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Open Day



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Council News



Community grants open

Do you have a project idea that you would like to bring to life? Community groups have the opportunity to apply for Council community grants.

Community Grants Program

The Community Grants Program offers up to \$5,000 to not-for-profit community groups and supports projects that improve wellbeing, social connection, and long-term sustainability. Closes **15 May 2026**.

Environmental Group Grants

For groups focused on environmental protection and awareness in the Shire. These grants support hands-on work and advocacy for ecological health. Closes **4 May 2026**.

For more information visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants



Integrated Transport Strategy adopted

Council is setting a clear path toward a safer, more connected, and sustainable transport future with the adoption of an Integrated Transport Strategy.

The strategy is a long-term strategy (looks ahead to 2050) and will guide Council decision-making on local transport priorities while complementing day-to-day asset management planning.

The strategy positions Hepburn Shire to meet evolving transport needs while supporting safer travel, stronger communities, and a more sustainable future.



Want to save on fuel?

Compare prices with Servo Saver before you fill up at www.service.vic.gov.au/app

Servo Saver is the only fuel price tool that servos must update by law.

We know people are concerned, but the advice is that Australia's fuel is secure and continues to arrive as expected. To keep up to date with the latest on fuel supply, visit www.vic.gov.au/fuel-supply



Emergency and resilience events

From how to use the VicEmergency app to getting coffee with a cop, this year's emergency and resilience events calendar is full of workshops, talks and networking opportunities help you prepare for emergencies. Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/em-events



Polystyrene recycling

Residents can recycle up to half a cubic metre (or two 240 L bins) of polystyrene per visit for free at each of our transfer stations as part of a trial running until June 2026.

Please ensure polystyrene is clean, free from tape and white.

Collected material is recycled into things such as mouldings, frames, decking and outdoor furniture.



Help showcase Trentham

Trentham is Australia's Top Tiny Tourism Town, and Council's Visitor Services team is working with local community members to open the Trentham visitor information service at The Mechanics Trentham on Saturday mornings. We're looking to establish a group of volunteers who can assist visitors with planning their stay. If you can spare three hours one Saturday a month, we would love to hear from you. Visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Volunteer to find out more or email tourism@hepburn.vic.gov.au. Information sheets and application forms are also available at The Mechanics Trentham.

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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

Congratulations to our Trumpet Photography Winner Emma Swart!



Her winning entry, 'Cosmo Sunflowers' is on our cover, adding both Autumnal and Easter vibes. Thank you to all who entered, and a special shout out to our Trentham-visiting Dutch entrant, Ruud de Raadt: we'll share their work next month when they are back holidaying in Trentham again!

If you're reading this online, everything is hunky dory. Want to subscribe? You can via our website (thetrenthamtrumpet.com) or send us an email (thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com). If you're reading a hard copy, it may look a little different as the new TNC printer adjusts to life in the Trentham... our thanks to Rachel at the TNC who has tirelessly troubleshooted, called technicians in and given the printer a good talking to. Fingers crossed!

Lastly, again thank you to our contributors and our advertisers and supporters who enable this free publication to exist.

Have a great month,
Chris & Penny

ps. The so-good-they-almost-look-artificial sunflowers that we've enjoyed all month at The Cosmo are from the super talented Katrina at Red House Farm (@redhousefarm_trentham)

Community Grant Support for Local Projects

Community groups across Hepburn Shire are encouraged to apply for funding as Council opens the latest round of its Community Grants Program.

The program, which supports community-based projects and initiatives that enhance the social, environmental and economic life of the Hepburn Shire, is open for applications until Friday 15 May 2026.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to not-for-profit community groups to deliver projects that promote community wellbeing, increase social connection, and build capacity for long-term sustainability.

Projects that align with the key focus areas in the Council Plan 2025-2029 or benefit priority groups outlined in the incorporated Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan are strongly encouraged. Community organisations, volunteer groups and local initiatives are invited to submit applications.



Further information about eligibility and how to apply is available on Council's website at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants

Easter Services in Trentham - 2026

Good Friday (3 April)

- St Mary Magdalen's (Catholic): Stations of the Cross 10.00am
- St George's (Anglican) 11.00am

Easter Day (5 April)

- St Mary Magdalen's 8.30am
- St George's 9.00am

Join us to enter into the passion of Christ, and celebrate God's raising him from the dead

Festival of Small Halls
Bullarto Hall
Friday 10 April

6pm BBQ by Bullarto Hall Committee (with vege option) inc. fully licenced bar - by Bullarto Hall

7.00pm show - Joe H Henry (Canada). Tullara (Australia) and Julie Neville (Trentham)

Tickets full \$40/ Child (with adult) \$10, purchase via: <https://festivalofsmallhalls.com/bullarto-2026/>




TRENTHAM
ANZAC DAY
Commemoration Service
11.30am
Saturday, 25th April 2026

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

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!

