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Council News

Acting CEO appointment

Janet Dore has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer of Hepburn Shire Council.

Ms Dore served as Chief Executive Officer of the Transport Accident Commission from 2007 to 2015. She has also held senior local government roles, including General Manager at the City of Newcastle and Interim CEO at the City of Ballarat, along with several council monitor and administrator appointments.

The appointment will run from 3 August to 23 August. This short-term arrangement enables Council to continue working with the Victorian Government to establish an appropriate decision-making mechanism, including the potential extension of Ms Dore's appointment as Interim Chief Executive Officer beyond 23 August.

Read the full statement at
www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/news

New Multipatcher joins fleet



Our new Multipatcher has been out repairing rough road edges and potholes as part of Council's ongoing road maintenance program.

Owning our own Multipatcher means Council crews can respond more efficiently to road defects when conditions are suitable, delivering faster, cost-effective repairs for our community.

The versatile machine can be used to repair potholes, road edge breaks, rutting and pavement wear, and storm-damaged road surfaces.

Your Councillors



Cr Tim Drylie



Cr Brian Hood

Learn more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au, phone (03) 5348 2306 or email shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au

Affordable Housing Working Group

Be part of a community-led, stakeholder working group.

Council is seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) from community members, organisations and stakeholders to join a community-led Affordable Housing Working Group. The working group will not be a decision-making body of Council. Council's role will be to act as an enabler and connector where appropriate.

The group will share ideas, identify local housing issues and explore practical ways to improve affordable housing outcomes in Hepburn Shire.

Interested? Submit your EOI by Friday 14 August 2026 and help shape the conversation at
www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/ahwg

Outdoor Dining and Trading Policy

Council is completing a review of its Outdoor Dining and Trading Policy and wants to hear from businesses and the community. We want to ensure the revised policy supports vibrant, well-managed public spaces while responding to current operational, economic, and community needs.

Drop-in session:

- The Mechanics Trentham
- Thursday 3 September 2026, 3–4 pm

For more information, and to have your say, visit
www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/odtp



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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

August is Words in Winter month, and what a festival they have planned. There's something for everyone, so get along and celebrate the magic of words in all forms.

Launching a couple of months ago to great acclaim is the new Trentham Indoor Maker's Market at the TNC. It's different from our other local markets focusing primarily on introducing arts and crafts to a wider audience by having demonstrations and allowing visitors to watch crafters making what they sell. All Makers are local, so people can buy direct from the maker, helping local handmade arts to flourish – what a perfect winter activity!

Speaking of the TNC, times are tough and they are digging deep to keep the doors open. If you've got some time to help out, or ideas to support it, please reach out to president@trenthamnc.org.au or drop in. We're not sure how The Trumpet would exist without this backbone of our community. We thank Rachel and Richard for their amazing support & wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.

Have a great month,

Regards,
Chris & Penny

Trentham Words in Winter

Sunday 26 July. I am at my computer with the realization that the first events for this year's Trentham Words in Winter are just a week away- Sunday 2 August, and that we are on the front cover of the Trentham Trumpet, with gratitude to our wonderful publishers Chris & Penny.

Now, the checklists start to come into play to assure everything is in place - for the first two events. The setting up of The Mechanics for the multi-award winning journalist and author, Kate Legge, the stage, tables and chairs, vases and flowers with the afternoon tea requirements including the cakes to be baked by the CWA ladies. That for Kate and Chris Ansty, Hotel Trentham an outstanding ex Olympian sportsman and mentor the audio and PA systems will be working and for everyone's comfort the heating running at its maximum, as will the meet and greet WIW team in ensuring all comes together well.

And so it goes right through the five weekends of August, with every session needing to be thoroughly thought through, checked and re-checked. Some events will attract a solid audience as people want to know how 3 fabulous Jazz instruments 'speak'; others to relish in the outstanding voices of a Tenor, Bass and Soprano through the delicious songs of Gilbert & Sullivan; and 'do plants really speak', or rather communicate – through her huge following popular garden and growing guru, Natasha Morgan will have you pondering this.

Six Word Story Competition: Now Open!



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

There's no opportunity to reveal a plot in 6 words, instead it's a hint, leaving the reader to ponder and fill in the gaps with their imagination. Brevity required. A twist? A tease?

We've had fabulous entries since we began this competition 6 years ago - here are our previous winners for illustration or inspiration!

Death's secret is: it's a beginning. Lochlan Redlawsk, 2025

Smile in salon mirror. Silent scream. Seana Mounsey, 2024

A secret smile. He's called again. Joseph Leach, 2023

Discovery, jealousy, fury, bloodied knife hidden. Adele Anderson, 2022

Mother's teacup forever measures my flour. Mary White, 2021

Again we're offering a \$100 prize to our favourite Six Word Story as part of the Trentham Words in Winter Festival. To enter, email your story to thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com by Sunday August 23. The winner will be announced on the cover of our September issue.

Six words only, nothing to waste!

T&Cs

Entries must be stories of exactly 6 words: no more, no fewer.

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

We reserve the right to reject any entry.

One entry per person.

Entrants shall allow their work to be published and promoted by The Trentham Trumpet (appropriately acknowledged)

Other events will cause you to question and ideally provide some enlightenment through the topics of Dying in the 21st Century – yes, we do need to change, and what change is modern technology and AI causing as it challenges the very foundations of traditional reading and writing. (I note in this week's news that Sweden, Norway, Italy and other European countries are ditching the Ipad in schools).



Talking of writing, we are still seeking authors for The Short Story Competition and Contemporary Poetry, with decent cash \$\$ prizes. The Trentham Trumpet too is awarding a cash prize for their Six Word Story Competition, and award winning author & illustrator Zeno Sworder – Once I was a Giant, will be presenting at both the Primary School and at The Mechanics.

