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Council news









The Mechanics Trentham is taking shape with plastering and fit-out of joinery underway. We look forward to unveiling this impressive community facility soon. Stay tuned for more information on the opening and a celebratory event.







🗃 😭 🤛 END OF POOL SEASON

Thank you to community members who joined us during the summer season at our pools and splash park. Thousands of patrons (including our wonderful school groups) visited our facilities, whether to cool off from the heat, participate in VICSWIM programs or to join in the Summer of Fun inflatable sessions.

Congratulations and thank you to our 50 aquatic staff members who worked extremely hard over the season.

Shortly we will be releasing a community survey on the pool season. Your feedback is extremely important to help shape the future of our pools. Keep an eye on Participate Hepburn to provide your feedback -

https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au









Pet owners will have received registration renewal forms, with payments due on 10 April. Please don't forget to register your pet. The first period of registration is free. If you own a cat, remember a curfew is in place. Cats need to be securely confined within private property between sunset and sunrise to reduce the risk of cats breeding, fighting, becoming injured or killing wildlife. Find details about registration and the curfew at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/pets





HAVE YOUR SAY

Arts and Culture Strategy - We invite you to review our draft Arts and Culture Strategy, which aims to help guide and support local arts and cultural communities. Submissions close on Sunday 14 April.

Structure planning - One of the major components of our strategic planning project, Future Hepburn, is the development of structure plans for five local townships - Trentham, Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford/Hepburn and Glenlyon. Council will be hosting a number of community drop-in sessions across the Shire in May to get feedback on the draft structure plans.

Health and wellbeing survey - This survey will measure health outcomes in the region, helping to identify areas for improvement and report on changes. The survey will be available to complete in the coming weeks.

Have your say at https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/





DIOIN THE TOWN HALL PAG

Community members are invited to apply to join an advisory group to help determine whether Daylesford Town Hall could be refurbished to include a community hub with a library and multi-purpose spaces. The Project Advisory Group (PAG) will comprise up to eight members to represent the community, working as a reference group. We are looking for community members to join the PAG and use their local knowledge and connections to support the future of this significant building. Complete an expression of interest at https:// participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/daylesford-facilities or collect a copy from Daylesford Library or at Duke St Customer Service at Daylesford. Expressions of interest

close Wednesday 24 April at 5.00pm.









Council elections will be held in October. The Municipal Association of Victoria will run information sessions for prospective candidates. Topics will cover information about the roles and responsibilities of a councillor and their council, the election campaign process and much more. Find out more via the MAV website at www.mav.asn.au/council-elections-2024

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Hi Trentham!

Congratulations to our cover star Annie Adams for her winning photograph. Annie has won a \$100 prize for her entry. We literally laughed out loud when we saw this – in addition to the beautiful texture – the cobweb!! We (and many others) do not remember a summer when our spidery friends have been so profuse with their web spinning.



Anzac Day is upon us later this month. In addition to the joint Lions and Kyneton RSL Service at 11.30am (see right), the CFA will again be hosting a Dawn Service (6am) at the Cenotaph, followed by a gunfire breakfast at the CFA on Market Street. Both are moving community events well worth attending.

We hope you had a lovely Easter, thank you to the Lions' Club and their volunteers for collecting for the Royal Children's hospital Good Friday Appeal. We hope you had a chance to enjoy the spectacular March weather as our town begins to cloak itself in gorgeous autumnal colours. Why would you want to be anywhere else?!

Until next month,

Regards, Chris & Penny

St. George's

News and Reflections from St. George's

We are pleased to announce at last that we have a new minister. The Rev. Neil Fitzgerald was first ordained to serve in the parish of Woodend-Trentham but has since served in Daylesford. It is good to welcome him home. He begins at Trentham in April. Charles Sherlock will continue assisting at St George's with others who have kept services running for some years now.

We are a very happy group of people who come together every Sunday at 9am to worship, learn and enjoy each other's company. Several of us only joined in the last year or so. We will happily make room for you too.

If you are seeking help in the stresses of this complicated world from the God who made us, loves us, lived with us, died for us, and promises to be with us daily, you will fit in well. We describe ourselves as friendly, traditional and encompassing all ages.

The Easter season continues through April every Sunday with added Alleluias! But we assure you that we continue to pray seriously for each other, Trentham and the world. Especially on Wednesdays from 9am.

St George's Day is celebrated in April and we plan a Back to Church Sunday celebrated on Sunday April 21 at 9am with a big jammy, creamy morning tea. See you then!





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ANZAC DAY

Commemoration Service 11.30am Thursday, 25th April 2024

Ex-Servicemen and Women entitled to march, and others who wish to march, are asked to assemble in High Street in front of the Town Square Rotunda at 11.30am

At approximately **11.35am** the Parade will proceed to the Cenotaph for the traditional ANZAC Day service

Refreshments will be available in the

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

at the conclusion of the service

Proudly co-ordinated by the Trentham Lions Club and Kyneton RSL Sub-Branch

International Women's Day

One hundred women celebrated International Women's Day at The Cosmopolitan Hotel last month to support



and raise funds for Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Family Services and Housing Support programs. These services provide support to women and children experiencing and impacted by family violence.

The Cosmo looked picture perfect with bountiful floral arrangements. Guests were treated to live music as they entered (Porgy & Bess was heartbreakingly appropriate!) and a bespoke Cosmo cocktail courtesy of Big Tree Distillery. Beautiful Shadowfax wines accompanied a delicious 3 course lunch. The Cosmo team were brilliant – not just in serving 100 guests at once, but individual coffee orders to finish? Superb!

