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Council news

CARETAKER PERIOD

Council is in the Election Period (Caretaker) until 6pm on 26 October 2024. We have a statutory responsibility to ensure that the elections are conducted fairly, equitably, and without influence from current Council operations. Caretaker period is a time when we limit certain activities – to ensure decisions made are not influenced by, or likely to influence, the upcoming election. During this time, we don't make major decisions, commit to large expenditures, or enter significant contracts that could potentially influence a voter's decision. We will also scale back our communication and engagement activities, so you'll see less social media activity and advertisements.

DJUWANG BARING CELEBRATION

Have you experienced Djuwang Baring (Creswick Trails)? These world-class trails won't disappoint. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned mountain biker, there are trails for every skill level. We also have adaptive trails.

Following the low-key partial early opening in August, we look forward to a community celebration and formal opening of the whole trail network in December. We'll keep you posted on the details in the coming months.

Remember, we are also asking the community to have their say on the 70 segment names required for Djuwang Baring. You can do that at <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au>

ANNUAL REPORT ADOPTED

In September, the Annual Report 2023/2024 was adopted. The Annual Report provides an overview of highlights, achievements and challenges for the past financial year.

The Annual Report provides an overview of how Council performed against the Council Plan objectives, and details performance against the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

The 2023/2024 Finance Carry Forward Report and the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statements 2023/2024 were also adopted 'in-principle' at the Council meeting, and will be signed following final audit clearance.

EMERGENCY EXPO

Saturday, 19 October
10am - 2pm

Victoria Park, 3021 Ballan Road, Daylesford

Meet our first responders and learn how to prepare your properties, families and animals for emergency events including fire, flood and storms.

WIN - lucky door prize worth more than \$200.

Live rescue demonstrations.

Food and drinks available. Free sausage sizzle.

Free family fun

DAYLESFORD PLACES 2ND



Daylesford has won second place at the Australian Tourism Awards, held in Canberra on 10 September.

After being named the best Small Tourism Town in the TAC Victorian Top Tourism Town awards earlier this year, being awarded Silver in the national awards is an incredible achievement. The Silver award is shared with local businesses, community members and of course the Daylesford Macedon Tourism team who continue to advocate for this beautiful pocket of the world. We are exceptionally pleased to see beautiful Daylesford recognised among a competitive cohort of small tourism towns. Exmouth, Western Australia, won Gold and Richmond, Tasmania, came third.

POSITIVE AGEING EXPO 2024

Thursday, 10 October 2024
10am to 3pm

RACV Goldfields, Creswick

Are you 55+? Come along and make new friends and network with other community members, community groups and service providers. Council's Positive Ageing Expo is a free event, with catering. It will be unique, informative and fun! There are guest speakers, stalls and public announcements!

Book your place at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/events

SENIORS FESTIVAL

Victoria's largest seniors' festival is returning from 1-31 October 2024, with lots of opportunities for older Victorians to take part in free and low-cost entertainment and events in our Shire.

- 15 October - Friendship and Fun at the Men's Shed – Men's only session
- 16 October - Friendship and Fun at the Men's Shed - Women's only session
- 23 October - Movement and Fun – Central Highlands Rural Health
- 24 October - Healthy Eating, Healthy Conversations

More information and book your place at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/events



COUNCIL PLAN FOCUS AREAS



A resilient, sustainable and protected environment



A healthy, supported, and empowered community



Embracing our past and planning for the future



Diverse economy and opportunities



A dynamic and responsive council

The Council Plan 2021-2025 describes how Council will strive towards our vision, where to focus efforts, and how to measure progress. Each Focus Area has a series of priority statements, with actions against each item.

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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

October is Council Election month in Victoria.

This is the first time Hepburn will go to the polls as an unsubdivided council to elect 7 councillors to represent the entire shire. The previous Wards – including our local Coliban Ward which guaranteed the Trentham region a seat at the Council table – no longer exist. Let's make sure that Trentham and Districts remain represented and not risk being lost amongst the noise of Hepburn's larger towns. To this end, we are delighted that our Councillor and Mayor, the ubiquitous and inexhaustible Trenthamite Brian Hood is standing again.

Voting in this election is by post only. VEC will begin mailing ballot packs from Monday 7 October. Make sure you post yours back before 6pm on Friday 25 October to have your say (and avoid a fine!)

We welcome the new town committee: Trentham Community Action to our pages here. This group has formed to work to build a stronger and more resilient future for the town and district through active representation, advocacy and collaboration.

We're pleased to share some more Words in Winter winners with you this month and celebrate the diverse talent this festival promotes. Next month we'll share the short story winner (it is the festival that keeps on giving!)

Have a great month!

Regards,
Chris and Penny

Vision Statement

A Vision for Trentham

A big THANK YOU to everyone who signed the petition and to the Trumpet (June) - we now have a Vision Statement written and endorsed by Trentham people rather than the version Council staff and consultants tried to foist on Trentham.

The petition was accepted by Council and referred to the planning process for incorporation into the Town Structure Plan, which was unanimously approved by Council at its Special Meeting, 3 September.

The key element in the Trentham Vision is the first sentence:

Trentham is a friendly, engaged and active community looking towards a resilient and sustainable future.

This describes the community we want to live in and how we will deal with the challenges of an ever-changing future.

It is important we understand 'resilience' and 'sustainability' apply to much more than the environmental issues where we tend to associate those words:

**YOU ARE
INVITED**



2024 Annual General meeting

Come along for a light lunch, followed by the 2024 Annual General Meeting and an entertaining presentation about the lesser-known hotels of our District.

Date Sunday October 20th, 2024

Time 12.30pm- 2.45pm

Venue The Mechanics Trentham
66 High Street, Trentham

All are welcome!

If you would like to come along, please RSVP by Oct 17th. This will help us with catering.

If you would like to nominate someone for the role of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary please email info@trenthamhistoricalsociety.com.au

Questions

Email: info@trenthamhistoricalsociety.com.au
or phone Marie-Claire on 0400 636 966

Resilience is how we and our basic systems – social, economic, natural and technical e.g. water and power supplies – respond to and deal with, sometimes extreme, change.

Sustainability is about maintaining the qualities, features and characteristics we value and want to ensure will be available to future generations.

These are daunting goals and everyone has a part in making our vision a reality - the whole community, our many groups, organisations and the wider network of agencies that serve Trentham.

Embracing the Vision potentially offers everyone a more secure future, a more vibrant community and the opportunity for a more purposeful life.

This is really a 'Life Be In It' opportunity for Trentham – we can't expect anyone else to do it all for us!

Ian MacBean

About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

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



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

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

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

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

thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com

Electronic subscriptions (which we encourage) are available at:

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au

Printed versions can be found in many retail and community outlets in and around Trentham.

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What's on!

CWA - Trentham Night Owls

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

Lions Schedule

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

Sunday Church Services

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

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market
19 October 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap
19 October 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

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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Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

On Our Cover:
At the Station by Chris Campbell

New monthly Seasonal Market
Starting October 27
Trentham Railway Station

Happy Birthday Trentham Lions!

Trentham Lions celebrated its 40th anniversary in September.

Seventy-nine current and retired Trentham and District Lions members, special guests and representatives of many of Trentham's volunteer groups came together for an evening of fine food, fun and fellowship at The Factory. Caterer Emma James and her team produced and served a delicious meal. Lion Tim Walsh did a great job as MC for the evening, which included an interview with two of the original 1984 'pioneers', Neil Rothe (Charter Club President) and Richard Burke (Charter member).

Tim listed some of the projects and activities which have been undertaken to serve the community over the 40 years the club has been operating. The first project being the development of the Quarry Street Reserve now known as Lions Park, completed in 1992 as a wonderful asset for the town.