The committee of WIW spends months prior to the event in seeking the broad mix of presenters and entertainers for you to enjoy, and always to uphold and celebrate the power and delight of literature and 'the word'.

You might say it is Trentham's cultural event, broad and rich enough for everyone to enjoy. We hope to see you there.

Sylvia Johnson
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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

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thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au

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What's on!

CWA - Trentham Night Owls

4th Thurs / month

TNC 7pm

cwatrenthamnightowls@gmail.com

Lions Schedule

Business Meeting: 3rd Thurs / month

Dinner Meeting: 1st Thurs / month

Monday Morning Meditation

8.30/9.30am every Monday

TNC

Sunday Church Services

St George (Anglican) 9am

St Mary Magdalen (Catholic) 8.30am

Trentham Indoor Makers Market

15 August 10am - 2pm

TNC

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market

15 August 9am-1pm

Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap

15 August 10-11.30am

Trentham Town Square

Trentham Cool Country Men's Shed

Open Wednesday & Saturday mornings

9.30am - 12.30pm

55 Mulchay's Road Trentham

info@coolcountrymensshed.org.au

Life Activities Club

Ladies' Petanque

10am every Tuesday

Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Wednesday Walkers

9.30am every Wednesday

Easy town walk

Meet at old Trentham Post Office

Men's Petanque

10am every Thursday

Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

Trentham Dance

2nd Sunday / month

The Mechanics 1pm - 4.30pm

Enquiries Dianna 0418 173 920

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TNC

see trenthamnc.org.au

Trentham Community Table

CWA / TNC / Lions joint initiative

last Friday of each month

TNC 12.30pm

Wednesday Crafternoon

Weekly, 12 - 4pm

Trentham Mechanics

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2026 Trentham Words In Winter

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Trentham Lions

A Tribute to Lion Peter Hansard

After a very brave battle with Myeloma cancer lasting over 15 months, our colleague died on the 30 June. He served the Lions Club for 25 years starting with the Cronulla Lions in 2000 through to Trentham Lions in 2025 where he was Club Treasurer - a role well suited to him as much of Peter's working life was in the area of Finance and Accounting.



Peter took on the role of Treasurer in 2020 whilst still participating as strongly as ever in all other aspects of the Club. He was an outstanding Treasurer who used his skills to provide sound financial leadership. He enjoyed the role and was good at it. We always felt assured that our finances were in good hands. No doubt, but for his illness, he would still be doing it today.

Peter loved every aspect of Lions – being part of the team for Community Events, pitching in with working bees, enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie of our dinners and social occasions, with Jodie his wife, and generally being part of whatever was happening. He was content just being part of Lions and spending time with his Tribe.

Peter's Service Record is summarized as follows:

Joined Cronulla Lions Club 2000

- Treasurer 2002 – 2004

- President 2006

- Membership Chairperson for several years

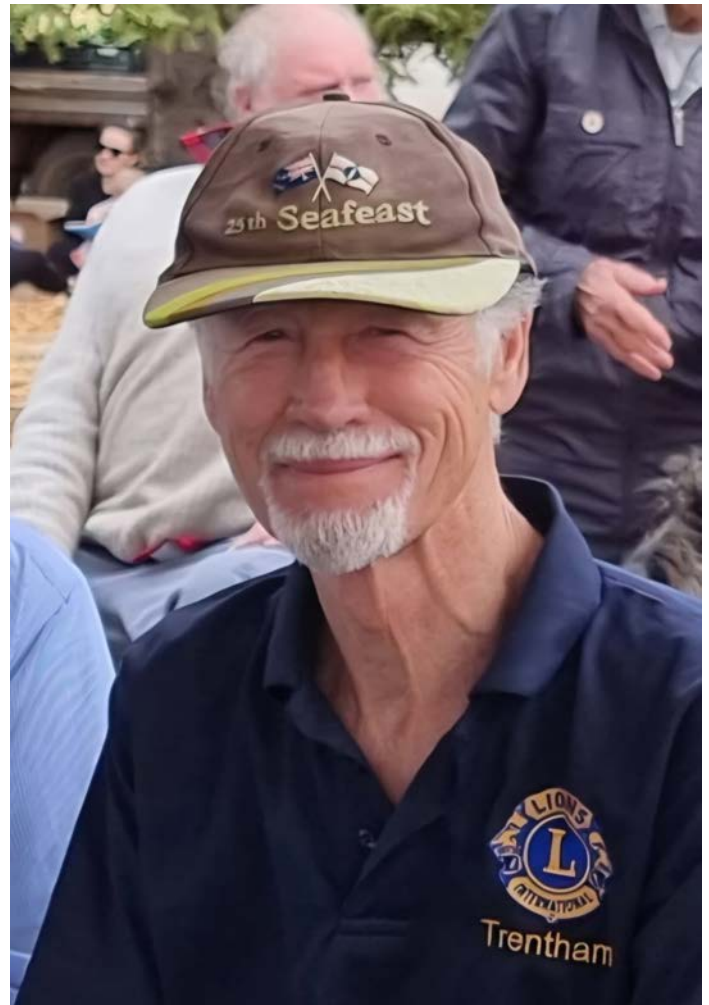
- Zone Chair for Cronulla 2008

Transfer to Orange Lions Club 2012

Transfer to Trentham Lions Club 2014

- Trentham Treasurer 2020 – 2025.

Farewell friend and colleague – we will miss you dearly.



This article is based on reflections given by Lion Tim Walsh at Peter's funeral in July.

TRATA

At the Station

Station Condition Report

We've been busy putting together a detailed Condition Report of the station precinct, which is a key part of our new lease agreement with VicTrack. The report gives a current picture of our buildings as well as the improvements made to the precinct, and hopefully, it'll also play a role in securing funding for some essential capital works.