Trentham local Jenni Tozi was the day's wonderfully warm guest speaker. Amongst her many accomplishments, she was the CEO of Film Victoria. She shared some sage advice and tales of her experiences in corporate life.

Thank you to Rod, Fiona, the Cosmo team and Aisling & Melissa from Aisling Enterprises for a fabulous afternoon. Many thanks also to the generous event partners and sponsors who made it possible. A staggering \$8140 was raised – we look forward to this being an annual event!

About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

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



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

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

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

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

thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com

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What's on!

Community Groups Listing

thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au/our-community

Lions Schedule

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

Sunday Church Services

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

Trentham Lions Club

Farmers' Market 20 April 9am-1pm Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Śwap 20 April 10-11.30am Trentham Town Square

Trentham Cool Country Men's Shed

Open Wednesday & Saturday mornings 9.30am - 12.30pm 55 Mulchay's Road Trentham cool.country.mens.shed@gmail.com

Life Activities Club

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

Wednesday Walkers 9.30am every Wednesday Easy town walk Meet at old Trentham Post Office

Men's Petanque 10am every Thursday Trentham Town Square, followed by coffee

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

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

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On Our Cover:

Web We Weave Annie Adams



Winner

2024 Trumpet Photography Competition

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At the Station

The pedestrian pathway at the west end of the railway station has been completed (right). It will allow safe passage for everyone leaving the platform to the rail line. A big thank you to Mary-Anne Thomas, local MP and VicTrak for supporting our grant application. The team from R&R Building and Landscaping got the work done in record time, a huge thank you goes to them. Our volunteers have been busy mulching the gardens for planting over the coming months.

We have installed three wheel chair friendly picnic tables around the precinct. They were built by Trentham's Men's Shed and a big thank you for their excellent work. We have purchased three large cafe blinds that will be erected at the back entrance to the station. These will help to protect everyone from inclement weather when the area is being used for bbq's etc.

Over the last month, our volunteers have continued the revitalisation of the gardens. Planting has occurred along the platform, and within the railway precinct. The old notice board has had a new coat of paint, with glass sliding doors adding to its rejuvenation. Thank you South Melbourne Glass for donating the glass doors. Give us a call or email if you want to put up notices etc.

With the Tractor Pull, (April 28) Spudfest (May 4 - 5) and a huge Cavalcade of Transport (May 19), we are working very hard to ensure the railway precinct will be a proud place for all those attending.

This will be the first time TRATA is running the 2024 Tractor Pull. It's going to be a great family day for our community. Please support us!!!





Membership

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

Phil Davis Secretary TRATA

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Barfly Bob

The Deserters

G'day readers. It's Barfly Bob here again. You may recall me writing last month about promoters Duzel and Delsinki bringing some seriously talented artists to The Cosmopolitan (Charles Jenkins in December and Rebecca Barnard and friends in February).

Well I'm happy to report that March's gig was equally enjoyable with Brooke Taylor and Delsinki himself teaming up under the moniker of 'The Deserters'. The name could refer to running away from something or someone I suppose, but on the night it felt like they'd misspelled it as the sounds emanating from the stage were as sweet as if their name was 'The Desserters'.

But first to the support act, Singer/Songwriter Jess Parker. Jess has been serving up her unique blend of dark folk and country-blues fingerpicking for over five years. Living in Campbell's Creek her lyrics pay homage to her surroundings, from the rich soil and lore of the Goldfields, the strong brew of her morning coffee on the back porch, to the kitchen table spirits that flicker candles and offer up songs to her at midnight. A genuine, strong and dynamic singer. An engaging entertainer.

So we all took a long breath after Jess and braced ourselves for the main act. The Wineroom's original brick nog walls waited in anticipation as the enigmatic and mysterious Delsinki (no one knows his first name) and pocket rocket Brooke Taylor took their guitars and stepped up to the mics (top right). What followed was an hour or so (I lost all track of time) of originals and covers delivered with honest urbane wit and open country charm.

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Brooke may not stand very tall but her voice filled the room. Serious stuff, no singalong or dancing here just quality alt city/country rock thoroughly enjoyed by all. We can only hope they visit us again one day.

So, what's next?

Stefanie Duzel



played in the **Cosmo Beer Garden** the afternoon after The Deserters. Raunchy, unbridled songs of evocative angst, she's back there on May 18. For more family friendly covers, **Hotel Trentham** continues their free Sunday arvo sessions. And **Wombat Forest Winery** (Trentham's nearest Cellar Door, just 12km out of town) have two free live Saturday sessions in April. (see below left)

And I'm very excited to see The Davidson Brothers in the **Cosmo Stables**... unless it's the same Davidson brothers who ran me out of town down in Maffra back in the 80's... but that's a whole other story. No, these brothers promise to deliver some impressive finger picking bluegrass on fiddle, banjo and mandolin. With five Australian Country Music Awards (Golden Guitars) to their name, multiple Australian Bluegrass Championship titles and many original songs - expectations are high.

See you at the gig.



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Trentham Sustainability Group

Energy Resilient Trentham

Since the major storm event of June 2021 when Trentham was without electricity for 3 days, Trentham Sustainability Group Inc. (TSG) has been working towards a solution for energy resilience in the centre of town. A scoping study commissioned by TSG in 2022 found that an 'islandable microgrid' with a battery for the main transformer and generator is a feasible solution and will ensure electricity supply remains on despite bushfires, storms and damaging winds.

The need for such a solution has become even more important as Trentham's power supply can also be affected by extreme weather events in other parts of the state, such as on February 13 this year when six transmission towers at Anakie collapsed due to extreme winds and 500,000 customers lost power for up to a week. Similarly at Cressy in January 2020 when another six towers collapsed and over 530,000 customers lost power.