A selection of the many community projects undertaken over the last 40 years are listed:

- Quarry Street Lions Park. First major project undertaken by Charter members.
- Supply of birthday cakes. Recipients are all residents 80 years or older.
- Carols in the Park. A signature event involving participation from various artists, choirs, technicians, CFA and Primary School.
- Regular Working Bee's. Such as the Trentham Cemetery, and supply of firewood for residents in need.
- Old Time Dance. A very popular monthly event run jointly by the Trentham & Districts Historical Society, Lions Club and dedicated individuals. Ceased during COVID.
- Provision of emergency assistance. Ad hoc financial, in kind or physical help when required.
- Australia Day and Anzac Day. Annual public events involving the RSL, Hepburn Shire and Mayor, Lions Club, Trentham Cemetery Trust, CFA, Trentham Primary School and others.
- Trentham Farmers Market. A major monthly signature event involving stall holders, various volunteer groups and Lions members.
- Trentham Good Friday Collection. A significant source of funds for the Royal Children's Hospital involving Lions, CFA, Trentham Primary School and other collection volunteers.
- Caring for Carers. Supporting those who find themselves caring 24/7 for loved ones.
- Winter Twilight Night & Spudfest. Joining with the community to support local traders.



- Firewood. Splitting and supplying firewood for those in need. Support from Hepburn Shire Community Grants, Steve Smith Firewood and the McLarens for providing the wood yard.
- Raffles. Regular raffles including firewood, monthly markets, Lions events etc. Organised by John & Bette McLaren with prizes from local traders.
- Special Projects. Such as the Alzheimer's program, Lions Hearing and Medical Assistance Dogs program, Lions Skin Check and Awareness Unit (free skin screening throughout Victoria). Support for the Australian Lions Foundation (ALF), Lion's clubs International foundation and Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation (ALWF).

Our aim going forward will be to continue partnering with community, charity and volunteer groups, local, state and federal government, local businesses, Trentham residents and any other like-minded people aligned with our Mission: To improve the lives of people in our community by supporting them in need, and our Vision: Serving our community.

We salute all the voluntary groups, businesses and community-minded people of Trentham for your kind and generous support and acknowledge the great community work you do. We look forward to working with you in the future to continue achieving good outcomes for our community.

Tony van Rensburg





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The Little Gallery

The Little Gallery in Trentham raised a whopping \$10,450 at its annual Winter Show fundraising exhibition which has been donated to this year's nominated recipient, the East Trentham Fellowship.

Multi-award winning local artist Daniel Butterworth opened the show and paid homage to the artists of our region and the support the Little Gallery provides to local artists. The Winter Show received a high number of visitors over the 3 weeks of the exhibition and despite the current economic climate the gallery achieved record sales.

Generous donations by local artists for the raffle created a substantial kitty for the fundraiser so a big thank you to Anneke Holsktra, Ruby Wilson-Peirce, Liz Archer, Sam Bloomfield, Llael McDonald, Fran Harkin, Daniel Butterworth, Helen Cottle, George Lianos, Rose Wilson, Gayle Cykner, Maria Coyle, Ri Van Veen, Phillip Edwards, Ahmet Kandemire, Kim Haughie, Helen McRae, Emma Jimson, Diane Longley & Cate Hansen.

The fundraising element is the cornerstone of the gallery's successful Winter Show exhibitions year after year. It is a way of not only supporting local artists in this highly anticipated annual show but its proceeds are given back to the community. Everyone's a winner and the Little Gallery team was proud to present the 'Big Cheque' to yet another grateful recipient.

Founded by the Late Mario Satori in 2003, The East Trentham Fellowship quietly supports locals in times of need, plus local schools, CFA, and sporting teams.

Quarry Street Reserve

One of the first signs of a change of season is when the Reserve gets mowed again! Or you may be watching the bird life, but it seems there's no ducklings yet. The wattles are out, particularly on the island in the lake, along with the gorse which needs to be removed! The new plants under the bird protection domes are starting to look like it's safe to 'let them out'.

One project recently completed is the (mostly) dry creek bed between the pavilion and the toilet block, as in the photo. The *Dianella tasmanica* in left front corner has been a test case, planted a year ago and is well-established. Other plants now settling in are a mix of *Dianella*, *Poa*, and *Lomandra* and should look that good next year too. There is weed matting under most of the rocks.

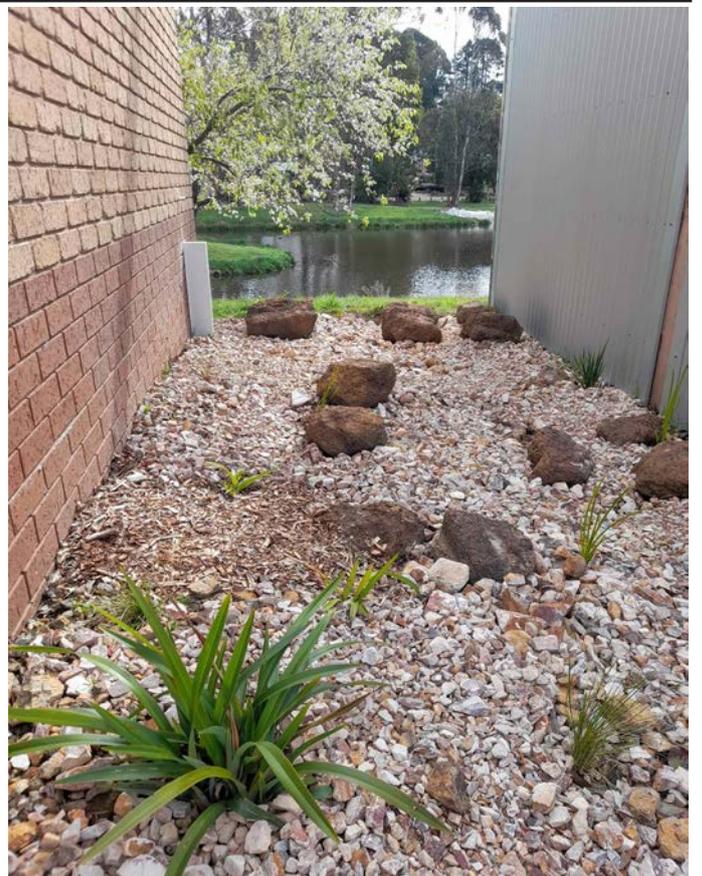
There was excitement recently when a newcomer to the lake was spotted. After a little discussion and research, it turns out to be a Female Hardhead, "a streamlined brown duck with dark head, white tip to bill... likely to nest in well-hidden cup of reeds or other waterside vegetation." (The Slater Field Guide to Australian Birds) Photo thanks to Jane Herbert! So it's worth keeping a lookout!



Paul Bibby, one of the members of the fellowship said they were super impressed by the outcome and thanked the gallery for all their efforts to come up with such a result, and he also thanked the community that got behind it as well. Paul also said this donation will help enormously with the work the organisation does in the community, especially now during these tough economic times.

The East Trentham Fellowship would like to reach out to anyone in the community that may need their help or support in any way by contacting them on 0447 659 654.

*Above: East Trentham Fellowship members and Little Gallery Trentham members and big cheque
L-R Helen Cottle (LGT), Stuart Hunter (ETF), Daryl Shepherd (ETF), Wendy White (ETF), Deb Shepherd (ETF), Colin White (ETF), Paul Bibby (ETF), Rose Wilson (LGT), Kim Haughie (LGT).*



Hepburn Shire Council Elections

Cr. Brian Hood

I am pleased to announce that I am seeking re-election to represent you as your local councillor on Hepburn Shire.

When I stood for election in 2020, I undertook to do three things:

1. To secure a better deal for our end of the Shire with regard to Council investment.
2. To make myself available and represent your interests professionally and respectfully and to act as your local voice.
3. To keep you informed and to be honest and accountable to you, the ratepayer.



As your councillor for the past 4 years I have been integral in ensuring support for important local projects:

- Design and construction of The Mechanics Trentham
- Construction of new facilities at the Trentham sportsground and Quarry St. Reserve
- Repair of the Trentham tennis courts
- Creation of a temporary off-leash dog park
- Faithful restoration of the Bullarto rail station
- Secured funding for significant improvements to Lyonville community hall
- Construction of new footpaths and drainage in Cosmo, High and Victoria Streets
- Secured funding for outdoor fitness equipment at Trentham sportsground

I have encouraged and supported many of our local community groups, who have applied for and received grant funding. I have also seen the immense work undertaken by local volunteers, who put our major events like Spudfest, The Great Lyonville Bake-off and Winterfest, on the map. These events contribute so much to our communities.