CWA - Trentham Night Owls

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

Lions Schedule

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

Monday Morning Meditation

8.30/9.30am every Monday
TNC

Sunday Church Services

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

Trentham Lions Club

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

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap
18 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
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 1.30 - 5pm
Enquiries Dianna 0418 173 920
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TNC

see trenthamnc.org.au

Trentham Community Table

CWA / TNC / Lions joint initiative
last Friday of each month
TNC 12.30pm

On Our Cover:

Cosmo Sunflowers

Emma Swart

2026
Trumpet Photography Competition
Winner



Trentham Historical Society

Open Day: Saturday 11 April

Only days now until the Trentham and District Historical Society's 'Open Day', on Saturday April 11. Join us between 11am and 2pm for a free sausage sizzle, cakes, live music, displays, talks, games for children, quizzes for adults and guided tours.

The popular and very knowledgeable Stu Duff is returning with his display of police history. There will also be a CWA stall with scones and goodies for sale. Or you might like to just wander around, explore the old police station with its cells and stables, read about the history of Trentham on our storyboard walk, and learn more about what we do.

The society is greatly loved and appreciated by the local community... and yet, our membership is not what it should be. Quite simply, if you live here, you should be a member! It's part of being in the town. So we will be providing 15 months of membership – through to July 1 2027 - for just \$20 if you sign up on the day.

And the benefits of membership? Firstly, you are supporting your local society and its hard-working volunteers. You will also receive our quarterly newsletter, the Recorder, filled with researched articles on all aspects of the town's people and past.

Next month the Recorder will be publishing a 'history scoop' regarding the naming (or misnaming?) of the Coliban River. A 190 year old error will be revealed, so it's a good time to join the society now and get your copy in May.

Come along on 11 April, enjoy our hospitality, learn about our work and your town, and become a member. We look forward to seeing you.

Cool Country Men's Shed

The year is off to a strong start at the Cool Country Mens Shed. Of significance, a women's group has been meeting regularly each Wednesday afternoon and enjoying woodworking projects.

A few men have been assisting the women in the 'how to' of using tools and equipment to great effect. From furniture renovation, to making things for home, to woodturning, the sawdust has been flying. So the invitation is out to all women to come to the Mens Shed at 1.00 pm on Wednesdays.

The Shed was able to deliver a new table and benches to the Lyonville Hall just in time for the Lyonville Woodchop. Made of ironbark it is unlikely to move for many years.

Projects are in train for a picnic bench at the Quarry Street Reserve and assistance with signage for Spudfest. So for men, there is plenty to do each Wednesday and Saturday morning as well as just enjoying good company. Looking forward to seeing you all at 55 Mulcahys Road.

Peter Gibbs
President



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HISTORY DISCOVERY

Saturday 11TH April, 11am-2pm
3-5 Camp Street

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Tours, Talks, Games and Displays



Barfly Bob

Hello fellow melophiles (music lovers). I've recently been fortunate enough to see many singer/songwriters perform their work both here in the Trentham district and elsewhere, thought I'd mention a couple.

Cat Canteri played in the Cosmo Wine Room late February and impressed with her blend of contemporary country originals. She has written three solo albums so far. If you feel like chilling out to some gentler, narrative driven acoustic songs check her out. Originally a drummer and still hailing from the inner northern suburbs of Melbourne this wasn't her first nor, hopefully, last visit to Trentham.

In mid March at the Stables I was fortunate enough to catch my old mate Henry Wagons play a sold-out show. A musical force you have to see, which was only enhanced by the incredible groove and precision of the guest cowbell soloist, whose name I failed to catch.



Henry's talents are seemingly unending. A singer/songwriter, guitarist, master of the maracas, TV presenter, radio broadcaster and a truly unique entertainer. No one leaves his shows feeling down. Check out his work, 7 albums thus far and the latest release with popular new talent Queenie is one not to missed.

In April multi-instrumentalist Charlie Owen (Beasts of Bourbon) is playing at the Stables, get in quick as the show is nearly sold out.

Kathleen Halloran back at the Cosmo!

Back for another show at the Cosmo Stables (which absolutely will sell out) is Kathleen Halloran on June 4, as part of her debut album **Nobody's Baby** national tour. Set for release in May, **Nobody's Baby** marks the arrival of a fully realised artist stepping confidently into her solo era.