These type of events are becoming more frequent and intense in Victoria due to rapid climate change. An <u>Ausnet Services</u> (responsible for maintaining the transmission network in Victoria) report in 2020 stated that the average age of the towers is approximately 45 years and there are more than 13,000 towers in Victoria. Much of our transmission infrastructure is very out of date.

This is an urgent issue that needs to be resolved. TSG recently made a submission to the National Emergency Management Authority for funding to prepare a business case for the implementation of the islandable microgrid. Powercor announced last week that they will also be assessing Trentham for the practicality of establishing such a solution for the whole township. It is expected Powercor will hold extensive discussions with the community before preparing a draft report in August. This will then go to the Australian Energy Regulator for approval in January, potentially being incorporated into Powercor's next five-year plan.

To find out more <u>contact TSG</u> or better still become a <u>financial member</u> and be part of the solution.

Lions Club of Trentham

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world and Lions Clubs in Victoria and Southern NSW are doing something practical to mitigate the situation. Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation has put a Skin Check and Awareness Unit on the road, following financial support from Lions Clubs and public and private supporters.

The Lions Club of Trentham is proud to announce that the Skin Check van will be visiting our district on the 13 - 14 and 20 - 21 of April. The unit will be located in Woodend on both weekends, on the reserve by the swimming pool.

The van will provide a free skin checking service, conducted by fully trained, certificated and professionally supervised volunteers. The unit is a valuable resource to also access timely information about skin care and self-checking techniques.

We know early detection of skin lesions potentially saves lives, so this visit will be an important reminder for people of the need to take care of their skin.

Following the skin check, visitors will be issued with a referral to their GP if there are any suspect spots or lesions. The Unit is not a medical clinic, so diagnosis or treatment requirements are not discussed – it simply provides the skin check, and alerts the visitor to skin lesions that require further attention.

The air-conditioned van has three fully equipped Checking Rooms, an entry foyer, and lift entry at the rear.

To book a free Skin Cancer Checking, contact Gita, Ceri or Stan by email at trenthamlion@gmail.com.

postscript: This is a repeat of last month's content, but important as records indicate that some 28% of people checked in the past have been referred to a doctor.

St. Mary Magdalen's

Some Easter Musings

Suffering and death seem to have dominion over our news screens of late. War, violence, and disaster seem to be ever present. They reach from far countries even into Trentham's peaceful autumnal sunshine. As we watch the leaves turn from green to red, or yellow, or brown, and wait for the gentle blessing of the rain, we see images of suffering on a scale that is hard to fathom.

Cities devastated. Children alone and crying in pain. The machine of war grinding humanity to dust. How do we celebrate the joy of Easter in a world that seems to be stuck in an eternal Good Friday? But this, it seems to me,

is the point.

No matter what the confectionary companies may say, Easter is not about a rabbit who can somehow miraculously lay chocolate eggs. No, it's about new life, life where once there was death.

The promise of Easter is that those who suffer now will one day find joy, that self- giving love, which seems to some a weakness, is stronger than hate, and that life, against all expectation, will overcome death. This is the bold promise and hope proclaimed at Easter - and it's worth celebrating.

Deacon Joe

Trentham Community Forum

Our Town – Reviving a Community Voice

Trentham people . . . "want to retain the friendliness and community character of Trentham and ensure that future development respects this, the townscape and environmental values".

This was the summary of nearly 150 responses to the survey for the 2008/09 Trentham Community Plan. The qualities and values identified above were echoed loudly in more than 250 responses to the 2022 Community Survey.

The original Community Plan led to the establishment of our Community Bank and the Trentham Community Forum. Early in the life of the Forum we asked the head of the La Trobe Bendigo Planning Course what was needed to protect the character of Trentham - his answer was succinct: 'eternal vigilance'.

So, the message is that the Trentham community needs to identify its priorities and speak up for these and the qualities we value.

The working group formed at the public meeting last June has been meeting regularly to revive 'a town committee', a voice to speak on behalf of the community, similar to the former Forum. It will make recommendations to the community in the next month or so.

However, the group is also very interested in Council's final Draft Structure Plan for Trentham - to be released later in April?



The Structure Plan, once approved by the Minister, will set the guidelines for future development, planning zones, overlays and subdivision rules for the next 30 years. Council is to be commended for undertaking this longneglected review.

However, it is important that Council gets it right for our town and it is our last opportunity as a community to ensure this happens.

We need as many people as possible to be aware of the issues and engage in the consultation process. The working group is currently focused on how we can assist people have their voice heard.

What legacy will we leave to those who come after us? If you are at all interested in the future of Your Town – Our Town – please contact the working group – or better, think about joining us: trenthamcommunityforum@gmail.com

SpudFest

How Did It Start?

Trentham's SpudFest began in 2008. The year had been declared the International Year of the Potato by the United Nations, noting that the potato is a staple food in the diet of the world's population, and affirming the need to focus world attention on the role that the potato can play in providing food security and eradicating poverty.

What was that first SpudFest like? How has it evolved? Prominent names in that first year were Bob White, his late partner Kirk Bradbury, Bernie White, and Gael Elliott. You can listen to an informative podcast on the website of the Trentham and District Historical Society a great starting point for all things local and historical!

trenthamhistoricalsociety.org.au/trentham-stories/thefirst-spudfest

Trentham Spudfest success

The inaugural Trentham Spudfest beat all expectations at the weekend.

Organisers said the festival was a success in the town's corners as people came together to celebrate the International Year of the Potato.

Trentham Residents and Traders Association president Bob White said 90 people attended the opening on Friday while more than 70 people attended the dinner on Saturday night. He said yesterday's market held at the historic railway station also attracted a good number of people.