I have had the honour of serving as your Mayor for the past two years. That role allowed me to meet, listen and interact with many diverse groups across the Shire, enabling me to appreciate the Shire's needs and how I can best advocate for you, in order to achieve positive outcomes for our community. I have also established effective working relationships with our local federal and state MPs and many others.

As your ward councillor I supported the Trentham community following the devastation of the June 2021 storm and as Mayor I provided compassionate, strong leadership in the aftermath of the November 2023 Daylesford tragedy.

In collaboration with passionate locals I ensured that valuable and crucial community feedback was received by Council on the draft town structure plans, which led to vital revisions being made in order to reflect the views of the community. If re-elected I will continue to listen, work hard and deliver for our community.

Now I need your help.

- Getting re-elected will be more challenging under the new unsubdivided model. There are 12 candidates competing for 7 places. 9 of these 12 are from the larger population centres Daylesford and Creswick. Trentham, Lyonville, Bullarto, Glenlyon and Musk need strong representation, as do all other small population centres across the Shire.
- Hepburn Shire Council is facing significant, well-documented challenges – especially its financial outlook – and that will take thoughtful and strategic decision making to repair. I have an extensive career background in finance, have worked as a CFO and senior executive, and have always been honest and transparent with ratepayers about the issues we face.
- It is more important than ever to have trustworthy, intelligent, independent and reliable councillors in place who can grasp the challenges and make the necessary strategic and financial decisions for the benefit of the whole Shire.
- We need some fresh ideas and thinking. I support Cameron Stone in his bid to be elected. As publican of the Royal Hotel Daylesford, Cameron has strong links into the community, has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and has extensive business knowledge, nous and experience.
- I am supporting the re-election of my colleagues Lesley Hewitt and Don Henderson.
- I also support a stronger presence of women on Council because local womens' voices are vital in decision making.
- Under the new proportional system of voting, it is very important to allocate your preferences wisely. I strongly urge you to follow the preference allocations in my how to vote card.

How to vote	Candidate
4	HENDERSON, Don
6	CLARK, Tony
11	POROCHOWSKY, Christian
10	DRYLIE, Tim
9	SEDGMAN, Derek
8	PETTERSSON, Benny
1	HOOD, Brian
2	STONE, Cameron
12	HOCKEY, Pat
3	HEWITT, Lesley
5	CORNISH, Shirley
7	WINFIELD-GRAY, Bernie

Written & authorised by Brian Hood, PO Box 156 Trentham 3458

Hepburn Shire Council Election

Cr Lesley Hewitt

I was elected in 2020 to represent Birch ward (Daylesford/Hepburn Springs) and am re-nominating for council.



With the introduction of the unsubdivided wards I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you in Trentham and the surrounding areas. Incoming Councillors will have to make decisions for all people across the Shire, not just for the areas where they live/work. I have tried to do this in the past four years supporting funding for projects across the Shire including the Trentham Mechanics, the Trentham Sports Pavilion and the Bullarto Railway Station, and have worked well with Cr Brain Hood, the Coliban Councillor to gain an understanding of the issues and concerns of those in Coliban.

Brian and I have served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor to each other on two occasions (me a mayor in 2020 - 2021 and as deputy in 2022 - 2023). Some of my community connections that have also helped me understand the issues across the whole Shire have included as a Director of Hepburn Health Service (now Central Highlands Rural Health), Words in Winter Committee (2010 - 2014) and Daylesford Riding for the Disabled (2008 - ongoing) with riders from all over the Shire.

Community Bank Trentham & Districts - Supporting our Community

The Vessel & Until Then

Please show your support to Dawn Bamforth's upcoming shows at Trentham Mechanics on 21 October, purchase tickets now to secure your seat.



The shows were presented in Kyneton in 2023, but have been revised and form a completely new show. So if you have seen the Kyneton show, don't let that stop you seeing this new Trentham show.

The Vessel - Is the story of an older woman, in the latter stages of dementia, living in aged care. The play is a deeply personal account of the small acts of kindness in her final days and hours, as she shares memories from her earlier life with the audience.

Until Then - Is about the relationship between a father and his son. Connecting with your dad should be easy and natural, but sometimes we lose touch of what is real and most important in our lives.

The Vessel (50 minutes) Until Then (10 minutes)
Total running time - 60 minutes

Dawn, with the bank's support, has offered a portion of free tickets as free entry for Trentham Aged Care residents. Dawn's community minded spirit and action is exactly the type of project the bank likes to support.

If re-elected I will work to ensure Council's financial sustainability, whilst focusing on the services that local government must provide and that add to liveability for residents. These include maintaining and developing our sport and recreation facilities, our parks and gardens and supporting our vulnerable residents, focusing on our children, our older residents and those with a disability.

My track record demonstrates that I have the willingness to carefully consider all community points of view, not just those in my personal networks, and to work hard to develop the best solutions for most residents and ratepayers across the Shire.

If re-elected I will continue to listen and work hard to ensure the financial sustainability of the Shire and improve the liveability for all of us in this beautiful and special part of Victoria.

Lesley Hewitt

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What can you offer the local community? Reach out with your ideas or funding proposal to Community Investment Coordinator Anjee Anderson aanderson@tccce.com.au or 0409 570 330.

Buy tickets via the QR code:
or
trybooking.com/events/landing/1267342



Trentham Tales

The Trent Nation Brewery

Did you know that Trentham once boasted a brewery?



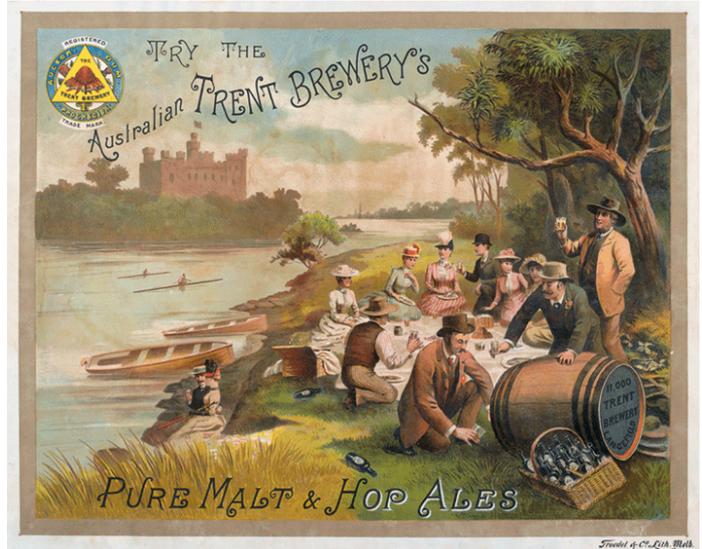
Joseph Barnes was our first brewer when, in 1874, in partnership with Mr Richard Goodge, he established the Goodge & Barnes breweries in Barry's Reef and Trentham. Following bankruptcy in 1879, the Barry's Reef brewery was liquidated, but the Trentham operation remained active, trading its way from insolvency to success.

The Goodge & Barnes Brewery, Trentham - by 1888 the Joseph Barnes & Co Brewery - was located at 18 Blue Mount Rd. Water was drawn from wells on the property: the excellence of the brew being attributed to the superior quality of this water.

Later records show the land housed a weatherboard building used as the brewery, as well as a 5 roomed weatherboard cottage, a smiths shop and outhouses. Mechanical equipment included a 4hp engine and boiler.

Joseph Barnes arrived in the colonies from Cornwall in 1857, spending his early years in Castlemaine and Chewton, where, with wife Annie Bolton, he raised 7 children, ran an earlier brewery and became a respected and active member of the Chewton Borough Council. The Barnes' also ran several hotels across the district, including, the 'Junction Hotel', Tylden (cnr James Lane and Tylden Road). Annie soon took over its management, as she did others, including the Criterion in Castlemaine.