The album features previous releases Find Me Again, Free With Me and Cost of Living, exploring themes of self-discovery, freedom and the emotional highs and lows of pursuing a creative life. If you saw her last solo show at the Cosmo you may have sung along to (a then preview of) her newest release 'Wolves like You'.

Kathleen Halloran effortlessly bridges the gap between her long-standing reputation as a sought-after ensemble guitarist and this exciting new chapter as a solo artist.

The stunning performer has established herself as one of Australia's most compelling rising talents, known for her swaggering fretboard flair and magnetic stage presence.

Her playing is fearless and precise, fluent in both raw power and restraint. A true shredder, but never at the expense of feeling, Halloran channels the firepower of the guitar greats who came before her while remaining unmistakably her own. Presence, confidence and force define every performance.

Tickets are available via [KATHLEEN HALLORAN - Nobody's Baby : Tickets, The Stables - The Cosmopolitan Hotel, Trentham | TryBooking Australia](#)

See ya at the gig.

ALBUM LAUNCH		AUS TOUR DATES
MAY 9th	TALLAGANDRA HILL WINERY	CANBERRA
MAY 14th	THE VANGUARD	SYDNEY
MAY 20th	MOJOS	FREMANTLE
MAY 21st	THE JUNK BAR	BRISBANE
MAY 28th	THE WHEATSHEAF	ADELAIDE
May 29th	NORTHCOTE SOCIAL CLUB	MELBOURNE
May 30th	LIVE AT THE BUNDY	SALE
MAY 31st	PIANO BAR	GEELONG
JUNE 4th	LIVE AT THE COSMO	TRENTHAM
JUNE 5th	BIRREGURRA HALL **	BIRREGURRA
JUNE 6th	OAK & ANCHOR HOTEL **	PORT FAIRY

CWA Trentham Night Owls

The CWA Trentham Night Owls have a busy and creative few weeks ahead and we're delighted to share what's coming up with the community.



The Country Women's
Association of Victoria Inc.

Our Group Creative Arts Exhibition will be held in Lancefield on the weekend of 18–19 April, showcasing the wonderful creative talents of CWA members from across the group. Visitors can expect a beautiful display of craft, art, cooking, needlework and more, highlighting the skills and dedication of local members. Everyone is warmly invited to come along, enjoy the exhibition and support the incredible work of CWA branches in our region.

Throughout April, the Trentham Night Owls will also be running the Friday night raffle at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. If you're enjoying a meal or drink at the Cosmo, be sure to grab a ticket and say hello. Your support helps us continue

Trentham Women's Wellbeing Day

Coming this Spring!

Trentham CWA Night Owls and Trentham Neighbourhood Centre are planning a special day of activities and information, coming your way in Spring 2026 (date to be confirmed).



The Country Women's
Association of Victoria Inc.
TNC Trentham
Neighbourhood
Centre Inc.

This day is for women of Trentham and surrounds, where we focus on your wellbeing and health. Held as a workshop style event, over the course of one Saturday, between 9.30am to 4.00pm, in September or October 2026 (date to be confirmed).

The day will include special guest speakers and specialised presentations around the topics that interest you. So now you need to tell us what that is!

We want to hear from you about the topics, knowledge and experiences that would enhance your wellbeing.

Please complete our survey by clicking [here](#) if you are reading online, scan the QR code, or you can fill in a form at the TNC.

St Mary Magdalen's

Musings

As I write this, we are enjoying warm and sunny days as summer persists into autumn. The bossy sparrows have gone and some of the small forest birds are returning to our gardens. In the church, lent is coming to an end, and we are preparing for Easter.

Easter is strange in that its date moves from year to year. This is because it is tied to the phases of the moon and linked to the Jewish feast of Passover. In fact, in most languages the name for easter is a version of the Hebrew name. Pasqua in Italian, for example. In the Germanic languages its name refers to that time of the year when, in the northern hemisphere, spring begins to overcome the vestiges of winter, just as our English name for lent comes from the Old English word for spring.

our work in the local community.

In the lead-up to ANZAC Day, we'll be baking and selling ANZAC biscuits to raise funds for community initiatives. These much-loved treats are a small way we can honour tradition while supporting local causes.

We're always happy to welcome new faces. If you're interested in craft, community, friendship and making a positive contribution locally, the CWA Trentham Night Owls would love to hear from you. Contact us at cwatrenthamnightowls@gmail.com or pop along to a meeting; 4th Thursday of each month at the TNC from 7pm.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Trentham Women's Wellbeing Day



Incidentally, there is really no evidence that there was ever a pagan goddess named Eostre. Just as Easter eggs and bunnies are not pagan remnants but fairly recent Christian traditions. Eggs to celebrate the end of Lenten fasting, and bunnies, originally hares, as a symbol of the new life that emerges as, again in the northern hemisphere, light and warmth overcome the darkness of Easter.