The station still looks good from the outside for a building approaching the ripe old age of 150, but it's desperately in need of some internal TLC, particularly to the sub-floor. This impacts how much



we can use the building, and we're hoping that can change so the community can better utilise the space – and also so that this special piece of our history is well preserved for years to come.

TRATA AGM

Our AGM takes place on Wednesday, 5 August, at 5pm at the station. All members and interested locals are welcome to join us as we look back on a year that's produced many pleasing achievements. Light refreshments will follow the formalities.

Dog Happenings

Recent forensic evidence suggests a few dog owners haven't been following proper hygiene practices around the precinct. Just a kindly reminder to keep dogs on a leash and clean up after them – you'll find two dog litter dispensers conveniently located on site near the platform.

Phil Davis

Secretary

TRATA

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Instagram: [trenthamrailwayprecinct](https://www.instagram.com/trenthamrailwayprecinct)

Left: one of our less attractive window

Dinner & Dance

Help keep the Neighbourhood Centre's doors open

SAVE the date now – Saturday 3 October 2026

Here's something a lot of people don't know: the Trentham community actually bought the building of the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre. It belongs to everyone. When the old Scout Hall came up for sale 35 years ago, locals formed the Trentham Community Group and bought it for \$50,000 and then spent nearly ten years fundraising to pay it off. This place has always been powered by people chipping in. On 3 October 2026, we're asking again.

The Trentham Neighbourhood Centre is calling on the community for support, hosting a Dinner & Dance fundraiser in October to help keep its doors open.

**This town built the Neighbourhood Centre.
One good night out helps us keep it.**

The much-loved Centre, a not-for-profit, volunteer-led hub for classes, community groups, computer access and support in times of need, is feeling the squeeze. Like all neighbourhood houses, TNC runs on a mix of modest government funding and local fundraising, and rising costs mean that money no longer stretches far enough.

Every dollar raised on the night goes straight back to the Neighbourhood Centre, funding both the programs Trentham relies on and the everyday running costs of keeping the doors open.

To raise these funds, the TNC is throwing a proper good night out! On Saturday 3 October at the Mechanics Trentham. There will be good food, great live music, plenty of dancing, and a raffle and silent auction stocked with local goodies.

Women's Wellbeing Day

Saturday 5th September 2026

The Mechanics Trentham - 9.30am to 4pm

Join us for a day of workshops to enhance the general wellbeing of women living in Trentham and districts.

This unique event is connecting you to local women's specific health services and wellbeing topics and practitioners.

Workshops include:

- fitness and a strong body at every age
- getting better sleep
- managing stress and anxiety
- navigating menopause and hormonal disruption
- nutrition for energy and preventing illness

All details and to book your ticket visit the TNC website: [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code

This event is presented in collaboration with:








SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 3 October



Tickets on sale soon!
Dance the night away at the TNC inaugural

Fundraising Dinner & Dance!

Good food



Live Band



Great company



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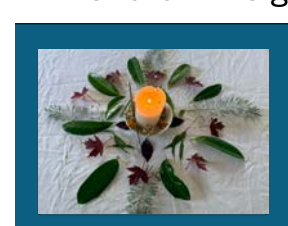
Local businesses can get behind the night, too. The Centre is seeking donations of goods, vouchers and prizes for the raffle and silent auction. It's a great way to give back and get your name in front of the community. Businesses keen to support are encouraged to get in touch with TNC President Kaz Williams at president@trenthamnc.org.au or on (03) 5424 1354.

Community effort built this. Community effort keeps it. Save the date: Dinner & Dance, Saturday 3 October, doors open from 6:30pm, at the Mechanics Trentham. So mark your calendars now, keep an eye out in the next couple of weeks for further details, and help keep your Neighbourhood Centre open.

MONDAY MORNING MEDITATION

8.30am to 9.30am

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre



A free community meditation providing space for stillness, reflection and renewal, where intentions of kindness are refreshed and the noise of the world is gently set aside.

Book online at trenthamnc.org.au/classes or ring p. 54241354

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

Keeping Our Doors Open – A message to the Trentham Community

There is nothing more constant than change!

The TNC is not immune to the financial challenges that so many businesses and community service organisations are facing everywhere. We are now required to make difficult but necessary changes to ensure our Neighbourhood Centre remains open, financially sustainable and able to continue providing valued services, connection and support to our community into the future.

Like many Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria, the TNC volunteer committee of management are reviewing how we operate so that we can continue to provide a safe, welcoming and sustainable community space.

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria's recent "Keep Our Doors Open" campaign highlights the pressures facing the sector, including rising operating costs, increasing demand for community support and funding that has not kept pace with the true cost of delivering services.

To continue operating responsibly, we need to align our staffing and operations within the State Government's (DFFH) funding model and our current financial reality. This requires a significant restructuring of our staffing model.

Our staff have played an enormous role in building the relationships, programs and culture of your Neighbourhood Centre. We are incredibly grateful for the commitment and contribution of Richard and Rachel who in recent years have helped make our Neighbourhood Centre the welcoming place it is today.

St George's

Songs to Gladden the Heart

As part of Trentham's "Words in Winter" programme, the congregation at St George's is preparing for another singalong and celebration of words that "gladden the heart".

This time around you are invited to join in singing favourite hymns, and listening to the spoken word, thinking about what inspires us to live and work in hope, words that comfort our hearts, our total being.

The Christian tradition provides us with songs which are hundreds of years old, yet resonating with our present-day challenges. And as well, there are many contemporary gifted writers and composers who provide up-to-the-moment insights in our everyday language.