By the 1890s, the Barnes' had moved to Melbourne. The family owned, and Annie ran, the New York Hotel, where they lived during Joseph's lengthy confinement, and subsequent death in 1898, from 'dropsy' (oedema). Following his death, Joseph's son - also Joseph - took over the running of the Trentham brewery. However, in a tragic twist, just 6 weeks after Barnes Snr's burial, Joseph Jnr was also dead.



"Having attended the funeral of the late Mr Toomey of Trentham, [Joseph Jnr] contracted a cold, which rapidly developed into inflammation of the lungs. All possible was done for him by Dr Sleeman, of Trentham, ...but it terminated fatally at 11 o'clock on Monday night" (Kyneton Observer, October 1898). Faced with such sadness, in 1899 Annie Barnes chose to lease the brewery to the Nation brothers (James, Thomas, Alfred and Walter).

The Nations maintained the business in Blue Mount Road for some years, themselves living in Cosmo Road, before they went on, in 1908, to buy the operation. It was then moved to Kyneton, but kept the Trentham connection by calling itself "Nation's Trent Brewery, Kyneton". Sales apparently slumped following the move, attributed by many to the 'poorer quality' of the Kyneton water. By 1914, the breweries in both towns had closed. While the property and brewing equipment, was subsequently bought by the Kyneton & Trentham Breweries Ltd, the Trentham brewery itself never re-opened.

If you're interested in hearing more about our District's hotels, join us from 12.30-3.00 at the Mechanics for the TDHS AGM. Light lunch and meeting, followed by a presentation on our lesser-known hotels. See page 3 for details

Sue Worthington
Trentham & Districts Historical Society

Above: Trent Brewery, c. 1905, Aust Posters online.

Interior Design

Ice Cream and Sorbet

I remember as a child my mother making her own ice cream. I liked chocolate, my sister preferred strawberry, and dad liked good old vanilla. There were fruit sorbets in season, and the occasional experiment with mint leaves, dry biscuits and different berries.

Just like our home interiors, the colour possibilities of ice cream are endless. I'm thinking about the fun you can have at the ice cream counter mixing colours and flavours. Textures and possibilities can inspire domestic spring interior updates, as well as pleasing our stomachs!

Pistachio is a slightly greyish off-green colour, as a paint colour it's subtle yet invigorating, soft and refreshing, without being too bold; a soft green colour in nature - every conceivable colour looks great paired with it.

Raspberry is a strong pink with blue undertones; it's flavoursome, a little tangy and appreciated by young and old. Being warm it's evocative, with feelings of passion, but not as fiery as rich cherry reds (that's another flavour combination, perhaps my favourite, little chunks of berry flavoured gelatine adding texture, backed with rich chocolate like a Cherry Ripe - simply divine!).

Deep pinks work well in traditional and contemporary homes, paired with rich jewel tones. Visually, I like the balance of chocolate and brighter colour contrasts.

Toffee and caramels blend perfectly with vanilla flavours. Always an easy go-to colour palette, they're all about understated elegance. Being a neutral base, these tones are perfect for showcasing your favourite possessions, without overloading your senses.

Adding softer whites makes colours lighter and creamier, more like pastel shades. Strawberries and peaches invigorate our senses, much like a fizz of effervescence. Or, if you prefer, call them corals and tangy oranges. Either way, they produce cozy spaces or elevate small décor details - perhaps a splash of colour across a cushion?



Bubble gums can be either a distinct bluish green or a blue-based pink; bold and youthful, with joyful energy. They are playful colours, definitely for smallish details in artwork or perhaps as summer table napery.

Now that we're coming closer to ice cream weather, consider how different flavour combinations result in a mix of their related colours. Is there a link between flavours and being attracted to the corresponding colours? I'm no expert, but I think there is!

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Words in Winter - Poetry winner

*Before enlightenment, chop wood and carry water.
After enlightenment, chop wood and carry water.
Zen Proverb*

That Morning

That morning
I witnessed the sun
pour the first
rays of light
into the beggar's bowl
of earth.

It, and the far-off horizon,
welcomed me
into a moment
of precious intimacy.

The birds,
as they brushed the sky
with life,
swept my spirit up
into their wings.

The wind,
enveloping and affable,
breathed a coolness
against my face.

The grass,
resplendent in
watery dew,
sparkled a carpet
beneath my feet
on the woodland floor.

The dark fertile soil
offered up
a perfumed aroma,
the smell
of organic decay
mixed with
the scented spice
of new growth.

The trees
surrounding me
spoke silently together
in the ancient language
they have shared
since their ancestor's seeds
first erupted
and broke through
earth's soil.

That morning
I sensed
the forest's heartbeat
pulse in rhythm
with my own.

Everything!
Everything in that moment
belonged—each to the other—
just as I belonged.

That morning
I gained
a flicker of wisdom
and offered
a grateful acceptance
to the mystery
and miracle
of life.

That morning
everything changed,
yet everything
remained exactly
as before.
So did I.

J.L. Ladouceur



Words in Winter - 50 Word Story winners

Red Beard aglow for Winterfest show
Red Fairy Land on freezing evening
Alex munched on warm croissant
Jess did same
Their gazes met.
Laughing, they left, walking out into High Street.
Croissants beckoned them back with red lights on.
In the morning they met again
Red Beard closed.
Chapter two next year.

Patricia Perrett

Gerald received a strange phone call one night from an unknown caller.
All they did was sneeze on the call.
Gerald wondered who it was, so he called all the people he knew.
Then, he called Jilly who said, "My cat knows how to use it," and it was the cat!

Ana Payne
[aged 9]

Councillor's Report

Council meeting – Key outcomes from the September Council meeting were the adoption of the audited 23/24 financial statements and annual report; a report acknowledging the Local Government Inspectorate's conclusion of the Rex investigation; the awarding of a \$450,000 contract for sealed road patching works; and the awarding of a \$1m contract for roof restoration works at Daylesford Town hall.

The headlines from the 23/24 financial statements include – a deficit of \$9.88m for the 23/24 year. That is by far the largest deficit incurred by Council. After excluding grants and contributions used to fund capital works which were accounted for in the income statement, the adjusted underlying deficit was almost \$15.5m. The cash balance at 30 June 2024 was \$7.8m which is \$10.6m lower than the previous year, and \$4.8m less than what is needed to cover reserves, trust funds, deposits and the cost of partially completed projects carried forward into the 24/25 year. This reality, and the recently disclosed projected cash shortfall of \$4m pa, strongly suggests that corrective action must be urgently implemented in order to ensure Council's ongoing viability. Realigning Council's strategic direction and priorities to its constrained financial capacity would be a good start. The ability to secure such a turnaround is inherently linked to the upcoming Council election.

In a shock announcement the Local Government Inspectorate concluded that, after 5 years' of investigation, it would (a) not take any disciplinary or legal action against those responsible for the Rex fiasco and (b) that it would not issue ANY report on the matter. This extraordinary outcome denies the community, councillors and Council officers any transparency on what occurred and lacks any semblance of accountability. The LGI attributed their conclusion to a "lack of evidence". It should be remembered that Council officers back in 2018 self-reported the matter to IBAC and the LGI, taking the serious step of reporting to independent regulatory authorities out of their concerns. The LGI's announcement at least acknowledges the current councillor group and management team have implemented steps aimed at preventing a recurrence. The Rex fiasco cost Council and ratepayers \$5.5m and caused significant reputational damage. The September Council meeting noted the LGI's conclusion with significant disappointment. The CEO and I have sought assurance from the Attorney-General and Minister for Local Government that the Inspectorate has the necessary powers and resources to conduct investigations in a timely manner and to issue reports. It remains to be seen if this appalling outcome draws a line in the sand and ends the matter once and for all.