"I think it's gone very well. It's reached my expectations. There seems to be a good spirit around. All eateries have done well" Mr White said.

"The tours of potato diggers' huts were very popular. Most date back to the 1880s. It was very interesting."

Mr White said the town was keen to show off its potato industry which had a rich history of more than 50 potato growers in the past.

He said another attraction was a display of current and historical potato machinery.

"People like something different and new to go to. Most towns have a particular festival. I'm very much in favour of having one each year.

Visitors to Spudfest also participated in potato product cooking competitions and races.

Spudfest was organised with support from the Trentham Historical Society, Lions Club and churches.

The Advocate, May 2008

The Collaborators

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Changes to bin collection from 8 April

A weekly food and garden organics collection commences on 8 April for township households in Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford, Hepburn, Hepburn Springs and Trentham. General rubbish bin collection will also change from weekly to fortnightly. Your bin collection day will remain the same.

Food and garden materials will be processed locally into high-quality compost to improve soils. This is great for the environment and it also means reduced landfill fees and transport costs.

So let's love our compost and work together for a better environment.

Learn more at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/organics



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The Trentham Garden

Autumn Update

A successful triennial public meeting was held at the end of February, with 19 in attendance at the Men's Shed. There is now a committee of seven, waiting to be approved by the Minister and relayed back via DEECA. The formal process of nomination of committee members was chaired by our Mayor and local Councillor Brian Hood.

Brian Bainbridge, Hepburn Shire Council Biodiversity officer presented an interesting update on our Flagship Species, the Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly, Heteronympha cordace. In the recent season, a narrow window of about 3 weeks from late December through January, there were more sightings in several of Trentham's wetland areas, mainly around Trent and Stony Creeks. This increase highlights the value of our wetlands and the importance of continuing to preserve and enhance these areas as an indicator of the health of local habitat for local wildlife.

Tall Carex, Carex appressa, is the only plant on which they lay their eggs which is then the caterpillars' food plant. When they emerge, they seek out nearby flowering plants, particularly Prickly tea-tree and Sweet Bursaria. Because the butterfly only flies about a distance of 200m it will be important to consider this in revegetation projects.

Meanwhile, the present focus for work on the Reserve needs to be on planting up the wetland area created by a new swale which has been created to help drain stormwater from behind High Street properties.





The smaller swale nearer Lelant Street was also cleared out and now has jute matting laid ready for planting. There will probably be at least 150 plants to deal with, not all at once. If you would like to assist, please contact Fay Magee (0417 113 927) as we sort out some times.





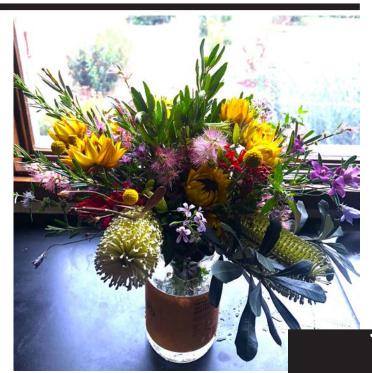
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Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife

Nature Stewards is a course that connects curious people with their local and wider habitats. It is run by conservation experts and hosted by local councils. Trentham Gardens for Wildlife group was delighted to be asked to give a short presentation to the Macedon, Mitchell and Hepburn Hub at Leonards Hill Hall on Saturday 23 March with some 25 participants. An illustrated talk was delivered to a very attentive audience on the process of creating habitats in the home garden for all types of wildlife, from birds and small animals to insects, particularly our Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly. We explained the process for training mentors who provide a free visit to homeowners and advise them of local native plants which could suit their vision for their garden.

On Saturday 16 March we provided an information stall for Sustainable Hepburn at Victoria Park Daylesford, located in the "Nature Village". It was good to catch up with other similar groups like Friends of Cornish Hill, Wombat Forestcare, Glenlyon Landcare, and glean information about other types of sustainability projects. Of particular interest for our group is the Glenlyon Public Space Pollinator Corridor, "a multi-stage project focused on the beautification of the township of Glenlyon's public spaces including the planting of local native plants to support pollinator species." This will definitely be worth a visit.

This is a good time of year to think about new plantings, though at present regular watering would be necessary!



The photo shows a great posy of currently flow native plants, featuring the local Banksia marginata along with Xerochrysum viscosum, the yellow Sticky Everlasting which continue to flower for most of the year.

Trentham Life Activities

Garden Lovers Group

Like Gardening? New to the area and wanting to know what grows well here? Want to learn about plants? Even if you just like to chat about gardens and plants then this is the group for you.

As part of Trentham Life Activities Group, we organise a garden visit monthly. You are advised by email or text the day, date and time of the event and then it is up to you if you wish to attend.



There are no experts here just like-minded people who are happy to share. We finish with a cuppa, cake and chit chat. If you would like to participate, please contact Trentham Life Activities Group via email trentham@life.org.au We would love you to join the group.

Next visit to a local garden is Monday April 29 at 1pm.

We are also offering a couple of new activities - FISHING and PICKLEBALL. The Club is seeking a Coordinator for the Pickleball Group so if this interests you, we would love to hear from you.

Join Life Activities today and get 15 months membership instead of 12, your membership will run until June 30: allowing you to participate in any or all activities!



EOI Director

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the voluntary position of Director.

Cool Country Community Enterprises Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally owned Trentham branch.

As a director you will be motivated, well organised, self-directed and community orientated. You'll support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community.

For more information or to apply, call Brian Hood on 0411 139 004 or email aanderson@tccce.com.au.

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The Trentham Garden

5 Outstanding Native Plants for Trentham

There's just something about native plants; they look so soft and beautiful under the intense Australian sun.