Here's a prayer from a present-day writer, Rev Dr Elizabeth Smith:

The decisions we are making are very difficult as we recognise the contribution of our staff members and the impact change can have on people. However, taking action now gives us the best opportunity to protect the future of your Neighbourhood Centre and avoid greater risks to the organisation and the continued community contribution.

Change can be difficult, but our goal is clear: to keep our doors open and continue providing meaningful opportunities for our community.

The Committee are now recruiting for a new position to support the Centre over the next 12 months, and the position description can be provided to you by sending an email to the president@trenthamnc.org.au.

We are also seeking expressions of interest from community members who would like to support reception duties at the Centre for a few hours each week and contribute to the life blood of how the Centre operates and meets our community needs. We would love to hear from you, please email your details to the president@trenthamnc.org.au.

The TNC volunteer committee of management are committed to protecting the programs, relationships and community connections that make our Neighbourhood Centre such an important part of our community.

Our community is at the heart of everything we do. We look forward to working with our community, members, volunteers and partners to shape the next chapter of your Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.

If you would like more information, or to discuss these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the TNC Committee of Management, President, Kaz Williams. Ph. 0407 701 171 / president@trenthamnc.org.au

A prayer for peace and justice in the world

Loving God, we pray for peace and justice among the nations

and in this land, Australia.

Teach us to care for the earth and to share its gifts, so that everyone has enough to eat, and clean water to drink.

Change our habits of selfishness and hunger for power, so that everyone can live with dignity and freedom.

Give leaders the courage to do the right thing for the common good,

even when it is difficult, rather than popular.

Give citizens a spirit of collaboration, to build community together.

Amplify the voices of people

who struggle to make their voices heard in places of power.

Strengthen the spirit of peace-makers and justice-workers.

Let your kingdom come on earth, as in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please join us on Sunday 30 August at 11am at St George's

centralhighlandsanglican.org.au

Councillor's Report

Council news

- The Council meeting scheduled for 28 July was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum of councillors
- CEO Bradley Thomas finished with Council on Friday 24 July.
- An Interim CEO can be appointed under existing rules for a maximum of 28 days. Ron Torres has been appointed as Acting CEO until 2nd August.
- Janet Dore has been appointed as Interim CEO for the three-week period commencing 3rd August. Her tenure could be extended for a much longer period by whatever decision-making group is in place in late August.
- Ms Dore served as Chief Executive Officer of the Transport Accident Commission from 2007 to 2015. She has also held senior local government roles, including General Manager at the City of Newcastle and Interim CEO at the City of Ballarat, along with several council monitor and administrator appointments.
- The appointment follows an external recruitment process led by temporary Independent Chair of the CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee, Ms Rebecca McKenzie, with Councillors Tim Drylie and Brian Hood.
- It is possible the deadlock created by an absence of a quorum of councillors could be resolved by the Minister for Local Government replacing the entire councillor group with an administrator/s. At the time of writing (25 July) I remain as one of two serving councillors. I will advise once any change is made.
- Since being adopted at the 30 June 2026 meeting the 2026/27 budget has now been prepared and documented, along with some new explanatory notes, and is available on Council's website. The budget varies considerably from the draft that was distributed for community consultation. A deficit of \$5.069m is forecast, which equates to a \$6.179m adjusted underlying deficit. The difference is non-recurrent capital grants. Deficits are projected for each of the following three years. The budget is underpinned by the assumption that 97% of rates will be collected during the year and Belgravia settles the remaining unpaid rent charges of \$534,000 by December 2026.
- Cash balances are projected to fall from \$14m at June 2026 to \$9m at June 2027. The capital works program does not allow for the creation of any new assets. Expenditure will be restricted to renewal works on existing assets, however cash constraints mean such expenditure will not keep pace with deterioration in condition (as measured by depreciation).
- In recent years underlying deficits of \$45m have been incurred. Cashflow has been \$26m negative, funded by \$16m in new borrowings and a \$10m decline in cash reserves.
- The financial outlook remains very challenging, in terms of achieving sustainability, and requires much further attention.

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

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](#)

Council meetings – the July meeting has been cancelled due to the lack of a quorum of councillors. Once a quorum is re-established or other arrangements are put in place by the Minister for Local Government I will advise on the resumption of Council meetings.

Upcoming Council meeting dates – to be advised

Cr. Brian Hood

email bhood@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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St. Mary Magdalen's

Musing from St. Mary Magdalen's

We are now in the depths of winter with frosty mornings and cold days. Yet even now the trees are in bud and the bulbs bravely thrust from the ground. There is, perhaps, no better symbol of the Christian faith. Even in the cold and dark, there is the promise of light and warmth, even in death there is the promise of new life.

This last month we have been celebrating the feast of our parish patron, Saint Mary of Magdala. We have been reflecting on those gospel passages where she is presented as a model of Christian discipleship: a sinner freed from the power of evil by Jesus, who became devoted to him, who stood by as he was tortured to death, and went off to offer what she could on the Sunday morning. There, as she was weeping, he called her by name and sent her to tell

what she had seen. The cold of a Trentham winter and the forests that surround us, may seem a long way from first century Palestine, and yet Mary of Magdala remains our model and we are proud to have her as our patron.

We celebrated with prayer, meditation, and, of course, good food and company. The air might have been chill, but the gathering was warm. Mind you, the Trentham winter made its mark. We had planned to inaugurate a pilgrimage path dedicated to Mary Magdalen. This has had to be postponed because the planned path is currently under water. We will try again in spring when things may have dried out a little.

Trentham Public Reserves

Public Meeting

The Trentham Public Purpose Reserves Committee of Management has the responsibility of managing and maintaining the Stoney Creek, Trent Creek and Old Trentham Racecourse Reserves on behalf of the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action [DEECA]. More information about the CoM is below.

