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TRUMPET

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The Great Victorian Bike Ride
to town on Thursday night
and continue the fun on Friday*



Trentham
**TWILIGHT
NIGHT!**

THURSDAY 26th NOV 4-7PM

FRIDAY 27th NOV 4-8PM

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Council News

Free green waste

During the month of November residents of Hepburn Shire can visit any of our transfer stations for free green waste disposal to help prepare for fire season.

Things to remember: Noxious weeds should not be transported or brought to the transfer stations as it is illegal to transport noxious weeds in Victoria and for our transfer stations to accept them. These regulations aim to reduce the spread of noxious weeds in Victoria.

Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations



Paper liners for caddies trial

Do you find it hard or messy to separate out food waste in your caddy without using bags? Join a trial of paper liners for caddies and help divert more food scraps from landfill. The paper liner packs are available for collection from local transfer stations. More information available at www.participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/paper-liners



Grants open

Quick Response and Community Event Support Grants are currently open for applications. Grants help not-for-profit community groups to bring project ideas to life.

To check eligibility and to read the program guidelines visit our website at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/events

Emergency Services expo

See Bluey and her little sister Bingo during their Live Interactive Experience at the Emergency Services Expo.

Jam-packed full of workshops, activities, free food and the chance to see everyone's favourite Heelers – this event isn't one to miss.

Join us on Saturday 7 November from 10 am to 2 pm for a fun family day out at Victoria Park, Daylesford. Don't miss the fun.

Book at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/expo26

Free Event. Bookings essential.



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Editorial

**"In the face of overwhelming social challenge,
all the individual can do is build community"***Distinguished Australian Emeritus Professor Jim Ife*

Last month's shocking attack in Wangaratta left many of us horrified this could occur, let alone in Regional Victoria.

We all have a part to play in making our world a safe space, and creating, enabling and embracing community right here in our town is a clear place to start.

.....

On that somber note (with a much more joyful tone) we have an edition here chock full of people doing exactly that - and opportunities for you to join in too.

Just this month (to name a few) we have AGMs with fabulous insightful and entertaining local guest speakers, community lunches, the Car Show, free live music, delicious local's nights, markets and barefoot bowls!

And of course the Jewel in the Crown of community events: Trentham Twilight Night: so good we're doing it twice this year!

Trentham Community Garden Project

We have now formed two enthusiastic Action Groups.



The core Garden Group has taken on the responsibility for planning the layout design, ensuring accessibility – style of garden beds - and services, particularly water, are available. Once these are agreed the group will move onto a construction phase

A Support Group is taking on communications, operating guidelines and resources. This will include drafting a statement of purpose reflecting the 'Growing, Learning and Connecting' priorities from our recent survey. We're confident the site for our project is confirmed but, as it hasn't been signed off, this must continue to be the worst-kept secret in Trentham.

Local people from Trentham *and surrounds* who are interested to join us are most welcome - please contact us via the Sustainability Group:

trenthamsustainability@gmail.com

Trentham Community Action Inc 

is holding its second

Annual General Meeting

Monday 16 November 2026

at 7pm

at Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

All local residents welcome - be part of the conversation
for more details contact: trenthamca@gmail.com

Our cover has the details of the much anticipated Trentham Twilight night – this year expanded to not one but two evenings as we welcome the Great Victorian Bike Riders on the Thursday night.

Come along, wander through our town with your neighbours, meet new friends, knock over that Christmas shopping list and support our traders and hospo venues.

Special thanks to The Green Store for making the magic happen.

Have a great month.

**Regards,
Chris & Penny**

ps. Cr Brian Hood hasn't written for us this month as he convalesces - best wishes for a speedy recovery.

pps Thank you to the kind and attentive reader who shared Prof Ife's quote with us.



Remembrance Day Observance Trentham

**Wednesday
11th November 2026**

10.45am

at
The Cenotaph



Lest We Forget.

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:

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What's on!

CWA - Trentham Night Owls

4th Thurs / month

TNC 7pm

cwatrenthamnighowls@gmail.com

Lions Schedule

Business Meeting: 3rd Thurs / month

Dinner Meeting: 1st Thurs / month

Farmers' Market: 3rd Sat / month

Monday Morning Meditation

8.30/9.30am every Monday

TNC

TRATA

Seasonal Market

22 November 10am - 1pm

Trentham Railway Station

Sunday Church Services

St George (Anglican) 9am

St Mary Magdalen (Catholic) 8.30am

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market

21 November 9am-1pm

Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap

21 November 10-11.30am

Trentham Town Square

Trentham Cool Country Men's Shed

Open to men Wednesdays & Saturdays

9.30am - 12.30pm, to women Wednesday

1pm to 3pm

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

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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

Trentham Bowling Club

Fortnightly Friday Barefoot bowls from mid

October to February

Upcoming Dates: 13 November, 27

November.

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Trentham District Primary School

What a year it has been!

What a brilliant year it's been at Trentham District Primary School! We welcomed our new Principal, Christine Beicek, and together with our wonderful staff, students and families, enjoyed a year filled with learning, creativity, sport, community connections and plenty of fun.

Alongside our core learning program, students have enjoyed a fantastic range of experiences, from regional and interschool sports, school camps and excursions to our Equine Assisted Learning Program, theatre performances, creative workshops, cultural days, Book Week, NAIDOC Week celebrations and Science Week activities at Trent Creek. 2027 also saw the return of our brilliant school concert which had students and families Rocking All Over the World!



It's also been wonderful to see our students connecting with the broader Trentham community through activities with local organisations, Spudfest, Trentham Lions Club, aged care facility, Neighbourhood Centre, Men's Shed, Words in Winter, sporting clubs and many others. We're incredibly grateful for the ongoing support and involvement of these groups in our school community. Our Parents and Carers Committee and School Council continue to play an active and important role, raising funds, supporting the school and helping create special opportunities for our students and community to connect.

Trivia Night 2027 – A huge thank you to our community!

What a night! The 2026 Trentham District Primary School Trivia Night and Silent Auction was a fantastic celebration of fun, friendship and community spirit, raising an incredible \$21,000 for our school! This wonderful result simply wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of our local businesses, organisations, families and supporters who donated prizes, contributed their time and energy, and came along to make the evening such a success. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the evening.

The funds raised have helped make our new Covered Outdoor Learning Area a reality! Look out for more exciting updates in the December edition of the Trentham Trumpet and on our Facebook page.



Looking ahead to 2027

There's so much to look forward to in 2027! With strong enrolments, a vibrant school community and exciting new developments on the horizon, we're looking forward to another year of inspiring curiosity, nurturing creativity and providing rich learning experiences that help every child grow and reach their full potential. We can't wait to continue building on our connections and partnerships with the broader Trentham community and sharing another wonderful year together!