The \$1m works at Daylesford Town Hall will include the replacement of its roof. Further works to replace the entire electrical systems will be the subject of a future contract at an estimated cost of around \$800,000. The town hall was largely neglected during the years of misguided attention on the Rex. Work will continue to explore options and concept designs for the housing of the Daylesford library and the provision of new community facilities into the renovated town hall.

The September meeting ended in extraordinary circumstances. As noted in the publicly available minutes:

"17. CLOSE OF MEETING The meeting lapsed at 9:21pm for want of a quorum."

That situation was a shock ending to the meeting and Council's term ahead of the October election. I wish to put on record and assure everyone that I remained in my position chairing the meeting as Mayor and representing Coliban ward as councillor. Councillors are elected and paid to make decisions. Councillors are obligated under 28(1)(a) and (b) of the LG Act to participate in Council's decision making in the best interests of the community and obliged under 28(2)(b) to act in accordance with the standards of conduct.

No matter what decisions need to be made I will not abandon my duty and will not cut and run.

Daylesford tragedy November 2023 – Given the legal nature of the outcome of the very recent committal hearing I will only comment that my thoughts are with the families and friends of the victims; with first responders and community members who assisted in the awful aftermath; and with the broader Shire community. As we approach the first anniversary Council is working with the families and various experts to determine a respectful and sensitive way in which to mark the occasion. Announcements will follow in due course.

Mayoral duties – in the report I delivered to the September meeting I reflected on some key aspects of the 4-year term and looked to the future, noting that the past month has of course been dominated by two Special Meetings and the extensive community consultation that led up to them. In a major step forward the unanimous adoption of the five town structure plans and rural strategy sets the scene for a significant body of work to be undertaken in conjunction with the community. That work, along with realigning Council's strategic direction and priorities to its constrained financial capacity, should be Council's highest priorities for some time.

The annual report was also adopted at this meeting and is available on Council's website. I encourage you to have a look in the rearview mirror for a full breakdown of the shire's major events and achievements in 2024. But for me the highlights of 23/24 include the advancement of the ambitious and critically important Future Hepburn program; completing or advancing major capital projects such as the Mechanics Trentham, Central Springs Reserve and Creswick Trails (Djuwang Baring). The gold Victorian award and silver national awards for tourism in Daylesford are also standouts.

Of course it would also be timely to quickly glance back at the past 4 years as this term comes to an end. There have been three major themes – Council's response to emergencies such as the numerous floods and June 2021 storm; addressing a myriad of legacy issues; and an ambitious and expansive capital works program.

Councillor's Report

In my view Council's handling of the COVID pandemic and the various severe weather events was exemplary. The appropriate support was extended to the community on all occasions. Similarly the tragic incident in Daylesford almost a year ago was sensitively handled.

The reality was that this councillor group had no choice other than to tackle a number of inherited legacy issues. The aforementioned neglect of planning regulations was embraced through the Future Hepburn program. A suite of policies and strategies too many to mention were created in conjunction with officers. And of course the albatross at 47-51 Vincent St was finally let loose.

We embarked on an ambitious capital works program – some of our own doing, some inherited but needing completion. By my reckoning the capex program over the past 4 years exceeded \$50m, funded by \$21m in grants and \$29m in Council funds. And that doesn't include the \$15m in storm and flood recovery works. (Council received only \$11.7m in disaster relief funding).

Having taken that glimpse in the rear-view mirror I finish this report with what I see through the windscreen. The fast-approaching \$4m pa cash shortfall screams out for a change in direction. A strategic realignment is required, taking Council's direction back into the mainstream core functions and thereby living within our means. Priority setting will be key. Council cannot speed past the sign-posts disclosing deficits of \$20m over the past 4 years. A dab on the brakes would be wise too. The new councillor group certainly has a monumental task.

Council elections – The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will conduct elections for all 79 Councils across Victoria on October 26 2024. Voting papers will be sent to residents from October 7 and voting is by mail.

Information on voting, the changed electoral structure for Hepburn Shire, candidacy and other matters is available on Council's website here [Local Government election Hepburn Shire Council](#) and the VEC website. Councillors still retain their normal role until October 25 but no meetings will be held and no major decisions can be made during that period.

At the conclusion of nominations 12 people are standing as candidates for the 7 councillor positions. Four sitting councillors, including myself, are seeking re-election.

When commenting on the new unsubdivided model for Hepburn Shire I expressed concerns that the smaller population centres may not be represented as over 60% of the Shire's population reside in Daylesford and Creswick. Those fears remain – 9 of the 12 candidates are from Daylesford and Creswick.

More information on the election will follow.

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

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

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

Upcoming Council meeting dates – there are no Council meetings in October and November. The first meeting of the next term is scheduled for the 17th December.

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At The Station

Trentham Station Market

Our proposed market, now named "Seasonal Market" is still looking for stallholders. It would be a fantastic outcome for the town (lots of visitors) and some urgently needed fundraising for TRATA (all towards making the railway precinct a great asset for the town)

The first market will be free to stallholders, and continuing free for not for profit organizations within our township. Subsequent markets will cost \$10 for a stall holders not requiring power. The dates for 2024 are :

- 27 October
- 24 November
- 15 December

If interested, please email trataattrentham@gmail.com and let us know what you would be selling.

Trentham and District Community Bank Grant.

We have received fantastic news from our community bank. Our 15+ years old mower is finally being replaced with a new state of the art mower. The volunteers have to keep approx 4 acres of land in pristine condition for everybody to use, and there will be no more visits to the chiropractor by our volunteers now we have a new one!

We cannot thank our community bank enough for this urgent equipment replacement, and especially from the volunteers who give up their time to keep the railway precinct a great recreational area for our community.

Working Bee

We had a great turn out for our September working bee.

Trentham Sustainability Group

Climate Change again...

Well, we are the sustainability group.



What is the difference between climate and weather? Weather refers to short-term atmospheric conditions, while climate is the weather of a specific region averaged over a long period of time. I understand that the long period of time used by climate scientists is 30 years. Climate (despite being complex) changes much more slowly than weather so it is much easier to predict.

In Australia we are already experiencing higher temperatures, more extreme droughts, fire seasons (we must take heed) and floods. Australia's average temperature has increased on average by 1.47 ± 0.24 °C since national records began in 1910. The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement's central aim is to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase globally to 1.5 degrees.

With very high confidence, the CSIRO and BOM project that hot days will become more frequent and hotter, sea levels will rise, oceans will become more acidic and snow depths will decline. Do you think we are already seeing less snow here? With high confidence, both institutions project that extreme rainfall events will become more intense. Do you think our winters are as cold as they used to be? Extreme weather events like bushfires, floods and coral

Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time and energy. Gravel was spread around the new garden edges, a very cold job given that it snowed later in the day. The BBQ kitchen area was cleaned out, floors in the station were washed and fridges moved. The weatherboard walls were washed down inside ready for painting. When completed, the BBQ kitchen will be available for community use.

Inventory

We have finally completed an inventory of the many journals, record books, and railway user manuals that were used by the station staff 1880 -1978. Once cataloged, many of these will be on display when events are held at the railway precinct. We also found lots of other stuff relating to railway lines within Victoria.

VicTrack Grant 24/25

We have applied for this grant, seeking funding to repair and paint the existing post and wire fence running along the platform, replace the out of character paling fence, and create a new garden for everyone to enjoy.

Membership

To continue the maintenance and preservation of the Trentham Railway Precinct, new members are always welcome. The precinct is entirely managed by volunteers

Phil Davis

Secretary

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bleaching push wildlife and their habitats to their limits. Nearly 3 billion animals were impacted by the devastating 2019-20 bushfires and Australia currently has the highest mammal extinction rate in the world. By acting locally, we will be able to play a part in mitigating this problem. We will look at this in the next issue.

Craig Castree Healthy soil and vegetable patches

A wonderful evening was had with the erudite horticulturalist Craig Castree. We learned a number of lessons including that you really feed your soil and not your plants, not to turn your soil over as you upset all the microbes and bacterial matter living there and to mulch, mulch, mulch - but not too thick as the soil needs oxygen. Craig has a number of very interesting books and chats if you are interested further. craigcastree.com.au/

Fashion Swap

Our very successful Family Fashion Swap will be held on Sunday October 20 at the Mechanics Trentham. From 1pm until 3pm, this time men will be able to swap their once loved clothes as well. Whoo hoo.

