Words in Winter Festival, the Trumpet is again offering a \$100 prize to the author of our favourite Six Word Story.

To enter, email your entry to trumpet@trentham.org.au by Sunday 21 August. The winner will be announced in our September issue.

We're looking for an entire story crammed into 6 words.

Flash fiction relies on the narrative's movement, because there's no time for plot nor character development! It should hint at a larger backstory than what's revealed on the page, leaving the reader to ponder.

Six words - not a word to waste!

Full entry terms and conditions are on page 23 of this issue.



Our supermarkets claim we are the beneficiaries of their hard bargaining powers in keeping prices down, (I loathed that Coles 'down, down' advertisement). They promote themselves as the heroes ensuring we have access to 'cheap' food. But there is no such thing as 'cheap food', only consequences - many suppliers will go to the wall or need to compromise beyond any fairness.

A few weeks back I was sloshing in thick mud through bucketing rain, cold to the bone muttering to myself 'who would ever be a dairy farmer?' Makes you think, doesn't it? So no cauliflowers, beans, lettuces, tomatoes or mangos for me for a while. Instead, beetroots, broccoli, cabbages, kale, silver beet, fennel, pumpkin, potatoes; all of the citrus, and apples. Bananas and avocados are at ridiculously low prices thanks to this year's bumper crop.

Pumpkin makes a great cost-effective curry; beetroot with oranges and red onion is a delicious dish either hot or cold and roasted Brussel Sprouts in a Miso sauce – delicious if you like Brussel Sprouts!. And aside from vegetables, Macaroni Cheese with a touch of cayenne pepper is a fabulous and inexpensive winter's dish.

Sylvia Johnson
Food for Thought Group

The Rex

Council Resolves to Sell the Rex Building

In November 2021, Councillors decided to not proceed with the Hepburn Hub at The Rex project and voted to sell the building through a public process. In accordance with the Local Government Act this process requires community engagement.



The community was invited to complete a survey or submit a submission on behalf of a community group on the proposed sale, noting that Council would not consider a revival of the Hepburn Hub at The Rex project, which was to include a library, auditorium, Council staff accommodation and community spaces, including a co-working space. In addition, proposed uses for the building would only be considered if they were financially viable and had significant community support. The engagement process was designed in accordance with Council's Engagement Policy, the Local Government Act and input from external expertise.

Mayor, Cr Tim Drylie, said that the decision to sell the building in November 2021 took into account a number of factors, including costs for the project continuing to mount over many years, Council's financial position, construction issues with the building and uncertainty with the proposed design to deliver expected outcomes.

"The Hepburn Hub at The Rex is a legacy project from decisions made by the previous Council," said Cr Drylie. "The decision to sell The Rex has been a difficult one for Councillors to make and we understand it will result in mixed feelings across our community".

After investigating a range of alternative uses for the building, along with Council's ability to deliver on other current and aspirational projects, Councillors determined the site could not be retained as a community asset despite understanding the importance some members of the community attach to the building and the community's desire for access to improved community facilities. The purchase of The Rex building and other matters relating to the project remain under investigation by the Local Government Inspectorate.

Council officers will now implement a sale process for the building in the coming months, with external agents appointed to assist and prepare a final report for Council when a buyer is identified. Council will also now review its land and building holdings and undertake a planning project that will review possible solutions of staffing accommodation and community facilities that were to be included in the Hepburn Hub.

To view the full Community Engagement Report and more information visit participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/proposed-sale-rex.

The Plonkers

It was a cold and wintery Thursday night when, after 7:30pm, our Plonkers stepped out for dinner at Trentham General.

Famous for its coffee, breakfasts and lunches they also put on very delicious fare at generous prices each Thursday night. Aimed at the locals (but all are welcome) you'll need to book in advance to get into either the earlier 5:30 sitting or the later 7:45 slot.

A table in the front room right next to the roaring open fire was most welcome as was manager Mitch's cheerful greeting. Sometimes cheeky, always upbeat with an amazing memory, Mitch was soon pouring two glasses of the NV Veuve D'Argent Brut. A favourite of Niles, which Mitch had of course remembered, this sparkling dry Chardonnay from Burgundy France was an excellent aperitif for the evening with gentle hints of nuts and honey.

Niles chose the Tom Yum soup with prawns, crispy shallots and coriander to start, whilst Digby ordered the crispy Thai fried chicken with Asian slaw and chilli lime dressing. Both went well with a bottle of the Dogrock Rose. Produced in the Pyrenees in western Victoria the grenache grapes with a subtle citrus undertone paired well with Niles' hot and sour soup and Digby's spicy crisp chilli chicken.

"With this roaring fire and super fresh and spicy cuisine I'm transported to that last time we travelled Niles; do you remember pre COVID when we were in Singapore?"

"Yes, I remember it well Digby. Strap yourself in though, as I think we're off to England and Indonesia with the mains."

Mitch arrived with Digby's rolled roasted pork served on a bed of fresh minted peas, roast apple, cider and mustard gravy. He placed Niles' serve of beef rendang with kaffir lime steamed rice with coconut down gently.

As if reading Digby's mind Mitch asked whether a more robust wine was required and without hesitation Digby was quick to order a bottle of the Semprevino GSM.

"Ah yes Sir, perfectly adequate", Mitch responded with his trademark line.

Old McLaren Vale vines of Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre grapes made for a smooth fruity medium bodied soft back drop for the excellent comfort feel of their mains.

"We really don't need to travel abroad to taste the flavours of the world do we Digby?"

"Well, no, but I do miss travelling. Do you think we could walk home via Cosmo Rd....?"

Cheers!

**Digby & Niles
The Plonkers**



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The Trumpet Team's decision will be final. The winner will be notified via email and announced in the September issue.

The Trumpet reserves the right to reject any entry.

One entry per person.

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