Choose carefully though; many exotic plants have been carefully bred over hundreds or even thousands of years to become the gardenworthy cultivars we are familiar with today.

Here are some of the native plants I use on a regular basis in Trentham gardens:

- 1) Correa alba I use this primarily as shrub for clipping and adding architectural structure to the garden. It mixes beautifully with droughttolerant perennials.
- 2) Tree ferns, Dicksonia antarctica Clients sometimes ask about natives for under deciduous trees; tree ferns add an element of drama and instant height as well as looking good together with more lush exotic plants.
- 3) Cut-leaf daisy, Brachyscome multifida Great if you're after something to provide vibrant colour over the warmer months. I tend to use mass plantings of this which gives a more modern, dramatic effect.
- 4) Yellow buttons, Chrysocephalum apiculatum Yellow is a polarising colour but there's no doubt that this little beauty adds a cheerful, energetic note to the garden. Again, plant in clumps big enough for a strong impact. 5) Silver Banksia, Banksia marginata – Tall shrub or small tree; plant along a fenceline to add a bit of evergreen



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height without becoming a problem. Subtle green-yellow flowers through the colder months

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> Clockwise from top left; Chrysocephalum apiculatum, Brachyscome multifida, clipped Correa alba and Westringea spheres, Banksia marginata and Dicksonia Antarctica



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It's a Shake!

Years ago, my friends and I would meet at Mietta's Cocktail Lounge in Collins Street, Melbourne for late night drinks and atmosphere. We would try to guess which cocktails were in the assorted glasses passing by on trays carried aloft by the dinner-suited waiters.



The first cocktail drinks emerged out of America in the late 1800s. By the 1920s with a new lease of life the Roaring Twenties arrived in Europe and the United Kingdom. Bands played new upbeat music and new venues opening heralded the Jazz Age. Cocktails had arrived!

This got me thinking about all the paraphernalia associated with the cocktail revolution. The drinks tray now needed to accommodate more than the traditional cut crystal decanters containing spirits, with little silver labels hanging from fine chains.

There were the basic glasses to drink from: tumblers, high balls and snifters arranged neatly. But now elaborate bottles containing new fancy liqueurs with unpronounceable names need to be squeezed in. New cocktails need glassware of different shapes: there were martini glasses, coupe glasses, and saucers, also irregular shaped stemmed tall and thin goblets.

Where did the cocktail host to keep all these items? Waiters' trolleys called Gueridons became popular, adopted from fine dining restaurants, where these trolleys were wheeled to your seat and cocktails were mixed at your

Today, cocktail trolleys have mirror shelves, with wooden, chrome or brass fittings, but always with unobtrusive handles and wheels. They make a great addition to your dining space or living area, and take up very little room.

On your trolley or drinks tray you can place a lamp or a pot plant as a contrast to the glassware. For added visual interest and height include a beautifully framed photograph or a small artwork.

I'm not saying that you need to have everything set out: a few cocktail ingredients and glasses on your sideboard or trolley can kick start your party!

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Dogs of Trentham

Thank YOU for your support of the 2024 Dogs of Trentham Calendar and our very special Off Leash Dog Park in Trentham Dogs of Trentham Inc.



The Dogs of Trentham Inc. Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased one of our 2024 Dogs of Trentham Calendars. It raised over \$4000 towards the sustainability and improvements to the interim Dog Park in Trentham at the Market Street Reserve. We would particularly like to acknowledge Bendigo Bank's grant; our wonderful photographer, James Walshe who donates his time and expertise to ensure the dogs behave beautifully for his photo shoots; and the Trentham Post Office folk who sold a considerable number of calendars. The local support has demonstrated how important a safe, secure and well used off-leash dog park is to Trentham.

We were delighted to present a \$250 donation to Rhodda and Harold at Trentham Wildlife Shelter (top right, with Deb Power and Cynthia Goudie) to support the tremendous work they do for local wildlife and our community.

In the coming months we are focusing on improvements to the interim park: a sustainable water supply, dedicated safe seating, signage that supports responsible dog behaviour, and street signage. The DOT Inc. Committee is in discussions with Hepburn Shire Council regarding these improvements, and continuing to advocate for a permanent off-leash dog park.

Over the last twelve months the use of the park has grown exponentially. Locals continue to meet and connect with each other. people with dogs drive to the park from Newbury,



Spring Hill, Bullarto, Lyonville, Blackwood and further afield. Visitors from out of town in dog friendly accommodations are now visiting the Dog Park, grateful for a safe off leash space.

The goals of the Dogs of Trentham Committee Inc. are:

- Support a safe and friendly environment for dogs and their owners/carers
- Contribute to dog and owner wellbeing and education.
- Encourage community engagement and connection

Find us on facebook: Dogs of Trentham facebook.com/groups/3200744816863395

Thank you again for your support.



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Trentham Tales

ANZAC Day - Another Day to Remember

ANZAC Day is a day that the majority of Australians well know.

It is a sacred time for us to commemorate those who died in military service.

It is also a day when we give thanks to all those who survived and returned to small districts, such as Trentham. They came back with personal accounts of fear, near-death experiences, escapades, bravado, tall and true stories, camaraderie and bad food, which had carried them through those difficult times.

Today there are men and women within our community who have served our country at various conflicts and participate in the Anzac Day commemoration.

While our military personnel were risking their lives and enduring the deprivations of war, those at home were also affected in many and varied ways.

'Trentham At War', an excellent publication, co-written by Jan Robertson and Ina Bertrand for the Trentham and District Historical Society, tells of the deep and widespread impact war had on our community.