Our election for a new Committee, which is held every three years will take place at 5pm on Wednesday 26 August 2026 at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.

This year we are delighted that local ecologist, Jeremy Neale, will be making a presentation on the flora of the wetlands of the Wombat Forest and the propagation of riparian plant species.

Jeremy has broad experience of operating an indigenous plant nursery and we have many of his tube stock thriving in the Reserves.

Everyone is welcome.

Trentham Public Purpose Reserves CoM

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Vision:

To protect, maintain and enhance [where appropriate] the natural features, assets, existing indigenous vegetation and ecological diversity of each Reserve

Management Objectives:

- To manage public land for the use and enjoyment of both the local community and visitors to Trentham
- To increase community awareness and understanding of the ecological, social, historical and cultural heritage and significance of each reserve
- To manage and mitigate against threats to the environmental values of each reserve, including invasive plant and animal species, and inappropriate visitor or adjoining landowner activities
- To facilitate and enhance passive, and where appropriate, active recreational opportunities without compromising ecological values
- To work in partnership with the Friends of Trentham Creeks and Reserves to facilitate the implementation of the Master/Conceptual Plans for each reserve, whilst recognising the Flora survey and management plans
- To maintain a visual and physical link of each reserve to the Wombat Forest



TRENTHAM PUBLIC PURPOSE RESERVES COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT INC

Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre, High St
Trentham on Thursday 26 August 2026
commencing at 5pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three [3] or more than nine [9] persons as the Committee of Management for the Stoney Creek, Trent Creek and Old Trentham Racecourse Reserves for a term of three years.

The current Committee's term will expire on 1 September 2026.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to, or on the night.

Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries, please contact the Secretary, Mark Reid on 0408 726 832



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**Trentham
COMMUNITY
TABLE**

Sharing a meal, creating connections.

**NEXT LUNCH
FRIDAY 28 August**

Join us for lunch!
Come along for lunch with friendly faces and a warm welcoming space

- last Friday of each month
- Trentham Neighbourhood Centre - 56 High St
- 12.30pm to 2.00pm
- a gold coin donation
- RSVPs r'qd for catering
ph - TNC 5424 1354





Trentham LIONS
The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

Trentham Sustainability Group

Living with Fire Risk Community Forum

The Trentham Sustainability Group (TSG) is a membership-based incorporated association that works with the local community to develop and promote sustainable and resilient practices for living in our town and its surrounds. TSG is running a free, informative evening for Trentham residents, practitioners and those interested on Thursday, 17 September at [The Mechanics, Trentham](#).



The speakers are from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and the CFA, and you are encouraged to stay and chat over refreshments. Doors open at 6.15PM for a 6.30PM start. The risk of fire looms large every fire danger season. Members want to know more about taking measures to prepare ourselves, our properties and our community. We understand that it is a topic that brings out divergent views, and that we have experts around us that live and breathe how to be as disaster-ready as possible.



Our speakers include Gavan Mathieson and Aaron Faulkhead who are leaders at the Forest Fire Management Victoria, Grampians Regions (an agency of DEECA). They will speak about how data on fire risk is used for bushfire management planning, reducing risk and how they work with the CFA and other agencies. They will illustrate how a fire may behave in the Wombat Forest on a moderate day, compared with a catastrophic day.

Also, we will hear from Sam Strong about a new multi-agency program based at the CFA. Sam is the local facilitator for the State Government's Safer Together-funded Green Bridges Community Based Bushfire Management program. This aims to explore opportunities for community and nature-based approaches to ecological and community preparedness and bushfire resilience in the Trentham catchment.

Sam is keen to learn about and support community interests in living with fire. This may include working across scales, linking together farms, gardens and lifestyle properties. As an emerging area of risk mitigation, these approaches are designed to complement other

bushfire risk mitigation methods, while contributing to healthy and productive ecological systems.

Nicole McGrath is the CFA Community Engagement Coordinator for CFA's District 15. Based in Ballarat, she brings extensive experience supporting CFA brigades and communities to prepare for and plan for fire emergency, and in the delivery of CFA Regional and District strategic outcomes against fire risk. She works closely with local brigades to understand local issues and risk and supports capacity and capability to contribute to fire preparedness activities.

Join us for this important community event on Thursday, 17 September, and RSVP to trenthamsustainability@gmail.com by 10 September. Doors open at 6.15PM for a 6.30PM start.

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What's On at TSG in August

- Sat 15 Aug: Produce Exchange, 9.30-11.30am, food swap under the Rotunda at Trentham Farmers Market
- Sat. 22 Aug: Crafty People, 1.00-4.00pm: Come and Learn Quilting. Bookings are essential so please email trenthamfashswap@gmail.com for more details.