Follow our Facebook page for news and updates: [Trentham District Primary School](#).

CAR SHOW

Classic Motor Heritage Show 2026

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd

Trentham Station



- The Cool Country Classics Car Club presents the Classic Motor Heritage Show for 2026.
- See a wide range of classics from the early 1900's to the modern day.
- In conjunction with the TRATA monthly market day.
- Food, coffee and all sorts of treats available from the seasonal market.
- All types of classic vehicles and motorcycles welcome - vehicle entry from 9:00 am.
- Follow us on Facebook 'Cool Country Classics Trentham'.
- With the support of Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. (AOMC)

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

Thanks to our wonderful Lend A Hand Volunteers at the TNC!

The Centre is now sparkling and feeling quite rejuvenated. A whopping 28 fabulous people rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty! We couldn't have achieved such an incredible result without your support.



Cam and the Committee are just so grateful for the groundswell of support coming from people in the community, coming forward to volunteer and help at the centre in so many ways.



As always, check out what's coming up and some great new events @ trenthamnc.org.au

There are varied and delightful new initiatives on the program this term and will hold appeal in some way or shape for everyone!

- [Follow Your Path](#) – a special screening and workshop 4 November
- Trentham Open Gardens – coming up in late November
- Learn Canva for Community Groups – coming up in December
- Dahlia Bulbs for Sale – go and get a bag from TNC

We also participated in the nationwide program of Get Online Week 2026. We ran two very successful workshops which participants enthusiastically requested happen on a regular basis to help people bridge the digital divide. So watch this space.

So many great things happening, so get involved and connect with your community.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Friday 27 November 12.30pm to 2pm
 Trentham Neighbourhood Centre - gold coin donation
 RSVP for catering to TNC ph. 5424 1354 or scan QR code

Trentham COMMUNITY TABLE

Sharing a meal, creating connections.

TNC Trentham Neighbourhood Centre Inc. **Lions Club** Trentham Lions Club **The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.** care empowers contribute **Community Bank** Trentham & Districts **Bendigo Bank**

WOMBAT FOREST WINERY SOUND FEST
SUMMER - AUTUMN 2026/27
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

DEC 12 1-4 PM	BRETT FRANKIE High energy, boot stomping Blues, Roots and Originals
JAN 17 1-4 PM	JJ SPENCE Blues, Folk, World Music and Originals
JAN 24 1-4 PM	JARED BRENTNALL Folk, Classic Rock and Originals
FEB 14 1:4 PM	KYLIE & KATIE Classic Acoustic and Originals
MAR 6 1-4 PM	JJ SPENCE Blues, Folk, World Music and Originals

WWW.WOMBATFORESTWINES.COM
 189 Springhill Rd Denver VIC

Trentham Bowling Club

The smell of fresh cut grass, the restocking of the club bar and arrival of snags for the BBQ can only mean one thing.

Yes! The new season is officially underway at the Trentham Bowling Club, and the club is actively looking to welcome new members of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned bowler or have never picked up a bowl before, there's a place for you in the Trentham community. We are currently 4 matches into the pennant season and top of the midweek division 2 table with 4 wins out of 4. Go Trentham!

Excitement is building as fortnightly Barefoot Bowls returns, officially kicking off on Friday, 30 October. It is the perfect opportunity to round up your mates, grab the family, and enjoy a relaxed, fun-filled evening on the green. This family fun event runs fortnightly on a Friday through spring and summer from 5pm-7pm so be sure to check it out. Club

Saint Mary Magdalen's

Musings

Over the last month in the church, we have been working our way through the gospel of Matthew. In particular, we have heard many of the stories that Jesus used in his teaching: from the farmer sowing his crop to the king arranging a wedding feast. It is noted that Jesus would only teach using stories and wouldn't explain their meaning to the crowds. The Sermon on the Mount is famous because it is really the only long sermon that Jesus ever gave. Jesus is often referred to as an itinerant preacher. Not true. He was something far greater. He was an itinerant storyteller.

Why? Well, stories are the clothes that the truth wears when it wants to be accepted into our company. If we were to see the naked truth, we would avert our eyes. Stories are the party clothes that truth wears when we need to celebrate, the mourning clothes it wears in our grief. In stories, truth becomes our armour when we need to fight, our compass when we venture into the unknown.

The Mount Players

The Mount Players final show for 2026 and their 2027 Season Launched!

Money and Friends, a comedy by David Williamson will run from 6 – 22 November and if you are very lucky you might get yourself a ticket, however, judging by the tickets sales through September/October we can't promise!

Our 2027 season was launched at a social evening in October and we are very excited to announce the line-up. A little 'something' for everyone -

The Complete Works of Jane Austen 'Abridged' - a comedy by J. Bedford, K. MacMillan, C. Northeast & M. Winch (Auditions 19 & 21 November)

Peter and Alice - a drama by John Logan

Blithe Spirit - a comedy by Noël Coward

Anne of Green Gables - drama/family, adapted by Joseph Robinette from the novel by L.M. Montgomery



members will be on hand to help you get rolling.

What you need to know:

- Cost: Just \$5 per person
- Equipment: All equipment is provided
- Food & Drink: A sausage sizzle will be available alongside drinks at bar prices
- Upcoming Dates: 13 November, 27 November, 11 December.

No experience or prior booking is needed—just head down to the club on Park Street to join the fun and kick off your weekend.

Our society has all too often lost its mythic sense which enables us to see the truth clothed in story. It proudly seeks only the naked, unadorned truth. In doing so, it has turned the sacred truth into mundane fact and abandoned metaphor for simile, poetry for a spreadsheet. The past understood story better and if we don't listen to it, then the depths are hidden from us, and we can be condemned to perfectly functional but shallow lives. This is one of the reasons that Pope Leo has warned that unregulated AI could become a danger to our humanity. AI doesn't understand the story. It only knows the words.

Each Sunday in the church, however, we sit as children at the foot of our teacher, listen to His stories, and wonder at how strange they are.

Deacon Joe

For Audition information, tickets and full details of our 2027 season go to www.themountplayers.com.

See you at the Mountview Theatre!

Karen Hunt



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Trentham Golf Club

How easy is golf at Trentham Golf Club?



Who said this game is hard?

I've been the Captain of the Trentham Golf Club again since March and there is just so much to learn. I've been given advice and accepted some of it. I've been told where to go and how to do it and it's all a big learning curve. But I've also been playing through every week in the competitions on Thursdays and Saturdays and also the Monday Muggers where I provide statistics for the organiser Ian Cornthwaite. My game has had a few setbacks, handicap suffered and I wasn't playing good golf until I told myself to just 'let it go'. You can't worry about stuff you can't control and that's what the captaincy was doing to me. I was walking down the first hole thinking about the tee marker locations, pin placements, why the fairways hadn't been mown, where my ball went and more importantly where my partner's ball went. So that's where I tried to turn off. Just play golf, no pressure, I don't have to beat any one (except Chris) and have fun.