They highlight the great pressure on farmers to increase food production - particularly staples such as potatoes - in order to supplement dwindling agricultural production in Europe during World War 2.

While farming was an exempt occupation, many young men from farming families still enlisted in the military forces, which exacerbated the man-power shortage. Support industries such as mechanics, transport, shearing, repair shops, blacksmiths and sawmilling all suffered from these workforce shortages. So much so that those affected were forced to fall back on their own resources, to plug the gaps and develop skills they didn't know they had. This led to an innovative time in Australian history which, for example, saw the re-tooling of the Trewhella foundry to produce aircraft and shipyard jacks.

This may explain the general resilience of country people, including homemakers who, due to rationing of food and all general household goods, found a way 'to just get on with it', and in their own way contributed to the war effort. The home-front contributors also crossed the generation divide.

Take the case of school children - including Tom Walsh - who would learn to make rabbit nets, important as rabbit meat always became a cheap staple food during times of scarcity. Tom then progressed to making hempen nets for use as camouflage for army equipment.

Blackouts had a whole different meaning during the war years. It was compulsory, widespread and totally supported by the community as it minimised the risk of air raids - not the failing of a less-than-loved power company!

Much-needed revenue was raised through War Saving Certificates, often with a competitive edge, using town

against town as an inducement.
Vegetable growing was also
supported by government
initiatives and prizes awarded for
productivity. An air raid siren was
installed in High Street.

TRENTHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

People drove at night with blackout covers which restricted the view to straight ahead, while road signs were removed so as not to assist any invading troops – even around our district!

A special Soldiers' Cake recipe was published with detailed instructions on how to wrap and dispatch to servicemen.

Meanwhile, social life went on with an emphasis on fund raising through concerts, dances, musical performances and sports events, as well as the odd illegal gambling venture.

A Volunteer Defence Corp was raised, and a Volunteer Air Observers Corps operated on Cranneys Hill. Although by all reports there was a social side to plane spotting!

The annual report of the Little Hampton Comfort Circle for 1941-42 itemized its contribution. The RSL actively supported servicemen's families, and by-and-large, prisoners-of-war located around the district working as farm labourers were valued, trusted, and well-treated. No doubt the PoWs also counted their blessings when considering the alternatives!

Close to 250 names of servicemen and women from our district, including those who returned and those who sadly did not, have been identified and recorded in the 'Trentham at War' publication.

The town's Memorial, where many of us will gather on Anzac Day, records the fallen. Fortunately, many of those who returned have left us with valuable recollections. Detailed records of their service are held in the National Archives, the Australian War Memorial and the Department of Veterans' Affairs and are easily accessible for information research purposes.

The Trentham and District Historical Society is privileged to be the custodians of these war stories and acknowledge Ina Bertrand and Jan Robertson for their diligent research on this aspect of Trentham history.

LEST WE FORGET

Natalie Gretton and Elizabeth Toomey Trentham and District Historical Society trenthamhistoricalsociety.org.au

Councillor's Report

Council meeting – the major outcomes arising from the March Council meeting were:



- Adopting a master plan for potential works in Clunes' Pioneer and Queens parks.
- Resolving to form a project advisory group (PAG)
 comprising up to 8 community members to help guide
 the project to incorporate community facilities, and
 possibly the library, into Daylesford town hall.
- Receiving a positive report on progress against Council's strategic priorities.
- Noting the financial reports for the six months ended December 2023. Unsurprisingly Council's cashflow outlook remains very constrained. Councillors also noted some adjustments to the 2023/24 budget with the half year position being slightly favourable.

Two notices of motion I put forward were adopted. One calls on the state government to undertake a long overdue review of the rating system; the other calls on the federal government to create a more meaningful cost index for adjusting the annual operating grants by replacing the household CPI index with a range of goods and services more applicable to Council's operations.

Mayoral duties – during March I had the honour of speaking at the International Women's Day function; participating in the ChillOut parade; opening the Sustainable Hepburn Day Out and Clunes' Booktown festival; and attending the Daylesford Agricultural Show's awards dinner.

The Mechanics Trentham – if you're not already excited then it's almost time to get ready for the grand opening.... at a date in late May to be advised. Planning is underway for an official opening event, which will include a range of entertainment. All community members will be most welcome to attend and check out the new library, meeting rooms and function space.

International Women's Day – congratulations to the wonderful Anne Bremner on her induction into the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll. This fitting acknowledgment recognises Anne's 50+ years of service to the community. Anne's work continues with active roles on both the Lyonville and Bullarto community hall committees and as a driving force behind the Lyonville Woodchop and Bake-off.

Ambulance station for Trentham – in exciting news for Trentham the Minister for Ambulance Services, Mary-Anne Thomas, made the very welcome announcement in March that an ambulance station will be built in Station St. The members of our very own high-performing CERT will have the opportunity to continue their fabulous service. This huge step forward is a product of great advocacy by CERT and Council, and is only possible with the state government's support.

Electoral review outcome – as reported last month we have been lumbered with an unsubdivided model, meaning that wards will no longer exist from the October 2024 election. I will provide more information throughout the year as we approach the election, as will Council, but if you have any questions in the meantime just let me know. What is at stake is your right to representation at a local government level and value for your rates.

Town structure plans – the draft plan, covering the planning regulations, zoning and overlays relevant to Trentham's future growth, is due to be released for community review later in April. Feedback will be welcomed.

Upcoming events

- Anzac Day, April 25. The Kyneton RSL (Mike Gretton) and the students of Trentham Primary School can be relied upon to stage a wonderful, fitting tribute.
- The Trentham Tractor Pull on April 28. Get along to the rail station and check out the great works being undertaken by the TRATA committee... with the support of Council and the Trentham & Districts Community bank.
- Spudfest on May 4-5. This year's two-day event promises to be bigger and better than ever. Kye Theobald and her hard-working army of volunteers have a huge program of entertainment lined up. Council proudly sponsor this iconic event.