Membership

If you would like to become a member, please go to our website trenthamsustainabilitygroup.com Perhaps you could share your ideas about climate change and other issues? Email: trataattrentham@gmail.com

The Trentham Garden

Putting your Stamp on a Garden

To me the most beautiful gardens are those infused with the personalities of the owners. Often, there are layers put into place by the previous owners too, and developing the garden becomes a kind of elaboration on existing patterns and themes. How do you make a garden your own?

A garden definitely doesn't stand still, so change always needs to be embraced and this will often prompt alternations in style. Plants become old and need replacing, light levels change due to growing trees etc and lifestyle patterns alter over the generations.

Where possible, it's good to use existing features, but often we need to make big decisions to properly update the garden. The building of large new features will prompt these these changes and they need to be done confidently in order to be successful; using a garden designer can come in handy in these cases. A garden usually benefits from a strong concept rather than just being the result of haphazard decisions made in the moment.

Sometimes the changes are smaller and are more questions of taste. Again, confidence is key here. For example, changing a white and blue scheme by adding yellow could work brilliantly, but the yellow would probably work best repeated throught the garden bed to reinforce the effect and make it look purposeful.

Due to the busier lifestyles and smaller gardens of the last couple of decades, the nursery industry has responded by selecting and developing cultivars which stay compact and perform well with minimal additional pruning and maintenance. Much of the unnecessary work in older gardens is due to inappropriate planting - so updating and refining the plant selection can do a lot to reduce your gardening workload!



There is so much about garden design which is personal preference; colour, style, amount of privacy required etc. There is certainly logic in waiting until you have settled into a new house before updating the garden, but don't forget that a garden takes time to grow, so get started on tailoring your garden to you and your family.

Kaz Krasovskis
Garden designer
Insta: kazkrasovskis

Above: Established features such as trees like this beautiful Magnolia soulangeana often help set the style for a garden

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Cool Country Men's Shed

We are pleased to announce that Cool Country Men's Shed has launched its website which can be accessed at www.coolcountrymensshed.org.au.

This event is something we are very proud of and hope that it enables the Shed to connect to a wider audience and for the community to more effectively connect with the Shed.

Our aim is to further communicate with our community and for new Trentham residents to easily access information about who we are and what we do and to reach out to men, encouraging them to take the next step and become a Shed member. Our Shed is a place where men can visit and stand 'shoulder to shoulder' to support and improve their general well-being and mental health.

Cool Country Men's Shed prides itself on making people welcome and also opening its Shed facilities for use by community groups. The Shed is a friendly environment

that allows men to visit it and enjoy the company of other men and/or engage in a variety of personal and community activities that make a positive contribution to our community.

We hope that you find our website informative and helpful which includes our contact details. In addition to the website, please take note of our new email address info@coolcountrymensshed.org.au.

We are always happy to receive any feedback about our organisation, so feel free to contact us with your comments.

Joe Bonnici
Secretary
Cool Country Men's Shed Inc.

Trentham District Landcare Group

The AGM will be held at
7pm on Wednesday 6 November in the
Pig and Whistle Hotel dining room at East Trentham.

It will be immediately followed by a guest speaker:
Brian Bainbridge, Hepburn Shire Council Biodiversity Officer: Biodiversity in the Trentham Area.

We look forward to our members and friends joining us.

Uniting Church Again Rejects Affordable Housing

The former St Andrew's church site on the Market and Camp Street corner remains empty. Why not have it used for affordable housing?

That's what we proposed to Uniting Church authorities back in May... but Uniting Housing insists there is no demand for affordable housing in Trentham.

This is a peculiar view from a 'caring' institution in the middle of a national housing crisis, a political impasse on action and the release of a report that shows housing affordability in Victoria has dropped to its worst on record.*

Meanwhile Uniting Housing passes the buck to Uniting Property, which just wants the money – selling an asset that morally belongs to this community!

Maybe a handful of units in Trentham won't do much for the national crisis, so why does Trentham need more affordable housing?

A mix of housing options is needed for workers in aged care, child care and hospitality all of which are a direct benefit to our town. There is also a humanitarian need to respond to long-term housing insecurity experienced by many people, especially older women.

If any of this makes you angry when we could be doing something to help – it should (we are!). If you've got any ideas or know any philanthropists, please contact us.

The miserable offer of a 10% discount off market value by the Uniting Property doesn't allow for a viable affordable housing project but we have explored this option. We are reluctant to pursue this 'offer' given Trentham's claim on the property but want to engage the community in determining the fate of this property – the last uncommitted 'community space' in the central township.

* <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-09-21/new-report-finds-victorias-housing-affordability/104380694>

Glenda Holmes, Brian Hood, Ian MacBean (0438 529 481), Andy Robertson (0419 896 389), Charles Sherlock and David Evans (Homeward Housing)

Trentham Community Action

New Town Committee

The public meeting held at The Mechanics on Tuesday 24 September voted to formalise a town committee with the name Trentham Community Action. 'Trentham Community' is to be understood to mean 'Trentham and districts'

With 37 attendees - and 26 apologies - there was plenty of discussion on various aspects of the process. Brian Hood chaired the meeting and supported the need for such a group in the light of recent issues resulting from the Council Draft Structure Plan. It was acknowledged that much had been achieved by the previous Trentham Community Forum and that it was a good time for a re-boot.

As expected, it took some time to decide on the name! The main motion was -

- That this public meeting of citizens/residents agree to establish an incorporated association pursuant to the Incorporation Association Act 2012 and adopt the Model Rules under that Act, Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- The purpose of Trentham Community Action is to work to build a stronger and more resilient future for the town and district through active representation, advocacy and collaboration.

Membership will be open to all citizens resident in Trentham and district along with community groups.

St Mary Magdalene's

Musings from St Mary Magdalene's

Well, it would seem that Spring is finally upon us. A time of sunshine and sudden storms. A time of wind, rain, and even snow, but also a time of warm sun with the days getting noticeably longer. A time when the bright colours of daffodil and hyacinth are often contrasted against the grey of a rain laden sky. All this is gifted to us. The sudden sun shines brightly because it follows the rain. The showers that sweep through leave the world green and fresh. All this is gifted to us but we don't always appreciate the gift.

Storms and sun pass through our lives as well, and they can come just as suddenly. Things can seem to be going well, then some sudden trouble hits like a storm. Life can seem dark and hard only for joy to break through like the sudden sun, perhaps simply in the kind word of a friend. All this too is gifted to us, but it can be difficult, at times gut wrenchingly hard, to appreciate the gift. Very often we would rather our gifts were otherwise.

In Christian thought there is an idea called 'the sacrament of the present moment'. It holds that each moment of our lives is gifted to us by God and it is only in the present moment, only in the moment that we are living now, that we can find him. Not in the past which is gone. Not in the future which is unknown. Now is his gift to us. Accepting it is our only way to peace.

Deacon Joe

The Membership Fee for 2024-2025 will be \$0.

Proposed operating model – the key elements are:

- informed and active member participation – operationally a flat structure with project teams as needed where all members can participate;
- all members able to vote on priorities and recommended action.

Basic principles according to the purposes of the group:

- addressing community needs/issues not otherwise covered;
- not duplicate any other group;
- the whole greater than the sum of the parts;
- taking responsibility for our future – the subsidiarity principle.

A volunteer committee was formed to instigate the process for Incorporation, set up bank account, insurance, and accept membership. This committee comprises, John Brereton, Jennifer Collins, Fay Magee, John Osborne, Kaz Williams, and possibly one other to be confirmed. The next community meeting will formalise these matters and elect an ongoing committee.

There is still much to unpack but there is optimism that this is a good step forward!