Over the past year I corrected my slice to improve my drives, if not the distance, but I'm hitting it straighter. My mind would suddenly think of something in the clubhouse and bang the game went off again. I asked myself: do I give up the captaincy to play better golf or give up golf and concentrate my time supporting the club by learning how to do the captain stuff correctly? Then I reminded myself to 'just let it go' don't worry about the score, let someone else worry about the competition stuff, it will get done if it needs to get done. So my game turned around a bit. Straight back, straight through, hit the ball and straight down the middle they started to go.

Golf Australia (GA) have a very peculiar handicapping system that I can't explain to anyone, even as Captain, I'm supposed to know more about it than I do. They calculate your handicap on your results from the last 20 games. My handicap currently at Trentham is 11. My handicap has been 12 for the past 17 games in a row. It comes down when you play better so after telling myself to 'let it go' my last 7 games listed on the GA handicapping system, I have scored an average of 36 points which is average, on par, which in golfing terms is quite good, and very consistent. It doesn't quite bring your handicap down, although I did lose one shot, that's why I'm off 11. Hence I've been thinking this is an easy game. I turn up, play golf, score 36 points, finish off the competition processes for the rest of the club's event and go home.

Not so hard after all.

Now the Trentham Golf Club course is not a particularly hard course, I've come to discover, but it has lovely tight and beautifully tree lined fairways and exceptional greens and putting surfaces. The extreme seasonal weather conditions in this area during Winter and Summer are challenging. During Winter the fairways get muddy with not enough grass coverage which was burnt off during the hot Summer days that dried out the fairways and as there is no fairway irrigation system we rely on the heavens opening up for the grass to grow. When Spring finally arrives, it brings some consistent rain and the fairways come up magnificently, then the game of golf changes.

Players' spirits are lifted with warming temperatures inducing members into wearing shorts again and playing good golf so it is with no surprise that on Thursday 8th October on the 5th hole 141m par 3 we had James Coyle our club President hit a hole-in-one. It was his third hole-in-one at the club, now he has one on each par 3 hole except the 2nd.

It seems that the course is playing so well now that Donna Jansz in the same Thursday competition stepped up to the 13th hole 112m par 3 and hit her first hole-in-one ever in her first official club competition since taking up the game and getting her handicap. An amazing achievement, which reminds me of the Harrison Kenton-Barnes hole-in-one on the same hole about one year previous when it was his first ever competition game doing the same thing.

Who said this was a hard game?

With the beautiful Spring weather Trentham is experiencing at the moment and the course in such great condition this attracts all sorts of golfers out of the woodwork and another player's efforts was brought to my attention. Just two days later Saturday 10 October on the same 13th hole par 3 Alan Snowden had a hole-in-one. Oh my god, what is going on, there must be something in the waters around here? Mind you, back in September Alan Snowden had his best game ever. Playing off a 12 handicap in a Par event Alan had a result of +9, which equates to 45pts a huge under par achievement and equivalent to a 73 stroke game, just 3 over the par 70 for the course. This is a brilliant score but not only that, Alan is 75 years old and that means he broke his age.

What a performance! Also worth mentioning, on the same day there was an eagle on the 17th hole 423m par 5 which was struck by Brenton Payne, 3 strokes on a par 5. WOW!

So how easy is golf?

Just after getting over the massive hangovers from the free drinks over the bar on the last two competition games where James, Donna and Alan had their hole-in-ones, we hoped things would start to settle down to some normal golf. But wait, there's more.

We have four par 3 holes at Trentham and our 15th hole, 125m is having the tee area renovated. A temporary artificial grass teeing mat is in play, making the hole a little shorter to approximately 95m but that didn't faze Tony Donovan. He played his shot into the green and watched his ball disappear into the hole. Yes folks, another hole-in-one, that makes 4 within one week. 2 holes-in-one in the Thursday competition a hole-in-one and an eagle in the Saturday comp and another hole-in-one on the following Thursday.

There is a saying going around 'How good is golf?' Well my saying is 'How easy is golf?'.

Get out there and have a go and as Rory McIlroy says: "keep swinging"

Capt Kent
Trentham Golf Club

COMMUNITY BANK NEWS



Community Bank
Trentham & Districts

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MILESTONE CELEBRATION



pic on opening of the Trentham branch August 2011

Community Bank Trentham & Districts Board members past and present, start-up steering committee, staff and many community group representatives gathered at the Cosmopolitan Hotel this month to officially celebrate the bank's 15 years in the community. Tribute was paid to locals that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars within quite a quick timeframe to enable the bank's establishment. Another example of Trentham people's determination to strengthen and support their community.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Supported by Trentham branch

Congratulations **Trentham Neighbourhood Centre** on their extremely successful inaugural Dinner Dance fundraiser. Held at the Trentham Mechanics with food by Emma James, 3 talented bands, numerous silent auctions via the generosity of local businesses, 100+ attendees and the tireless work of the TNC volunteers and staff, a great night was inevitable! Set to become a major fundraiser for the TNC, with local business silent auctions proving very popular with attendees, see you there next year!



Trentham Golf Club's Annual October Tournament

was again hugely popular, with 1 week of competition attracting both local and out of town players. As a major club fundraiser, proceeds will go towards the purchase a new grounds mower as



well as other ongoing maintenance items. Please help them out with donations if you can, or better yet become a Trentham Golf Club member.

REACH OUT



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call Edyta, Karen, Melissa or
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5424 1608

Interior Design

Getting the Christmas Vibe!

At about this time every year you can't help but notice the move towards the Christmas and holiday season. The atmosphere changes: shops are filled with new products to tempt you; festive decorations start appearing in the streets. The countdown has begun!

Get in early is my advice: avoid the crowds and en masse sense of urgency; being an early bird means you get the first choices and options. There is nothing worse than having your heart set on a particular item, then missing out because you have left it too late. Online ordering is always a possibility, but can be affected by the supply chain clogging up.

Red is my favourite colour and I'm starting to see it everywhere. It's such a broad expanse of colour hues, from the sweet pinkish and cherry reds, moving through to fire engine red, or to this year's blue-based plums and burgundies.

When decorating for Christmas, you can safely pair red with green. Or, try mixing multiple shades of red: create a monochromatic look with a single colour saturation, bringing together variations of red.

Red seems to be on everything: spheres, orbs and baubles; a dash of shine and sparkle, but this year there's lots more matt finishing. The colour temperature is warming, bringing in more chocolate tones. Shiny brass is out; you can do no wrong with the antique brass tones, bronze and nickel.