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 <u>Track an application</u>, view planning register or lodge an objection <u>Hepburn Shire Council</u>

Council meetings – are held at 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. The public may attend or view proceedings via the live broadcast on council's Facebook page. Agenda papers are available on Council's website the week before the meeting. Next meeting is April 16

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Sport

Tretham Saints

The Saints have been working hard in the preseason. Our first game of the home and away season kicks off at home on April 20 against the new team Maryborough Giants.

Clive Raak is in his second year as senior coach with Christopher Whelan appointed the new reserves coach. As with every season the playing group has some changes with a number of new recruits from Old Melbournians club, Joint captains of the seniors are Harry Knight and Mark Strickland. Clive is excited about the talent the new boys bring and they have fitted in well with the existing senior players.

This year we have an Under 17.5s football team for the first time since 2021. Coached by Dan Lendrec, we are still in need of a few numbers so anybody interested please contact Dan or the second year President Tim White.

Brent Holmes has been appointed the coach of U14.5s team. Our U11.5s coaches this year are Simon Beattie and Xavier Keighran, with good numbers in both grades the junior development is strong for the future.

It is with great pleasure that last year's club and MCDFNL best & fairest winner Jessica Walker has accepted the position of coach of A, B & 17&U Grade. Holly Wheeldon has returned at the helm for C Grade coach & all round superstar. Junior levels, 15&U, 13&U and 11&U are being coached again by Emma Whelan and Daniel Thek. The juniors will again be assisted through the junior coaching program with Kendra Crocker & Stevie Courtney. We welcome all new and returning players, please don't hesitate to reach out for info.



Club president Tim White is supported by Vice Presidents Corina Sabo and Jack Griffiths and they are excited to see what all the football and netball teams can do this year and welcomes all the new recruits and new participants who are playing for the first time in football and netball. Peter Love returns as Secretary and Treasurer.

Off field the club is strong with great sponsorship and a number of capital projects to complete. Our major functions this year is the Annual Ball on July 27 2024 and a number of junior functions have been set. All functions and dates will be on the FaceBook page and website in the near future including Major Raffle details.

Golf

The match committee has agreed to a "pick up after 10" rule for both men's and women's stroke competitions. This means that once you have reached ten strokes on a hole, you can pick up and put a score of 10 on your card. This is designed to speed up play (and avoid total embarrassment!)

After five years of dedicated service, President Keith Webster has stepped down. He navigated the club through some difficult times including COVID and the aftermath of the June 21 storm and the club owes him a debt of gratitude for his efforts. Alex Evered has been chosen as the interim president until the AGM in December.

The committee approved the 2024 Strategic Plan focusing on immediate priorities of course maintenance and exploring sustainable income streams, confident that achieving this year's objectives will pave the way for further enhancements. Chris Campbell and Kent Newton were elected Vice-President and Vice Captain respectively.

The inaugural Autumn Pairs Tournament, was a resounding success, drawing a great turnout of 204 players. and providing a fun experience over the three days. Congratulations to the overall 3-day winners Cameron McDonald and Adam Moustafa. Thank you to everyone involved in organising the tournament.



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The Mount Players

The Mount Players are now in full rehearsal for their 2nd production of the year, Looped which opens May 10 running till May 26.

A comedy, written by Matthew Lombardo is being directed by Peter Newling. This is Peter's first directing gig with TMP and he comes to us with bags of experience as a very successful director across the Melbourne Community Theatre scene.

Looped - During the Summer of 1965, celebrated actress Tallulah Bankhead entered a Los Angeles recording studio to re-record (or "loop") just one line of dialogue from her final film Die, Die My Darling. What should have taken about 8 minutes ended up taking 8 hours.

The Playwright uses a great deal of theatrical licence, offering us a hilarious yet sympathetic guesstimation as to what may have happened in that room that day.

A combination of clever writing backed by a stellar cast of highly regarded, experienced actors, this play will appeal to many... don't miss it!



The Mount Players

We will be celebrating Mother's Day at the matinee on Sunday May 12 - there will be complimentary bubbles for all the mums and delicious treats at interval.

Book your tickets at www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt The Mount Players

Meditation for Peace

"Obligations precede rights – the first and only truly universal obligation is human dignity." Simone Weil, 1943

"International law as humanity's law", Valentin Tomberg, Bonn, Germany, 1947

"'Human dignity is inviolable'" (Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Preamble, 1948) This statement stands as a rock in history" Shin Gwydion Fontalba, public address, Oberstdorf, Germany, 2009, at the launch of a free and worldwide movement for human dignity: teachings, meditations, practices for this time.

When, after 50 years, the states, signatories of the universal declaration of human rights continued to fail their obligation towards enshrining this declaration in their legislations, an action group of former heads of governments and states commissioned the Swiss theologian Hans Küng to draft a universal declaration of human obligations (1998), which soon was adopted by the Parliament of the World's Religions and developed under the name 'Global Ethic', most recently in Chicago 2023. In 1999 Amnesty International shifted the focus of its actions from 'rights' to 'dignity', simply because 'rights' lacked legal status in the courts.

At the same time, the United Nations established the International Criminal Court in The Hague. I grew up in The Hague, the International Court of Arbitrage (established 1903), the "Peace-Palace" a landmark in my neighbourhood; -75 years later – on a visit – I passed a busstop at the International Criminal Courts.