These things can sit strangely for us as our seasons are reversed, but in the church the meaning of the feast remains the same. It is a promise and, in faith, a certain hope. Life has overcome death, life has overcome the darkness, and love has overcome hate. Given our world today, we need that promise and that hope more than ever before.

Deacon Joe

Trentham Community Action Inc

AGM

Thank you to the 40 members who attended the AGM on Monday 2 March and to the 8 who gave apologies, and more members have signed up since. Join TCA - we need a strong community voice to help shape Trentham's future. Sign up at: trenthamvic.org.au/contact

The formalities of the AGM successfully delivered a committee of nine:

Fay Magee - Chair

David Sanders – Secretary/Treasurer

Scott Harrison

John Morrissy

Cam Heagney

Vicki Steggall

Ian MacBean

Debbie Ng

Grant McDonald

Members have been invited to suggest priorities for the association to focus on for the year ahead. Matters relating to the status and operation of Hepburn Council figure significantly and there will be scope to follow these concerns and attempt to keep the community informed. This will be part of the broader agenda about what sort of town and community Trentham needs to be for the benefit of all.

As the year progresses the Committee will keep members informed via the newsletters and also with reports on the town website "News and Media" tab. It is also likely that community meetings will be held on specific issues.



Have you checked the town website recently? trentham.org.au, or use the QR code here!

The Website Management Group is working hard with the ongoing additions and particularly the calendar. See what's on around town in the Calendar of Events and make sure you list your group's upcoming events and check whether your preferred date is free. <https://www.trenthamvic.org.au/whats-on>

Remember it is a community website, Our Town - Our Website, here to provide information and resources, while supporting local activities and businesses. The group is keen to include more BnBs for the benefit of locals as well. Want to promote your business? We can help you do that! Email to info@trenthamvic.org.au and we'll get you online.

Writing Workshop

Trentham, priming writers to write

Trentham locals were among first-time authors who came together for a 4-day writing retreat in beautiful Casa Allegra on the March long weekend.

Published local writers Izzy Roberts-Orr and Caroline Parker shared terrific insights on writing, publishing and creativity on Friday night. Award-winning creative director and non-fiction author Tony Hardy led a creativity masterclass on the Saturday.

First-time author and participant, Jane, said, "Having the time and space to think, talk, listen, share and workshop my writing was so wonderful. And having it in an amazing property close to the village was perfect. A beautiful experience,"

Participants kick-started the day with yoga and Qigong and finished the day with culinary delights at Ensemble and Mr Peacock.

Local author and retreat facilitator Sandy Watson, highlights the benefits of retreats for artists and writers. "Research confirms that stepping out of day-to-day life for focused writing time revitalises your creativity and generates lasting momentum. It also creates long term friendships and supports with other writers."

Looking for an unforgettable holiday, the freedom to invest in your passion, and re-ignite your zest for writing? You can find out about Sandy's Sicily retreats at www.sandywatson.au/writermeetstory or call on 0401714880



right: Caroline Parker and Izzy Roberts-Orr

Spudfest 2026

A Weekend Worth Digging Into

On 2–3 May, we'll be welcoming folks into town for the 19th Great Trentham Spudfest, our favourite weekend of the year celebrating the crop that put us on the map.

Potatoes are woven into our history, and Spudfest honours that legacy, along with the growers, cooks, makers, and musicians who keep our community thriving today.

Saturday's **Street Fair** will transform the heart of Trentham into a lively festival hub. For 2026, High Street will close to traffic from Bowen Street to Cosmo Road for the entire day, creating a pedestrian-friendly main street (Bowen and Cosmo remain open as part of the detour). Market Street will also close, from the Railway Station to Camp Street, hosting the Maker's Market and a new food area.

After chatting with our beloved **spud farmers**, we're trying something different this year. You'll find them at three locations: the Railway Precinct, Town Square Growers Market, and the corner of High and Market Street. A bigger **Kids' Zone** will feature free potato puppet shows and hands-on spud art, while live music plays across three stages. The ever-popular **Spud Olympics** will return, and our farming history will come to life through guided tours of the heritage-listed **Spud Huts**.

As evening falls, things take a cheeky turn with the debut of **Spudfest Up Late** – a playful burlesque 'cabaret'. The much-loved **Spudfest Cèilidh** also returns, alongside a special four-course tasting menu by local chef **Harry Gibbs at Ensemble**.