Bows are the other big 'must have'. While bows were fastened everywhere last year, in 2026 consider having a single large statement bow crowning your Christmas tree. Move over stars and angels, it's polka dots and candy stripes up top, cascading down.

Christmas wrapping paper can be coordinated with the colour scheme of your decorations; add a decorative bow to your wrapped presents. Why stop at the tree and what's wrapped up beneath it?

Bring your colour scheme to your table by adding coordinating napery. A quick and easy trick to enliven your festive table is to unroll a sheet of wrapping paper as a runner down the centre of your table!

Start thinking now: where can I place red when decorating for Christmas?

Robert Creedon



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Trentham Sustainability Group

Community action on bushfire risk

This month, the TSG will host a workshop to explore how locals can work with their unique landscape and precious habitat to reduce the risk of bushfire in and around Trentham. Due to keen interest from attendees at the Living with Fire Risk forum during September, the Green Bridges Community Based Bushfire Management (CBBM) workshop will be run at The Mechanics Trentham on Thursday, 19 November at 6.00-8.00pm.



CBBM contributes to healthy and productive ecological systems and habitat, working across a rural precinct at scale to complement other fire risk strategies and mitigation methods. Given the breadth of local knowledge and the importance of volunteers in country regions, the CBBM, importantly, promotes collaborative, bottom-up problem-solving.

The workshop will be facilitated by Sam Strong who spoke at the fire risk forum.

A new life for 'broken' items

Knives, pruning shears, a coffee machine and a clothesline are among items in Trentham with a longer working life following a visit by the Daylesford Repair Café. For a gold donation, the skilled volunteers from Daylesford mended precious items for waste-conscious locals during last month's visit organised by the TSG's Susan Morelli.



The repair café part of our Waste Resource & Recovery focus area. Over a cuppa, a chat and cake the café has kept 200kg of Trentham waste out of landfill since 2024. With a big thanks to the committed Daylesford crew, Dallas, Nicky, Jackie, Susan, Mark, Danny and, in particular, Veronica, whose partner John, (our regular knife sharpener), has been ill. Thank you also to our own Tracie Laws who helped out with sewing repairs.

The Holly Project

Holly Heck!

Did you know that Holly is Highly Flammable?

Holly leaves have a thick, glossy surface containing natural oils and resins. When heated, these substances release flammable vapours, making the leaves easy to ignite, according to the CFA Fire Resistant Gardening Guide.

Common or English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), including variegated varieties, can form dense, highly flammable thickets. It can also act as ladder fuel, carrying ground fire into tree canopies. Keeping areas around homes and sheds clear of holly will reduce this risk.

Planting or retaining Holly hedges should be avoided as they can become a wall of fire under suitable conditions.



New battery and panels give energy boost

The Mechanics Trentham's role as an energy resilient emergency relief centre has been boosted with the installation of a 118kW/336kWh battery and extra 22kW solar PV system.

The TSG, working with the Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance and Hepburn Shire Council, obtained a \$417,000 grant to install the battery and additional solar panels.

The energy upgrade makes The Mechanics a community energy hub for residents to use in the event of an extended grid outage. The installation will be officially launched this month.

Community garden creeps closer

A community garden for Trentham is a step closer, following the set-up of two action groups, last month.



The Garden Action Group will ensure the layout and design of the garden beds is accessible and that services, particularly water, are available, and oversee costings and construction. The Support Action Group will address communications, operating guidelines and resources.

The Trentham Community Garden Project is part of our Local Food & Farming focus area (which also includes the monthly Produce Exchange).

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What's on at TSG this month:

- Tuesday 10 November: Trentham Community Garden Project, 2.00pm; project working group meeting at The Mechanics Trentham.
- Thursday 19 November: Green Bridges workshop, 6.00-8.00pm; this workshop at The Mechanics Trentham is a follow-up to the Living with Fire Risk Forum in September.
- Saturday 21 November: Produce Exchange, 9.30-11.30am; food swap under the Rotunda at Trentham Farmers Market.

Removing seed-producing holly trees from towns will also help prevent this highly flammable plant from spreading into surrounding forests.

Removed holly can be used as firewood after seasoning for one to two years. This dense hardwood ignites readily, burns cleanly and produces long-lasting, hot embers. It is easiest to split while green.

With discounted tip fees available in November, now is an ideal time to start removing holly.

For advice on controlling and removing holly, visit [The Holly Project – Blackwood and Barry's Reef Landcare Group](#). For fire-resistant gardening advice, visit the [CFA Fire Resistant Gardening](#) guide.

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Trentham District Landcare Group

Broom – A Weed to be Managed

How often, at this time of year, do you hear people comment on the “beautiful bright yellow flowers” along our roadsides, parks and forests.

English Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) is an erect, deciduous shrub to 4 metres high, with 5-angled branchlets. Leaflets are narrow-elliptic to oval with the broadest part in the upper half. Young leaves are often silky hairy on both surfaces, but sometimes hairless. Flowers are usually 1 or 2 per junction between the stem and leaf stalk and deep-yellow. Occasionally they may be tinged with red or mauve or variously coloured in many cultivars, including white, cream, or with brownish-crimson lateral petals and a yellow upper petal. The fruit is narrow, 25–60 mm long, 8–10 mm wide, flattened, silky hairy, turning black at maturity with 6–18 seeds released explosively when ripe. You will hear the cracking of seedpods on a hot summer day as you walk through infestations.



English Broom invades numerous native vegetation communities in southeastern Australia, generally favouring cooler and higher rainfall areas. It readily establishes in disturbed sites, such as on roadsides, and edges of pathways.

English Broom is a Weed of National Significance (WONS). It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts.

Agriculture: English Broom can prevent grazing, reduce the area available for grazing, and restrict access to water. Mature plants are relatively unpalatable to sheep and cattle. The seeds are considered toxic to stock if eaten excessively.

Native ecosystems: In Australia English Broom is mainly an environmental weed, and is highly invasive in the cooler, higher rainfall regions. The total area infested in Australia is estimated currently as being over 200 000 hectares, and it is still spreading. It can have devastating impacts, and totally transforms invaded areas. It forms dense stands, which shade out the ground flora. It commonly establishes in disturbed margins of native vegetation, from where it invades less disturbed native vegetation. It has invaded disturbed areas in national parks which have been cleared of blackberry infestations.

English Broom is spread solely by seeds, which are ejected explosively as the pods dry out on warm, sunny days during summer. They are further dispersed by water (particularly if near streams), mud on machinery (such as road graders and slashers), vehicles and footwear.

In most situations, the most effective and long-term control of English Broom will be an integrated weed management program.

Chemical control:

Cut and Paint method is the most appropriate using Vigilant as there is no risk of overspray. If applying foliar sprays ensure that the mixture is applied to the point of run-off over the whole plant, and use a penetrant or surfactant as directed on the herbicide label (NSW Weedwise 2018). More than one application is usually necessary to be a successful control method.