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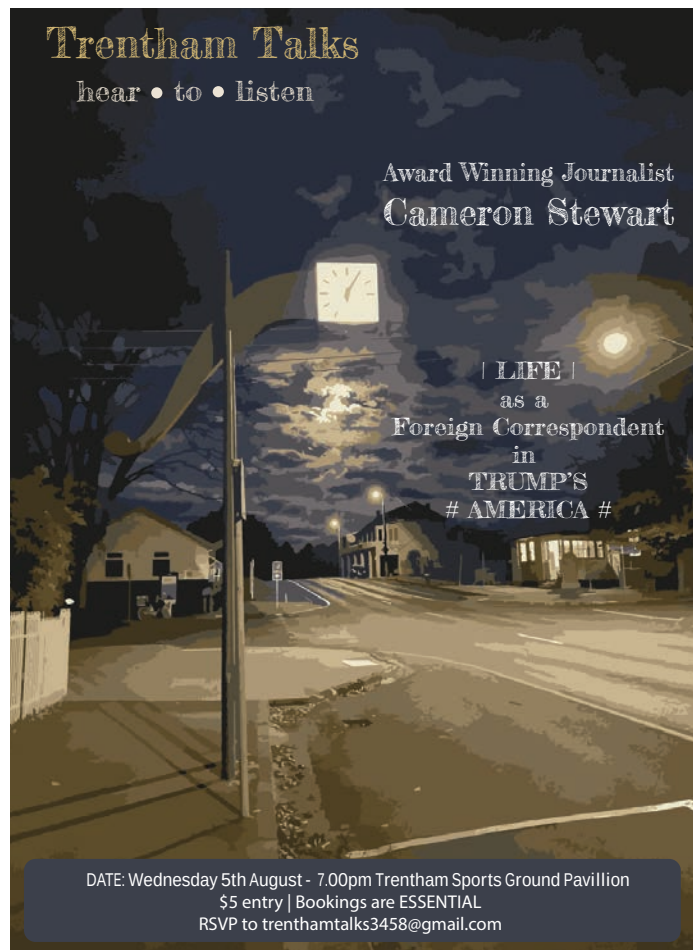
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The Trentham Garden

When Less Hardscaping Creates Better Gardens

One of the easiest mistakes to make in a garden is to build too much of it.

Paths, paving, retaining walls, timber decks and entertaining areas all have an important role. They help us move comfortably through the garden during Trentham's wet winters, create places to gather outdoors, and provide structure when deciduous plants are dormant. But they are also some of the most expensive elements in a garden, so it's worth considering where hardscaping is truly needed and where plants can do more of the work.

Personally, I'm drawn to natural materials with variation and character: stone, timber, gravel and steel, particularly those that weather gracefully and become more interesting with age. The most appropriate materials are often sourced close to home. Local gravels and stone echo the colours and geology of the surrounding landscape, giving gardens a stronger sense of place. They also usually involve less transport, making them a more environmentally thoughtful choice.

Material selection can also reinforce Trentham's rural character. Simple, low timber picket fences feel honest and unpretentious, sitting naturally alongside the town's traditional architecture. Likewise, paving with a split face and natural colour variation, such as Castlemaine slate, has a softer, more rustic quality than highly honed finishes. These textured surfaces are also far more forgiving of the red Trentham soil that's inevitably tracked through the garden.

For me, the most successful gardens are those where the built elements and planting work together, creating a garden that feels balanced, welcoming and deeply connected to its surroundings. Good gardens are more than the sum of their parts. Every material, every path



and every plant contributes to the whole, but it's the atmosphere a garden creates that people remember.

Happy gardening,

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A selection of hardscape elements from local projects

Trentham Community Garden

Growing Community: Literally - hands on!

Is there support for a Community Garden in Trentham?

A small group, drawn from Trentham Sustainability Group and Central Highlands Rural Health has been exploring the what, where and how - but we need to know if this is something the community wants.

We're interested in growing healthy food, community well-being and food security.

Please click on the QR-code to complete a short survey and give us your thoughts on what could be a great project for our town.



Contact us at
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Interior Design

It's all in the Pink!

People move houses for all sorts of reasons; we all recall the upheaval that comes with relocating. A recent client – let's call her Bettina – sought assistance, following a move to a new home.

Bettina wanted direction and advice for some economical cosmetic alterations, hoping to settle her four-year-old daughter in their new house relatively quickly. The family's home life and routines were all changing, meaning Bettina wanted some stability for her daughter in the new environment; her daughter's new bedroom was the priority.

Bedrooms are private spaces, but you need to decide how you intend to use the space: is it just for sleeping? Or is the space doubling as a playroom or an area for study, watching TV, or computer work?

A child's bedroom needs to evolve and grow; the look of a private sanctuary for a young child, quickly changes as the child becomes a teenager, then a young adult.

For Bettina, her decorating aesthetic was quite organic; her preferences was for neutral colours, and natural materials with earthy undertones. But her daughter had very different ideas: she confidently said that she wanted a pink bedroom ... pink was her favourite colour, and it was her bedroom!

As her daughter would be spending at least a third of each day in the bedroom, I suggested we adopt a pink theme, starting by painting the space a smart, blue-based pink. We settled on a pink that was not sweet and candy coloured, but something that was a bit more grown up, while still satisfying the pink requirement.

Paint is always your friend when decorating; with so many colour options, the paint selected can truly have dramatic results, for a minimal cost. Everything else in the room can be selected on individual merit.

After painting the bedroom, pink was now the background, ready to be a contrast with the colour, pattern and textures of the other contents in the room.

You don't need to make 'child-like' selections when fitting out a child's bedroom; perhaps choose a striped blind or curtains, some large cane baskets for toy storage which can be repurposed later for clothing. In the short term, a paper light shade overhead, with inexpensive carpet squares, repainted bookshelf, chest of drawers and bedside table will do the trick.



To keep costs to a minimum, visit those op shops that sell second-hand furniture - you may be surprised by what you find: items that just need a coat of paint to be transformed. If needed, a trip to one of the large furniture retailers will find basic furnishings; mixing select and adaptable inexpensive pieces with better quality always works well.

That's the power of pink: call it a 'warm neutral' that can be adapted, rather than being overwhelmed with a startling pink that keeps your child awake at night!

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NEW TEAM WELCOMED!

We are pleased to announce that Kylie and Rechelle have joined Community Bank Trentham & Districts' friendly Customer Service team, and that Paul Wyatt and Brooke Limmer have joined our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors. This makes a branch team of 5, a board team of 8, and 1 executive officer – all community minded, local people.

If you're in Trentham during the week, please come in to say hello and help make Kylie & Rechelle feel welcome.