Simone Weil's essay became her testament (1909 -1943). Valentin Tomberg's book was a three-year (1944 -1947) interruption in a life dedicated to revitalizing a 'hermetic' Christian tradition that has for 400 years been interrupted by rationalist academic 'enlightenment' and 'formalized' religions. His book outlined historical and juridical foundations of international law.

In Simone Weil's view human dignity is based on a destiny that extends beyond human life-span on earth. Tomberg's study offers age-old and world-wide evidence that international law reigns above nation-states, which are 'sovereign' laws in themselves.

In March 2020, Antonio Guterres, General Secretary of the United Nations, took an 'unusual step' appealing to the activist citizens of the world to urge their governments to stick to cease-fire agreements for the sake of humanity ['under threat of Covid'19, hereby bypassing the states, the very members of his organization}.

A town without walls, The Hague had been the seat of government of The Netherlands, diplomatic centre of 17th and 18th Europe and as such a non-threatening choice for the revival of international concerns for justice and world peace after the 19th century wars.

Join us for:

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Food for Thought

Last week the Trentham Food for Thought group visited the stunning Shepherds Flat property of Andrew and Clare Gallagher. There they have established an olive grove of some 800 trees, mostly of the Frantoio variety, to produce an excellent Organic Olive Oil sold as their Lithia Springs label. It was so good - fresh, deep flavour with a slight peppery finish - that we needed to restrain ourselves when offered bowls of the oil with a loaf of crusty bread.

One learns much from these outings which demonstrate the diverse range of produce we grow in Central Victoria, and the investment and commitment made by farmers. Some 26 years ago, with nothing more than paddocks of scrubby farmland, the Gallaghers cleared, planted, netted (mostly due to the rabbits), watered and pruned these now substantial sage-silver trees. Each July they hand harvest them to onforward to the crushers. Andrew's relaxed style made it sound relatively easy, but goodness me, there's an enormous amount of physical work involved.

We learnt that olives were introduced into Australia in 1805 by the agricultural pioneer John Macarthur. Today more than 100 varieties produce 100,000 tonnes and 20 million litres of the golden syrup. We are now internationally acclaimed and able to grow an export trade.

So look no further than fresh and clean Australian Olive Oil, preferably Extra Virgin which is oil that comes from the first press and is unrefined. Many imports from Tunisia, Spain and Egypt are be stored in massive vats for years before being disgorged into tins or bottles.

We have come a long way from our first exposure to olive oil when you could only purchase it from a chemist to put warmed drops into aching ears!!

Tapenade

Tapenade is a chunky paste made of olives. It is delicious spread on fish or chicken before cooking, or on dry biscuits or toast with your favourite topping, i.e., fresh tomatoes, hummus or cheese. I always have a jar at the ready, and if you choose not to buy, it's easy to make.

½ cup pitted Green Olives (milder than Kalamata)
½ cup pitted Kalamata olives
¼ cup lightly packed fresh flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon drained capers
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
2 medium cloves garlic, pressed or minced
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Put all into the blender, push the button, pour into a container, and season with salt & pepper. You can add a deeper flavour through a couple of anchovy fillets, but if you do I suggest you reduce the salt. Sun dried tomatoes can also be put into the mix.

We finished the afternoon with an Olive Oil and Blueberry cake. What a way to spend a day.

Sylvia Johnson Trentham Food for Thought Group

The Plonkers

To the Plonkers, there is little better than hearing the words: 'New Wine Bar opening in Trentham'.

Still Moon House is indeed Trentham's latest addition to High Street, in the building where Chaplin's once was. It's the passion project of Charmaine and Tom Handyside - Macedon locals with decades of experience and a passion for viticulture and food.

Meeting at the long open bar now running the length of the interior space, the Plonkers were warmly greeted by Tom and introduced to Charmaine who was busy shucking oysters in the open plan kitchen. As the Plonkers moved into the front room where they could gather around the large table and explore the wine and tapas menus, Digby waved away the menu and pointed to the kitchen.

"Oh, I don't need a menu" said Digby, "I'll have half a dozen of those with a glass of wine to match."

Tom followed and poured several glasses of the chilled '22 Granche Rosé, explaining the terroir of the 25-year-old vines growing in Heathcote volcanic soil and the joy of foot stomping the grapes before the wine was stored in young French Oak barrels. Served in beautiful glassware, the Plonkers were impressed.

"Well," said Niles, "I'm not sure whose feet crushed these grapes, but they must have been very clean. I'm getting spiced plum, roses and orange rind."



"It's divine" cut in the long-suffering Mrs Digby, "And it has the perfect Rosé hue. Go and order a bottle please Digby."

"Yes dear. Perhaps I should get some more oysters too?" suggested Digby hopefully.

"No." The Duke said firmly. "Get something we all like - perhaps something to match that Syrah I want to try next."

Between them they tried almost all the wines on offer and had a good crack at the tapas menu. The Sangiovese was Digby's favourite, "Wonderful Heathcote grapes, the ultimate in drinkable, delicious, mouth-loving wine. Excellent with cheese." Niles was partial to the chardonnay: "Creamy, buttery, with an oaky edge – a great pairing with these prawns. Perfectly cooked, with garlic and... ummm...?"

"With garlic and anchovies" said Tom, popping his head around the door. "One of Charmaine's specialities."

"Well, she's an excellent chef" said the very-capable-in-thekitchen-himself Niles. He reached over to take the last of (the sometimes saucy) Uncle Worcester's chicken balls, who glared back at him.

Breaking the uncomfortable silence The Duke asked "So, what time does this establishment close?"

Niles held his glass up saying; "When we leave, hey Digby?"

But Digby wasn't listening, he was gazing out the window across the road to The Cosmopolitan...

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