Non-chemical control:

For isolated plants of English Broom hand weeding or hoeing is an option. Bulldozing and then burning larger infestations of English Broom has been used, but this is best avoided unless there are resources for follow-up management. This is only a partial and temporary solution, as this method creates extensive soil disturbance which favours the germination of soil-stored seeds, which will continue to germinate for a number of years. There can be up to 20 000 seeds per square metre in the soil. Lack of follow-up management, such as spraying the seedlings with herbicide, only exacerbates the problem.

If you would like advise on weed management on your property, email us at: landcaretrentham@gmail.com



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Trentham's Town Water Supply - its Sources and its Future

Trentham is one of the few Victorian towns that has, for most of its existence, relied almost completely on groundwater for its town water supply. This may surprise many residents. Trentham's water sources come in the form of a reservoir system and groundwater production bores. These sources have, so far, supplied Trentham with reliable, excellent quality town water.

Most of Trentham's water is supplied from a pair of reservoirs located in Lagoon Road, just south of its intersection with Bergs Lane in Trentham East. The northern reservoir was built in 1911 and the southern one in 1939. These reservoirs are spring-fed. In other words, they are filled via groundwater flows from surrounding basalt rocks. The springs actually form part of the headwaters to Trent Creek.

The geology giving rise to these springs is quite interesting.



They occur where the solidified basalt lava from a nearby extinct volcano pinches out on much older sedimentary bedrock. If you drive along Lagoon Road, between Pearsons Road and Bergs Lane, you will notice during typical winter months that the old volcano's crater floor is quite swampy. This is actually an elevated outcrop of the watertable and is an important recharge area for the springs. The reservoir springs have so far proved quite reliable, providing annual flows measuring between 84 and 145 megalitres (ML) per year. Coliban Water, which manages Trentham's water supply, has a bulk water entitlement for the reservoirs of 120 ML/year averaged over every three years.

Since the 1962/63 drought, Trentham has also significantly relied on a production bore in Hollis Lane, about 800 metres east of the reservoirs. It is constructed in the basalt aquifer to a depth of 50 metres and has a 48 ML/year extraction licence.

With Trentham's newly growing population back in the 2000s, it was recognised that Trentham could have a longer-term shortfall in water supply (2012 Coliban Water Supply and Demand Strategy). To address this, since 2017, Coliban Water has engaged consultants, GHD, to undertake detailed investigations to explore and test additional groundwater options for supplementing Trentham's water supply.

The upshot of these investigations, so far, is that we now have one new licenced bore (55 ML/year licence since 2019), and also two additional new bores with a licence application pending for an additional 62 ML/year. All these bores occur within the reservoir compound and tap into the sedimentary bedrock aquifer at depths varying between



95 and 148 metres. Trentham's current total licenced extraction volume is 223 ML/year and will be 285 ML/year if the new licence application is approved by Goulburn Murray Water. Trentham's annual urban water use has now reached close to 160 ML/year and it is experiencing a 3.2% per annum increase in water connections (source: Coliban Water). So, doing some quick math, it can be seen that these new bores are very welcome.

Even so, Coliban Water rightly recognises that Trentham will probably need to secure additional and/or alternative sources of urban water supply in the near future. Accordingly, they are investigating a number of options including further groundwater development and a pipeline from the Kyneton Water Treatment Plant.

On a cautionary note, while groundwater has been something of a godsend to Trentham so far, it is, like so many other things, a finite resource. It has its limitations and should always be investigated and monitored carefully, such as it has been so far for the town supply. Our future town water supply security needs to be front and centre of our minds, and our planning. It should be strongly factored into the Trentham Town Structure Plan (including, for example, a requirement for new lot developments to install rainwater tanks).

As a community, we need to think carefully about our future water consumption, especially in view of potentially serious climate impacts. We should not assume that our town water supply is failsafe. Rather, we should be more proactive and find self-sufficient ways to put less pressure on our town water supply, especially during dry spells. Relatively simple and cost-effective solutions include being more water conservative and installing rainwater tanks and filtration systems.

Mark Reid

Mark is a local, retired hydrogeologist. For those interested in finding out more about our water supply, he will be giving a presentation at the Trentham Community Action AGM being held at 6:30pm, Monday 16 November, at Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.

Left: The northern reservoir in February 2019, looking north-east. The opposite shoreline is a spring zone which feeds this reservoir. Above: One of the new bedrock production bores during a pumping test in 2019.

The Trentham Garden

Five Simple Garden Ideas Worth Borrowing

One of the beautiful things about creating a garden is that its success often comes down to small decisions and manageable, human-scale projects rather than grand gestures that can be daunting to undertake, particularly for new gardeners.

Here are five simple ideas I regularly return to in my work.

1. Mix it up!

Combining different surfaces makes a garden feel more relaxed and interesting, particularly during a Trentham winter when deciduous plants have lost their leaves. For example, try combining compacted granitic sand with Castlemaine slate steppers. This combination is often cheaper than conventional paving and creates a softer, more informal effect.

2. Don't be TOO consistent

A garden benefits from an overall style, but giving different areas their own personalities and colour schemes helps keep things interesting! I like to concentrate labour-intensive planting close to the house, where you'll see and appreciate it every day. Further away, focus on trees, shrubs and groundcovers. Native plants are often great for this purpose!

3. Contrast is everything

Sometimes people fall in love with plants that have similar shapes and colours, and assume that creating a beautiful garden is simply a matter of collecting more of them. But contrast is what really makes a garden come alive! Deep purple foliage, dark green hedges and richly coloured flowers create depth and make brighter plants appear even more vibrant.

4. Make a garden that belongs in Trentham

The most successful gardens have a strong sense of place. Look to the local landscape, architecture and horticultural history for inspiration. Whether you prefer indigenous or exotic plants, choosing varieties suited to local conditions creates a garden that feels authentic and enduring.



5. Let things spill over

Not everything needs to be neatly contained. For example, culinary thyme and self-seeding plants spilling into gravel paths or growing between pavers can look wonderful. These moments of informality can make a formal, structured garden feel more relaxed and inviting. The best gardens often balance strong design with a little spontaneity and softness. Don't be afraid to experiment and break a few rules. After all, that's half the fun of gardening!

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
Garden Designer

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Above: Darker colours such as Penstemon 'Husker's Red' and Tulip 'Queen of Night' add useful depth and contrast to a garden

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Cool Country Classics Car Club

Classic Motoring Heritage Show 2026

Following on from last year's successful event the Trentham Cool Country Classics Car Club will again be hosting the "Classic Motoring Heritage Show" day for 2026 at the historic Trentham Railway Station on Sunday 22 November. This year's event will also coincide with the TRATA Monthly Market Day so lots to be seen and enjoyed by locals and visitors.