15 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

In August we mark 15 years since Community Bank Trentham & Districts was formed. We will release figures shortly on the amount of financial investment we have returned to local community groups, projects and events over this time.

On behalf of our new team, we look forward to continuing to provide you with excellent customer service and upholding our commitment of returning profits to the local community through our Community Investment program for many years to come.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

New Trentham Market Attracts Interest!

Trentham Indoor Makers' Market, the clever initiative of the Trentham Art & Craft Collective, has been very well attended in it's first 2 openings!

Situated inside the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre and run in conjunction with the timing of Trentham Farmers Market - 3rd Saturday of the month - a visit offers a live look at makers making! Ask questions direct to the artist, browse and buy local. Well done makers!



Christmas in July!

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre, Trentham CWA and Trentham Lions have teamed up to deliver delicious, relaxed and social monthly lunches at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.

July saw Christmas come early as part of these lunch series. Thank you to all 3 fantastic community groups for providing an opportunity for locals to connect.



CONTACT US

If you would like more info on anything Community Banking, please drop in to see us 37b High Street Trentham, or call us:

Banking call the Branch team – 5424 1608

Grants call Executive Officer, Anjee – 0409 570 330.

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On Saturday evening 9 July I was fortunate enough to catch my old friend Charlie Owen in the Wine room at the Cosmo.

Before the show though I enjoyed a couple of hours sitting at the bar chatting with the locals as the rain teemed down outside. With 4 cozy fires blazing, a tender and tasty Sher Wagyu rump in my belly and savoring 2 or 3 glasses of Kyneton Ridge Shiraz I was ready to be entertained.



Soon to release a new album more than 30 years since his first, this show entitled "Searching for Charlie Owen", was an exploration of his long career. Songs and stories of his many musical collaborations and relationships were woven together.

Having written and played with The Beasts of Bourbon, Don Walker, Tex Perkins, Louis Tillett, Paul Kelly and many others he sure did have a few eye watering tales to tell. Not really stuff I can share here though.

He is a gifted multi-instrumentalist and producer as well. Originally influenced by jazz greats such as Django Reinhardt and John Coltrane he's then moved into a more bluesy rock technique. A much treasured and highly respected artist, shame if you missed out.

Dave Graney and Clare Moore return this month to the stables on the 22 August. A show not to be missed, rock but not rock as you know it. Flamboyant, idiosyncratic and confidant as hell, get along, you won't forget the experience. Tickets are likely to sell out quick.

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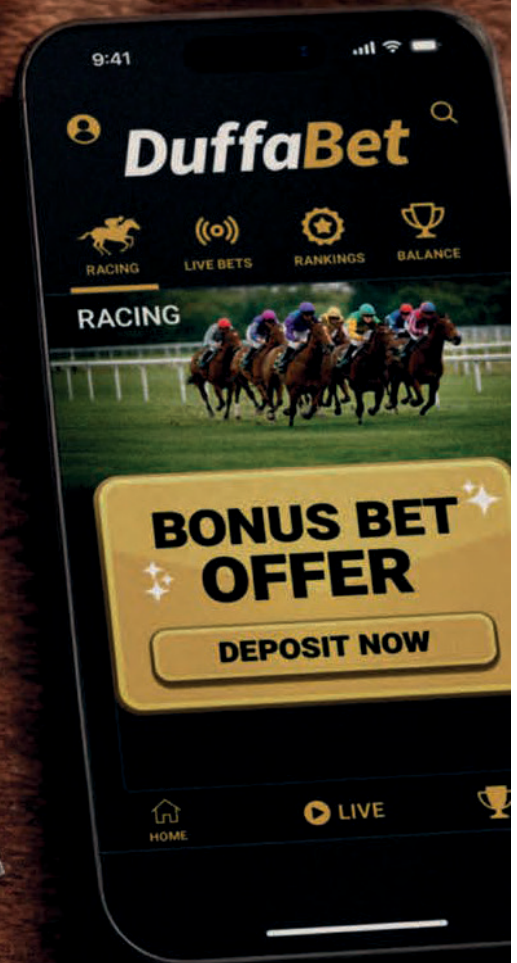
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Trentham Community Action Inc.

Why we need a town committee

Many residents will be aware of the current situation at our Shire Council: only two Councillors remain, leaving Council without a quorum, and the recently reappointed CEO has resigned, with no permanent replacement likely while the Council is effectively not functioning. There can be optimism in the appointment of an Acting CEO from outside the organisation*.

Meanwhile for Trentham, key decisions could be delayed, diluted or made further from the people they affect most. So how do we respond when our local democratic representation is, for now, largely missing?

Several Trentham residents attended the recent Council Watch meeting in Daylesford. One clear message from the roughly 100 people there was that communities need to stay informed and organised. A local residents' association gives a community a way to share information, discuss the issues that matter, and coordinate how we speak to governments and agencies beyond Trentham. This is where Trentham Community Action Inc can have a significant role in our community.

Here in Trentham, we face pressing questions: the probable closure of the town pool, the tension between growth and keeping Trentham's character, doubts about the longterm sustainability of Hepburn Shire, and the difficulty many locals have in finding secure housing. These are not abstract issues: they go directly to whether young people can grow up here, whether older residents can age in place, and whether local workers can live here.

These local questions also sit in a wider democratic context of the state election in November this year. If Trentham can agree on a clear set of priorities now, we are better placed to put those issues in front of candidates before they come asking for our votes.

A town Committee, a body like Trentham Community Action, is a practical vehicle for the community to do the work it needs to do anyway: gather facts, listen to different voices, agree on shared directions, and take them to Council, departments and MPs. Around one in ten Trentham adults is already a member, which is a solid base; but not enough to claim the whole town. What TCA needs now is broader participation, especially from renters, newer residents and younger people, so that the full community is reflected.