St George's

News and Reflections from St George's

The church news is that St George's Trentham is now officially the third centre in the parish of Kyneton-Malmsbury. We celebrated with a joint service at Malmsbury in September and we felt well accepted into our new tribe. We are changing the noticeboard to reflect this. Meanwhile Sunday worship continues at 9am with the usual friendly-traditional flavour. One delightful recent innovation is to interview a willing parishioner about their life and faith on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Blessing of the Animals will happen at the Farmers' Market Saturday 19th from 10-11am, starting of course with a rousing chorus of All Things Bright and Beautiful. You will be asked for your pet's name and one endearing quality for their individual blessing. It is an outside venue so larger animals are welcome.

My inside cat has been keeping a keen neighbourhood watch over Quarry Street Lake recently. She was amused by the duck's chasing games, then they looked for good nesting spots, and we expect ducklings any day now. The local magpies are pretty friendly and respond well to humans looking them in the eye and saying hullo, rather than ducking their heads. I once had a cheeky bird swoop between myself and a friend standing just two feet away. Perhaps it was the same chap who was waiting for me to dig up worms in the garden. When I said Hullo, it responded three times in English. The quiet ravens now come and tap on the window for a handout even though I have never given them any hint of a treat. And the cockatoos have kindly left my daffodil bulbs alone this year. How blessed we are in Trentham with all the wonders of creation!

90 Years of Trentham Healthcare

Last month Central Highlands Rural Health celebrated 90 years of the Trentham Bush Nursing Hospital which was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Huntingfield on 7 September 1934. The celebrations included: a free exhibition of hospital memorabilia at The Mechanics Trentham, a formal dinner at The Cosmopolitan Hotel and an afternoon tea with residents and volunteers at Trentham Aged Care hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary.

Many former staff and Trentham locals attended the exhibition on Saturday and the room was filled with cherished memories of time spent at the health service and of people past and present. The exhibition featured old medical instruments, an antique wheelchair, books, articles and reports as well as many photo albums.

A highlight at the event was the interview records with former staff and volunteers Mary Walsh, Kath Morrison, Cath O'Connell, Kit Manning, Joy Justice and current Director of Nursing Tracey Michalczak along with a documentary on Dr Gwen Wisewould provided by Her Place Women's Museum and a Walsh family video of her funeral.

The three-course dinner hosted by CHRH Board Chair, The Hon. Mary Delahunty, featured guest speakers The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP and Mayor Brian Hood (*above right*) who reflected on the history and future of Trentham Health. Guests were treated to the musical talents of Walsh family members Madelene Sutton, Allison Walsh and Finbarr Walsh who performed an unforgettable acapella rendition of Deborah Cheetham's Welcome to Country song.

Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

All in the Timing

Calendar wise, the season is Spring and perhaps our assumptions are sunshine and warmth. I think the few luscious days in August duped us into thinking Winter had passed. The vagaries of the weather are just that.

However, there is some pressure as a garden lover to not get caught leaving our Spring plantings too late in the season. The ground is ripe for many native species, with soil saturated from the constancy of wonderful rains. Although we may continue to have low overnight temperatures, I'm hopeful the worst of the frosts and ice / snow like Saturday 14/9, will be behind us. Of course, I may be wrong and my current enthusiasm for planting out the south side of our front dam may backfire!

My last contribution spoke of planting the back of our property to hopefully provide a corridor to connect with our neighbour's remnant forest. This in its' maturity and my enthusiasm, would provide shelter and food for all native critters great and small. I left the planting until late Spring, needed to water through the summer with the tanker and have now counted the loss of tender young plants and trees to this years' severe frosts. All were healthy tube- stock, most have survived, not entirely thrived and a good 10 out of the 70 need replacing. I guess that's not too bad overall.

While I replace many of the protectors for a newer sturdy style and replace the lost plants/trees, I have started on



The event also showcased a silent auction and a raffle that together raised just over \$3,000 for local residential aged care, community health and community nursing services. Special thanks to the Heggie family for generously donating many artworks for the auction.

The final celebration was an afternoon tea for the residents and volunteers at Trentham Aged Care hosted by the Trentham Hospital Auxiliary who catered and decorated the dining room and shared a cuppa with those in attendance. Before singing Happy Birthday and cutting the cake donated by the Trentham Bakery, Trentham Aged Care was presented with a Robert Croft artwork anonymously donated to the facility for the enjoyment of its residents.

the next project, the south side of the front dam. I have chosen smaller native grasses and lower growing flowering plants to bring colour, nectar and shelter.



Jeremy Neale from Wombat Natives in Bullarto is my go-to person for guidance and stock. Whilst Saturday 14/9 saw me optimistically heading down there between the fronts of ice and snow to continue, I managed to dig 5 holes before having to flee on the ride-on up the hill with the hail biting into my face! It's a big project, but I set myself small goals like 6 holes, 6 plantings, 6 protectors at a time and surprisingly I did 12 after that rather pretty but brutal weather day. I've almost finished the first round of 'pods' across the top, future planting will sit behind to number perhaps 3 rows. In time they will all grow into each other to provide the picture and purpose I have in my head. Hopefully! Here are a few of the plantings (rather mouthfuls!)

- Carex appresa
- Poa labillardierei
- Lomandra longifolia
- Calocephalus citreus
- Coronidium scorpioides

Susie
Hepburn Gardens For Wildlife/Trentham

Barfly Bob

Hello again music lovers. I returned from travelling up north just in time to catch Mick Thomas and Brooke Taylor play in the stables at the Cosmo at the end of August.

Before the show I enjoyed a fine dinner up in the dining room. With seasonal food and local wines you're always assured a good feed here - the Sher Wagyu rump steak with a glass of the Kyneton Ridge Shiraz being my go to.

Then it's a short walk through the gardens to the stables where there's a bar, a couple of wood heaters and a lovely fairy lit stage for the artists.

Multi ARIA award winner Mick Thomas, once the front man of Weddings, Parties, Anything (WPA) has been and still is a staple of the Australian folk and rock scene. Brooke opened the show (showing no signs of jet lag after arriving from Ireland just the day before) with a few of her own songs including some off her new album "There's Magic in Mistakes".

Brooke was then joined by Mick and they rolled out memorable songs from the WPA days, Mick's solo works and their mutual band; Mick Thomas and the Roving Commission.

Having been fortunate enough to have seen Mick and friends play live for well over 30 years I was thrilled to hear some old WPA standards like Tale they won't believe, Father's Day (perfect for Father's Day eve!) and Monday's



Experts. Other more recent tunes like Gallipoli Rosemary and Back in the Day became new favourites.

A very enjoyable gig with a good chat afterwards with the artists fully sated this music fan's appetite after several weeks alone in the outback.

If you like your rock with a country lilt and just a hint of punk energy then I recommend you check these guys out.

On October 3 the Cosmopolitan has managed to get Adalita up to play with guest Daisy Kilbourne. Adalita is a coup for Trentham. Yet another ARIA award winning artist, once the lead singer of Magic Dirt now a highly considered solo artist. Get in quick as it's sure to sell out. I've got my ticket.

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Trentham Bowling Club

Our History So Far

Starting with a public meeting in January 1962, Trentham folk showed a keen interest in forming a bowling club.

Councillor J.G. Rothe chaired the meeting and Dr O'Loughlin, a Gisborne doctor, spoke of the benefits such a club would provide to the town.

Moving quickly, a committee was formed with Jim Hutcheson as President and Jim Fairless as Secretary. Negotiations took place to lease land which was part of the Trentham Park and Recreation Reserve. With a lease agreement secured, work began on creating the green. This is the land our club still resides on. Earth moving machinery was borrowed to level the land. Loans and donations enabled the purchase of materials to create the green as well as landscaping the surrounding area.

On the 3 November 1963 Councillor A.J. McCarthy, Shire President, officially opened the Trentham Bowling Club. Straight after the official opening, the first competition bowls rolled down the new green.

The first clubhouse was a machinery shed till 1965, when Clive Robson and his sons planned and built the Clubhouse. By 2003 the original grass green was in need of replacement. Club members worked to gain sponsorship money as well as funding from the State government and Hepburn Shire Council who carried out the works.