The Cool Country Classics Car Club has a large number of enthusiastic members from across the Macedon Ranges and beyond and includes historic vehicles of many types from early 1900's through to modern classics, military vehicles and motor cycles. Classic vehicle entry from 9am.

Food, coffee and all sorts of treats and goodies will be available at the Sunday seasonal market.

Trentham Men's Shed

Assisting the Arts

A few months ago, I watched the most recent series of the BBC programme, "Fake or Fortune". This is hosted by Fiona Bruce and art dealer, Philip Mould. BBC viewers are invited to submit works of art (usually paintings) for possible identification and therefore, valuation, which, if the item has been crafted by a known artist, could be worth a lot of money.

The second episode (of series 12) was entitled; "The Bean Harvest" and it concerned a painting by a Canadian impressionist artist called Helen McNicoll. This work had not been seen in public for about a hundred years as it had been done in 1911.

As received by the BBC, the painting had been wrongly titled and dated, thus it took some time to correctly identify it. Works by Helen McNicoll have recently become "flavour of the month" in the art world each fetching some tens of thousands of dollars at auction.

There is a Canadian firm called Reproduction Gallery which will have a full sized, oil-on-canvas, hand painted copy of any painting done to order and my copy of "The Bean Harvest" was delivered neatly rolled up in a PVC tube a couple of months after appropriate payment.

Next job was to have a frame made and the painting affixed to it. For this, I approached our local Men's Shed and was fortunate enough to find recent resident to Trentham, Tony Onarato, himself a talented artist, willing to do the job for me. Tony built a sturdy frame (or stretcher, to give its proper name) and a few Saturday mornings ago, we attached the work to the frame. This can be quite a fiddly business but Tony had a proper tool for the job and with the aid of lots of staples it was finished and the painting now hangs on my living room wall in all its splendour.

Jerry Wells Trentham

Above: Here Tony is stretching the canvas over the frame using the special tool.

Below: Tony and Peter Gibbs admiring the finished product.



More information on Facebook – Cool Country Classics Car Club.

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St George's News & Reflections

Belated All Hallows' Day!

Why is "Hallowe'en" called that? Though it's a US thing, it's olde English for All Hallows' Eve.

But what is a Hallow? Or an Eve? Hallow is an olde spelling of 'holy', in this case a holy person, a saint. And yes, Eve is a girl's name, but it's also short for 'evening before'. So, in ordinary English, "Hallowe'en" is the evening before All Saints' Day – a celebration of all God's people, great and small.

In medieval times, as darkness fell, beings that did not like saints were thought to hang around on this special night. To stay safe, people found ways to deceive them, so they brought no harm. And so 'trick or treating' emerged in modern times – innocent enough fun (except for teeth!). All Saint's / Hallows' Day, November 1, this year falls on Sunday. We remember people in whose lives God's light, joy and love shone out, especially in the face of life's challenges. I remember three in particular.

One was a nurse who survived the sinking of the hospital ship Centaur, sunk in 1943. His wounds affected his speech, but work kept food on the table. But when he played the organ he came alive: not just as a performance, but as a ministry of true joy.

Another is a man who lived simply, taking in overseas students, making his house home for them. He had strong views on peace and justice – pity help the preacher who went easy on them! Later in life his ex-students hosted him in places of power in their countries, from North Korea to China and more.

And yes, one is a minister! I was blessed to have this man as a lecturer, a model of love lived out, a window to God's presence.

Is there someone you'd like to remember specially? You're welcome to spend a few minutes in St George's (it's always open). The way light comes through the window of Christ the light of the world inspires my 'hallows' memories.

Charles Sherlock

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My mamma told me there'd be days like this

It was a horrible start to the week and hard to process what had happened to Dr Helen Haines MP. But I have always noticed God in the coincidences. Val saw me in the IGA Thursday and asked, "Are you doing something for Helen?" No, but why not? I went home and wrote something with anger, lament, dropping stones in water and lighting candles. Fay said Yes to sorting music. Charles helped move furniture. Val wanted to speak as she had worked with Helen. The next morning I met Mandy in the coffee shop who agreed to do the Bible reading. All sorted. How good is Trentham!

At home again I strolled out to my Lelant Street neighbours who were talking about drainage that runs through our three front yards. "You should ask the Council to advise," I suggested. "Yeah, yeah, how many months will that take." A Council truck pulled up, and the guy remembered his previous work on the drains. "Wow, you are good, Peta," the neighbours said. Yes I am! Me and God, we do church and drains.

In the afternoon I drove to the physio in Kyneton. Stopped on the Trentham-Tylden Road for a flock of sheep and lambs to cross. Put down my window to listen to the sounds of new life and watch the efficient farmers and sheep dog. How good is Trentham!

At the medical centre I was asked to fill in a form and refused because they give me panic attacks. I sat feeling a little sheepish. Suddenly there was beside me a former parishioner from about 14 years ago who reminded me of a sermon I preached to her: God loves us, no buts. How good is God!

The physio did his thing and I set off home along the Kyneton-Tylden Road. A landcruiser passed me and then

tailgated four other cars. Cars as weapons make me angry, so I dropped back from them. That meant I was slow enough to watch a determined mother duck and her ten babies setting out across the double lines. Another sign of life. I hope she made it.

The simple church service went well. Home, satisfied with a day like this. Don't try to tell me it was all just coincidence.

Rev. Dr Peta Sherlock



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Trentham Lion's Club

The moments of those who join to serve or perhaps move on is part of most clubs or organisation's dynamics. Trentham Lion's Club is no exception as we see movement of our own. By comparative numbers our membership is very healthy particularly during a time of declining numbers volunteering in the community generally. It is always notable when farewelling members particularly long serving members.

Ceri Spain and Tony Van Rensberg have been integral, hardworking, committed members of our club over the last few years. The relationships they have built up within the club and in the wider Trentham community are significant and extensive. What they have contributed to our community and to our club cannot be easily put into words. Although we say goodbye as they relocate, they will remain connected to the club in the background as 'Lions at Large.'

We are excited to have recently welcomed our newest member Nigel Marinkovic who has already been involved in some of our activities. Other new prospective members are due to be inducted in coming weeks.



A task I had recently was to receive the flags at the closing ceremony of the Lions District Convention at the World Trade Centre in Melbourne. Trentham Lion's Club is to be the next host in twelve months with the Convention itself in Trentham, very exciting for us to show others our great town and community. In the meantime, we continue to serve our community when and where we can.

John Morrissey
President Trentham Lion's Club

Trentham Night Owls

Trentham Night Owls look forward to a new year

The Trentham Night Owls branch of the Country Women's Association held our Annual General Meeting on Thurs 22nd October, welcoming a new year of friendship, community spirit and exciting opportunities.