If we want the future of Trentham, our pool, our streets, our housing and our Shire, to be shaped with us rather than for us, more of us need to step into that shared work. Joining the TCA, turning up to meetings, helping draft a community charter, and bringing in the perspectives of those who are usually unheard - these are all part of that effort.

The point is not to build an organisation for its own sake, but to make sure Trentham has a strong, fair, community rooted voice when decisions are made.

The future well-being of any small town depends on how aware its citizens are and how well they come together to represent their interests, so please:

- if you haven't already, join up as a member of TCA or, if you are, ask your friends and neighbours to join up – let's get to 200+ members by Christmas! (there is no membership fee - see trenthamvic.org.au/contact for a simple online form.)
- give us feedback on what TCA is doing or what you'd like to see happen for our town;
- think about getting involved to make something that you think is important happen... either with one of our working groups or talk to us about your ideas.

Contact info: trenthamca@gmail.com

*For information updates: trenthamvic.org.au/news
OR talk with any of our current committee: Scott Harrison, Cam Heagney, Ian MacBean, Fay Magee (Chair), Grant McDonald (Deputy Chair), John Morrissy, Debbie Ng, David Sanders (Sec/Treas), Vicki Steggall

The Mount Players

After-Light

Our August production, **After-Light The Dramatic Prog-Rock Opera** by Zach Vanstone & Tom Foster opens Fri 14 August running till Sun 30 August.

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mistakes, exorcising his demons in a journey of self discovery and ultimately redemption. Penned during Covid this production does explore some darker themes. "This is a show about learning how to let go," said composer Zach. "Following the break-up between Boy and Girl, Boy falls into a life-threatening coma. In order for Boy to wake, he must forgive the past, reconcile with the future and learn to let go of Girl. If Boy fails, his intrusive thoughts: Addiction, Paranoia and Depression will consume his soul."

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See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt

150 Years Ago in Trentham - August 1876

Father arrested, children sent to the industrial school

Last month we heard about a Trentham family: mother was in prison, awaiting trial for theft; father was missing, with a warrant issued for his arrest for abandoning his three youngest children (aged 13, 11 and 8 years).

On 1 August 1876, the three youngest children were brought before the Kyneton Police Court, charged with being 'neglected children, having no lawful visible means of support'. The Court remanded the children into custody.

On 15 August 1876, the Kyneton Police Court heard the charges against the father and the charges against the three youngest children. The father told the Court that he had been arrested when he returned to Trentham, after being told that his wife had been arrested and his three youngest children had been placed in the industrial school.

(The newspaper reports do not specify to which industrial school the children were sent. There were multiple industrial schools operating in Victoria in this period, including at Sunbury, Bendigo and Ballarat. The Commonwealth Government's 'Find & Connect' website states: Industrial Schools were institutions where children could receive industrial training. It was a model borrowed from England. The central idea was that neglected children with living parents needed to be taught to be industrious and be able to support themselves in the future.)

The Plonkers

July this year saw the extraordinary achievement of Niles making it to 75 years of age. Nobody thought he'd make it but here he was, sat again at the Cosmo, perusing the wine list.

All seven of our Plonkers were seated in the dining room for dinner. Mrs Digby insisting her husband not wander off to the bar, not until they'd eaten at least.

"What's this wine Niles? Maison Lapalus, I've never heard of them."

"Good question Digby, maison Lapalus are a local specialist wine maker who, after losing wine to the fires stored in Harcourt, were gifted various samples of fine wines from fellow vintner friends. They then, based on the profile of each, put together a few blends. The Cosmo here have two; The Renaissance White with Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Arinto and Chardonnay, and the Renaissance Red, a blend of Syrah and Grenache. All sourced from multiple regions. Let's get a bottle of each, I've heard they are rather special and I'm sure Rod will sell us it by the bottle."

Noting Digby was unlikely to shout, Niles went and saw Rod at the bar and returned with two bottles.

Now it was time for the second most important decision, the food.

The father informed the Court that 'when he left his home there was tea, flour, sugar and money in the house... He was very fond of his children...'

Kyneton Guardian, 16 August 1876 page 2

The Bench did not think the prisoner had deserted his children, and discharged him, cautioning him, however, that he must take the little ones and look after them. This he promised to do with many blessings on the Bench and protestations of devoted attachment to his offspring. Father and children were then discharged.

It's hard to imagine how this reunited father and children spent their time while waiting for the mother's trial, scheduled to be held in Kyneton the following month.

Would a jury conclude that the mother was guilty or not guilty of stealing items from a neighbour's home in Trentham?

The Nostalgic Narrator

A few new dishes were noted on the Winter menu. The rich full notes of the white blended wine went wonderfully with the Coq au vin chicken, never mind that it was slow cooked in red wine with bacon and mushrooms. The crispy skinned Snapper, with its slightly sweet and nutty flavour was also a great match. Digby enjoyed his Sher Wagyu rump (done blue of course) with the deeper gusto of the Syrah/Grenache blend. The sometime saucy Uncle Worcester (born in the shire of Worcestershire) was happy to forgo the wine and had a pint or two of the local Harcourt pear cider from the tap with fish and chips.

Daphne ooo'd and aah'd throughout her spicy chorizo pizza and The Dukes would go on for days over the chipotle lamb tacos they had for entree complete with balsamic soaked raisins.

All were happy and the drinks flowed as floors were mopped and fires left to burn out.

Daphne stood and raised her glass, noting annoyingly that Digby had deserted them for the locals at the bar.

"Let's all drink to Niles and may he have many more years of culinary capers ahead!"

"Hear, Hear!!" came the resounding response made even louder as Digby scurried back just in time.

"Never mind dear" he whispered to the long suffering Mrs. Digby, "I've paid the whole bill."

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