The original green was cut up into strips, rolled up and taken to Gisborne Golf Club where it was put to further use. The new green at Trentham Bowling Club was ready for the opening of the 2004-2005 season.

Trentham Dance is Back!

There has been dancing in the Trentham Mechanics ever since it was built in 1881. John Cook ran the monthly dance for 27 years before he left town a few years ago. That incarnation of the dance was supported by the Historical Society and the Lions Club, working away in the kitchen while the dancers enjoyed the music of Family Rhythm in the hall. It was interrupted by COVID and the closure of the hall during renovations.

The new Trentham dance is the same as before – but different! The first one was held on Sunday 8 September, organised by a group of local dancers, and drawing 98 people to enjoy Rod McKenzie's wonderful music. The larger hall allowed a wider variety of dances and the tech facilities allowed an electronic display for the programme. However, the friendly atmosphere and the vast country spread for afternoon tea was just like old times, and we are looking forward to the next occasion – **Sunday 13 October at 1.30 pm** with Philip Brown providing the music.

We'd love to see more local faces- both on the dance floor and in the Working Group. Perhaps there is an appetite for learning a dance or remembering what you once knew, maybe even a local person willing to teach? At the start of a new venture it doesn't hurt to let the imagination fly...

Enquiries: Ina and Graeme (5424 1449), Noelene (0428 464 664)

The Trentham Bowling Club Associates (Women) held their first meeting on the banks of the green in November 1963. Of the 10 women present, office bearers elected were President Dot Davie and Secretary Isabelle Gillis.



The business of the day was tabled as preparation to 'serve afternoon tea for the official opening in 2 day's time'. At this time women were only playing social bowls and continued to cater for Men's events while fund raising for the construction of the clubroom was going on.

Affiliation with Gisborne and Districts Ladies Bowling Association enabled the entry of a Pennant team to the District competitions in 1966. It was 1998 when Women were admitted to full membership of the Trentham Bowling Club, until then, under club rules, they could be Associate members only.

Trentham Bowling Club has won its fair share of competition trophies and Premierships along the way and has always 'bowled above its weight'. We continue to enter teams in both Saturday and Tuesday divisions of the Central Highland Bowling Division. The club is always looking for people to play pennant bowls.

As well as pennants, our regular Friday evening Bare Foot Bowls sessions are always well attended and are a lot of fun. The bar is open and there's sausages on the barbie. At \$5.00/head (free for kids) it's a great way to end the working week.

Keep a look out on Facebook and posters around town for Friday Bare Foot Bowls dates. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Mount Players

Our 4th production for the year opens Friday 1 November: 'A Bunch of Amateurs' by Ian Hislop and Nick Newham directed by Sonja Prater and Craig Lenaine-Smith.

In a desperate plight to save their theatre from developers, a washed-up Hollywood Star is flown in to play the title role in King Lear at "Stratford" believing he will be appearing onstage at the legendary RST in Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Instead, he finds he has signed on with the "Stratford Players" in the Suffolk village of Stratford St John. The local villagers are somewhat of a motley crew and are naturally delighted to have such an - albeit unsuccessful - star playing with them. As acting worlds collide and Jefferson's career implodes, he discovers some truths about himself – along with his inner Lear!

For full details and tickets to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

If you haven't been to our theatre then do yourself a favour and come along. With a fantastic show, complimentary sherry on arrival, a well priced bar and complimentary tea, coffee and treats at interval... it's great value... you'll love it!

See you at the theatre.

Karen Hunt

Food for Thought

Eating 30 plants a week

We know that we should have 5 serves of fruit and vegetables a day. But now according to some scientists and the health industry the aim is 30 plants a week. (Although that's 5 less than before, let's not split peas over that!)

It has come about over the past couple of years, based on research by the American Gut Project and Professor Spector of King's College London, one of Britain's leading gut health experts. The project looked at the diets of 11,000 participants, and found those who ate 30 different plants per week is decreasing the risk of illness and improving brain function, nutrient status and good gut health.

Parkinson's disease Australian researchers hope to slow or stop the progression of the disease by targeting the gut rather than the brain. Queensland University of Technology has been awarded \$4 million for the four-year trial that will look at combating the illness by altering gut health.

Well what to eat? Some vegetables were always considered to be boiled and over boiled in a lot of cases. Try cauliflower or broccoli cut into florets sprinkled with a little black pepper and a splash of olive oil and oven roasted. Or brussels sprouts tossed in a fry pan with a knob of butter and a little garlic.

Baby carrots and or turnips tossed in a little melted butter and a pinch of sugar before roasting. Locally grown asparagus is in abundance, just snap off the woody ends

The Plonkers

In a rare moment of introspection, our Digby had a revelation that perhaps he hadn't been thinking of others lately.

"Luv, I'll take care of dinner tonight" he told the long suffering Mrs Digby. "When you get home from work after your long commute you'll have nothing more to do than to sit down with a glass of wine and a wonderful meal".

"Hmmm, that's lovely dear", she said, making a mental note to pick up some takeaway on the way home.

After spending much of the day tinkering with his model cars (he is very fond of his Rock Crawler), Digby wandered down to see Todd at the Trentham Food & Wine Co.

"What?! None of your famous sausage rolls?" Digby asked.

"No, but we do have some lovely Kiwi green chicken curry and some Canadian cannelloni." Seeing a familiar confused look fall upon Digby's face the very patient Todd went on to explain "Of course, I'm referring to the cooks rather than the origin of the meals".

"Ok I'll take one of each and some wine, some of that excellent organic stuff you have from Tellurian in Heathcote, preferably white"

"Ok, Vermentino? Fiano? Maybe a Rosé?"

"Yes, all of those thanks mate."

and toss it onto the BBQ or grill or fry pan with a little oil.

Baked beans are a source protein and fibre as are other tinned beans and chickpeas. Although I prefer the dry chick peas and beans soaked overnight in cold water drained followed by boiling in plenty of cold water and when tender make a simple dip with a little tahini paste, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper and maybe add in a few left over roasted carrots or some freshly boiled beetroot for great dip. Freeze the rest and they become as convenient as frozen peas. Other convenient frozen vegetables are sweetcorn kernels and blocks of spinach.

Thyme, Rosemary, sage, bay leaves, parsley stalks and coriander root are all great to cook with and there is nothing nicer than to add a few herbs to finish off a dish - and they are all easy to grow even in a pot.

In February 2023 In England there was a shortage of some vegetables. The then Environment Secretary Therese Coffey in an almost Marie Antoinette way said "Let them eat turnips". A couple of days later you couldn't buy a turnip for love or money!

This week I have eaten 28 plants until today! I hope to add 3 more plants to the weekly intake when I do some more research to see if they can be taken in a liquid form: grapes, barley and hops!

Robert Wooller Food for Thought

Once home, exhausted from his unsupervised shopping expedition Digby poured himself a large Rosé and set about putting the rice on and heating the Thai green curry. The cannelloni could wait for tomorrow night, he thought, Mrs Digby will be thrilled.

As she entered the house to the aroma of rice, coconut and Thai spices Digby paused from chopping fresh lime and coriander to greet her with a chilled glass of Rosé and a roaring fire.

The spicy, fragrant and slightly sweet Thai green curry was a good match with the dry and fresh Rosé, made from Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvèdre and Nero D'vola grapes grown in the Cumbrian soils of the Heathcote region by organic vintners Tellurian. The bottle was soon emptied, (perhaps because Digby had gotten a little carried away while making an almighty mess in the kitchen).

"Well that was lovely dear, I didn't know you had it in you."

"Well I must confess Todd had plenty in stock from the Kiwi kitchen in Blackwood."

Off trundled Digby to the kitchen to fetch the bottle of Vermentino, making sure to leave the light off so Mrs. Digby wouldn't see the dripping mess he'd made.

Meanwhile Mrs. Digby quickly hid the cannelloni she'd also bought from Todd on the way home...



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