The office bearers for the coming year haven't changed and are Susie Wyatt (President), Deidre Reid (Secretary) and Jenni Tosi (Treasurer).

We were fortunate to have a potential new member join us, and I'm glad to say she wasn't put off by the chaos that is an AGM followed by the last planning meeting of the year!!

We are delighted to announce that our popular Christmas stall will be making its debut during both nights of Twilight Night. Usually we head over to Mt Macedon with the other branches of the Central Highlands Group but we have decided to keep it local this year. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new visitors as everyone gets into the festive spirit.

Keep an eye out for the Trentham Night Owls and come along to support our branch and enjoy some Christmas cheer!

Susie Wyatt
Branch President

TRATA

At The Station

A fresh face lift for the Station Precinct

Thanks to the generous support of VicTrack and the Community Bank Trentham and Districts Bendigo Bank, the front of the Station Precinct is about to receive some much-needed rejuvenation.

Funding through VicTrack's 2026 Community Grants Program will allow us to remove several large, diseased and dying trees along Victoria Street as well as clear the overgrowth. In replacement, we'll be planting some young trees and new greenery to keep everything looking great for years to come.

We've also received Community Investment funding from our Bendigo Bank to replace the ageing front station signage with a new design that honours the station precinct's heritage character. This is sure to enhance the station's appeal for locals and visitors alike.

We're deeply grateful for the support that makes this work possible.

November Market and Car Show in one!

Our seasonal market will run alongside the Cool Country Classics Heritage Car Show on Sunday 22 November.

Come along and browse the stalls, which will include a variety of new stallholders, enjoy a coffee and the sausage sizzle, and view a range of beautifully restored classic cars spanning the early 1900s to more recent models.

It all kicks off from 9am, so make the morning of it. It promises to be a great event and we're looking forward to a bumper day!

Paws for thought

We enjoy having dogs within the precinct and we thank those owners who follow the correct on-leash and clean-up etiquette. However, there still appears to be some owners who don't, so we again kindly ask that you do.

After all, who wants to step in it?

Phil Davis
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Trentham Community Action

What do you need to know? How do you find out?

The TCA Inc Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday 16 November, at 7pm at Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.



After two years in existence the meeting will hear annual reports and elect the next committee. This is your chance to join in the advocacy, representation and community-building. All local residents are welcome to sign up as members, no charge. Come along to find out what's on the rest of the agenda for the community.

Our Guest Speaker is Mark Reid, local, retired hydrogeologist, on the topic of "Trentham's Town Water Supply - Its Sources And Its Future". Mark has provided a short introduction in this edition of the Trumpet so you can see what some of the issues are.

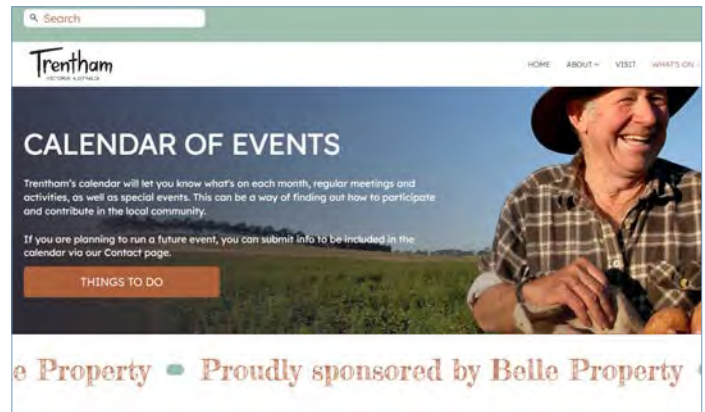
Small town living

What is the essence of living in a small rural/regional town? Is it the quiet when the lights go out at night? Is it being able to walk to the shops? Is it knowing your neighbours and maybe having the occasional drink together?

For all of us, regardless of "age and stage", feeling safe and connected are both basic to being human and functioning in a community of any size. For those who've lived in a larger regional or capital city, there are probably useful comparisons to make that highlight the special nature of small-town living.

At this time of year, there is a big local focus on being safe, Trentham being a town of significant high fire risk. Various workshops are scheduled in the hope that all residents are prepared with their own fire plan. Our local CFA has led with an Open Day, while TCA along with Trentham Neighbourhood Centre and Trentham Sustainability Group have been supporting in various ways, supporting Shire workshops and endeavouring to share information. Plan to make use of the Free Green Waste at Council tips during November.

This brings us to being connected – and the website!



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As we celebrate 12 months since the launch, we are trying to lift the level of information on the Town calendar. Check it out below Bernie White's smiling face. See if you need to add your organisation's events – send to info@trenthamvic.org.au

The stats in part for the last year show – for more info check out the news page and our Facebook/Insta pages.

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Trentham Tales

Ernest Edgar Herrick: Wartime Sacrifice and only Four Mourners

Each April, Trentham, like everywhere else in Australia, commemorates the memory of those who fought in various wars over the last 125 years. We mourn those who gave their lives - but sometimes we overlook those who sacrificed much, and then just got on with their lot.

One such person was Ernest Edgar Herrick whose story was brought to life by grandnephew Peter Whitelaw (former resident of Woodend, tribunal member of the Victorian branch of the RSL, and Life Governor of Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance).

Ernest, known as Ern in the good old Australian tradition, was one of seven children born to James Herrick and Catherine (Kate) Maria McNeill in Pyramid Hill on 4th January 1884. His early years were spent in Broadford and Trentham where he was a registered voter (on and off) between 1914 and 1963.

Ern enlisted in D Company, 29th Battalion in Broadford on 29 June 1915 and embarked on 10 November 1915 on the HMAT A11 ASCANIUS. He transferred to the 13th Field Artillery Brigade then the 5th Division Battery in Tel el Kebir in Egypt. Eight months later Ern embarked on the TUNISIAN on what would hardly have been a 'Mediterranean Cruise' from Alexandria to Marseilles!

He was wounded in France two years later but rejoined his unit two months later (no malingering in this war!) before returning to Australia in May 1919. He was discharged with the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal in recognition of his service in Europe.

He then appears to have settled in Trentham, living in the Brink's old house on Coliban Road and working as a spud digger, probably for large scale growers, the Thorpe family. Well-known local identity Marion Thorpe, remembers Ern as a polite and hardworking labourer 'who liked a drink' like so many of his ilk – unskilled single men displaced by war and with few prospects.

Again, like many other spud diggers of his time, Ern made a name for himself in unfortunate ways. One night walking home cross country past Trentham Falls, he 'mis-stepped' and ended up in a ditch from which he

was unable to extricate himself. But all was not lost – local policeman John Wicks called on the assistance of Bill Morris and his trusty Blitz truck and successfully retrieved the unfortunate Ernest!

More misfortune occurred in 1963, as recounted by Marion. One night a log rolled out of his fire and burnt his leg – again, not the only such accident to befall a local spud digger! And, as was the nature of this hardy breed of returned soldiers/ spud diggers, Ern refused medical attention, until the wound became flyblown. He was admitted to Heidelberg Reparation Hospital where he died on 17 December 1963.

Another connection to the Trentham district was Ern's friendship with James (Jim) McKenzie; they possibly served together in Egypt and France. Jim's son, Bruce McKenzie, Marion's husband Tom, and Albert Close, Trentham's RSL Sub-branch President, plus one unknown, were the only four attendees at Ern's burial.

The RSL met the costs of the Trentham burial (gravesite F3 8 629) but no headstone was ever erected.

However, 50 years later, in 2013, the Herrick and Whitelaw families laid a plaque on Ern's grave, commemorating his life and service to his country but it leaves us to ask - did he deserve better from the country he served? And what stories are waiting to be told of Ernest's four brothers, who did Broadford proud by enlisting?



Elizabeth Toomey
Trentham & Districts Historical Society



The Gisbourne Singers

Upcoming Concert

The choir is eagerly rehearsing for its November concert which will feature the works of Gabriel Fauré.

The programme will include the sublime Cantique and Tantum Ergo, the haunting Les Djinns and the much loved Requiem in D Minor. Conducted by Christopher Roache, the choir will be joined by soloists Michelle Clark (Soprano) and Jeremy Kleeman (Baritone), with organ and piano accompaniment by Dan Rigby.

Afternoon tea will be provided after the performance.

Concert Details:

Sunday 22nd November at 2.30pm
The Church of the Resurrection, 6 Honour Avenue, Macedon.

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150 Years Ago in Trentham - November 1876

A Kangaroo Hunt Goes Wrong

On Sunday, 26 November 1876, two workmates set out at 10am to hunt kangaroos. By the end of the next day, one would be giving evidence at the inquest into the death of the other.

John Faven (22 years) and Alexander (Alec) Matheson (23 years) set out together from their workplace, Southern's sawmill near Trentham, both carrying a double-barrelled shotgun. Both were members of families who had settled in the Trentham district years earlier.

John's parents Frederick Faven and Anne Lemmon from Devon, England, farmed a 43-acre block in Pearsons Road, East Trentham, near the intersection of Pearsons Road and Beatties Road; Anne had died in 1873, aged 42 years. Alec's parents Duncan Matheson and Christina McCrae from Ross-shire, Scotland were based at Newbury, where Duncan had worked as a labourer until his sudden death on 5 May 1876, age 56 years.

After walking for some time, just before 3pm John and Alec spotted some kangaroos; they separated, then approached the kangaroos from different directions. Alec heard a gunshot and then heard John cry out. Alec rushed to where John was, and found John holding his right arm, with blood running freely from a gunshot wound. Although faint, John explained to Alec that he had slipped on a log and his gun had discharged. Alec tied a handkerchief around John's arm to staunch the flow of blood; they made their way back to the sawmill, 2 km from where the accident occurred.

On arriving back at the sawmill around 5pm, Alec found there was no horse or cart to transport John to Kyneton for medical treatment. Leaving John at the sawmill in the

The Plonkers

Our Plonkers met for a Sunday session at Adeline's last month. The weather was definitely warming up and all were in the mood for wine. Digby, however, was caught up with old work mates down at the Cosmo.

Niles, (who had often tried to get his preferred nickname of "The Connoisseur" to stick, without success), was feeling confident in his pastel linen suit. He reached for a bottle of the Lancefield winery Lyon's Will Pinot Noir.

"Observe the colour," he announced, holding it against the light. "A profound garnet, with hints of mahogany and the faintest suggestion of autumnal melancholy."

"Remarkable," murmured The Duke, who had been colour-blind since birth.

Sitting out the front enjoying the spring sun Niles continued, "The sun doesn't just shine, it curates its own warmth."

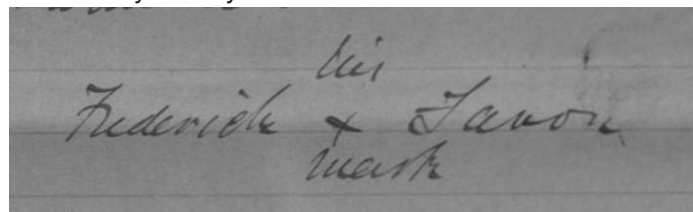
Silence fell over the table. The long suffering Mrs. Digby broke the quiet, "I do wish Digby was here, at least he brings us a few laughs."

Just then Gab appeared with a massive Istra charcuterie board and a selection of toasties.

care of others, Alec eventually found there was a cart but no horse at Fitzsimmons' Hotel at East Trentham, then hurried 3 km to John's parents' property, where Frederick took a horse from the paddock and returned with John to Fitzsimmons' Hotel to collect the cart. John and Frederick arrived back at the sawmill at around 8pm, where they found John still conscious and his arm 'bloody and black'.

Alec and Frederick placed John in the back of the cart, then set off for Kyneton, 32 km away. They travelled through the night, arriving at the Kyneton Hospital at 3am on Monday, 27 November. About 5 km away from Kyneton, John spoke for the last time, then lost consciousness; he died before they reached the hospital.

At 2:30pm on the same day, an inquest was held into John's death. The coroner, John Campbell Thomson, concluded with the assistance of a jury of 12 Kyneton residents that John had died from 'haemorrhage from a wound in his right arm inflicted by his own gun which was accidentally fired by himself'.



Frederick signed his inquest deposition with an 'X' (Public Record Office Victoria, VPRS 24/P0 item 1876/1014M)

The Nostalgic Narrator

The salami, infused with paprika, pepper and garlic, along with a selection of prosciutto and hams brought the house down. "Isn't it wonderful..." Said Daphne, "and almost no flies at this time of year."

The food was thoroughly enjoyed and another bottle of the Pinot was soon disappearing. A bottle of the Harbinger Syrah from local Kyneton wine makers Kyneton Estate was soon opened.

Trying once again to impress, Niles decided to man-splain the wine. "The legs on this vintage are so long they should be modeling in Paris."

"Oh dear," muttered The Duke, "Let's finish up and join Digby in the Cosmo beer garden, I miss his naive wit."

Cheers!

The Plonkers

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Spudman's Sign Off

As whispers of a warmer clime erase the winter cold.
She carries the tators which the friendly man just sold.
The sodden mud begins to thaw, it's time to get outdoors.
The grass is green but never stops, so many garden chores.
One thing she's certain, no matter the time of year.
Preparing the spuds for the evening meal always brings her cheer.



Spudman
by Peter Young
Oil on Canvas

Trentham Film Society presents

THE CORRESPONDENT

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