Sunday's **Discovery Day** invites visitors to slow down and explore Trentham and the surrounding region, with working farms, nurseries and gardens, walks, artist studios, heritage experiences, and spud-forward food encounters. Trentham Town Square transforms once more into the Spud Hub, the central spot for freshly harvested potatoes, festival merchandise, scavenger hunts, and information. With horse and cart rides, live entertainment, and friendly volunteers on hand, it's the perfect starting point before exploring activities in nearby communities, including Newbury, Blackwood, Little Hampton, Lyonville, Daylesford, Spring Hill, Tylden, and Woodend.

Get all the details at trenthamspudfest.org.au.

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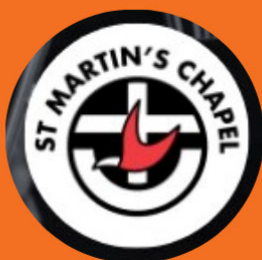
Let's celebrate the completion of the new St. Martin's Chapel kitchen upgrade!

22 APRIL
5.30 - 7PM



Come along and enjoy a fun and free community BBQ - with bubbles for the adults and bubble blowing for the kids!

**ST. MARTIN'S CHAPEL
BLACKWOOD**



St. Martin's Chapel and Community Bank Trentham & Districts - proud kitchen upgrade partners



Interior Design

It's Beginning To Look A Bit Like Easter

I'm sitting at my desk and thinking about what April has in store: a significant birthday for my mother, a garden wedding, completion of a client project, with a bit of interior home styling on the side. It's Passover and Easter! Time for church or synagogue, family get-togethers, and celebrations. If you follow a religious faith, it's a time for reflection.

All cultures have their own Easter traditions. For me, visiting my grandparents at Easter time involved watching Nanna knead bun dough, letting the yeast rise in a warm corner, and seeing a tray of freshly baked hot cross buns appear from the oven, wrapped in a gingham tea towel and smelling of spiced fruit.

I was once in Japan through the Easter period: shops were selling meticulously wrapped chocolate eggs, and the hotel where I was staying had a foyer decoration that included an enormous Easter Bunny. I was there to admire the pink buds of the cherry trees for the Blossom Festival. In the northern hemisphere, Easter coincides with the arrival of Spring: plenty of flowers, green budding trees and the arrival of rabbits; it's all about rebirth and rejuvenation after a long and cold winter.

I've seen all sorts of Easter craft and decorating ideas this year, ranging from themed tableware with frolicking bunnies on plates and bowls, coffee mugs and too cute egg cups. Small chickens, nests and pastel-coloured eggs appear, through to flower wreaths for your doorway.

A small concession to Easter decorating may include a focal vignette, perhaps a tray on your coffee table or sideboard containing a small display of flowers, some coloured eggs nested with a rabbit figurine? Rabbits are everywhere, along with carrots and straw baskets for the Easter egg hunt, and birds' nests, doubling up to hold those eggs! Fresh table napery is always an easy addition, perhaps on a long harvest table to welcome your visitors.



As the rays of summer sun make way for a cool turn into autumn, here's hoping for beautiful weather over the Easter period, without eating too much chocolate!

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SATURDAY Street Fair The Great Trentham **SPUDFEST**
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Harcourt District Lions Club – A Story of Disaster and Community Resilience

I recently met with Des Dooley, Treasurer of the Harcourt Lions Club and his wife Diane who described the impact the recent fires had on the community of 1100. The Harcourt fires caused devastation to the community and 8 of the 16 Lions members, including Des and Diane (*right*), were seriously impacted along with all of the Lions' equipment; including marquees, trailer, gazebo, BBQ's, lawn mower and much more. Four of the local Lions members were on the frontline fighting the fires and their efforts helped save the main street of Harcourt, residential areas, as well as the pre-school. According to Des, the Club's focus is on continuing to assist the Community by providing an avenue for groups to raise funds and the Club expects to be back on its feet within 4 to 6 months.

The resultant emotional impact of the fires was significant. However as you would expect the local Lions Club is bouncing back. According to Des "All Lions members have played some role in the recovery process." As a result the club will continue to serve its local community as it has done for the last 40 years.

Trentham Lions donated \$5000 to the recovery of Harcourt Lions club and according to Des Harcourt Lions members have been overwhelmed by the generosity of a fellow Lions Club. Des sent this letter of gratitude on behalf of their President Mark Mitchell and the other members:

On Behalf of the Harcourt & District Lions Club, I wish to
The Trentham Garden

Things a Garden Designer Secretly Wants to Tell You

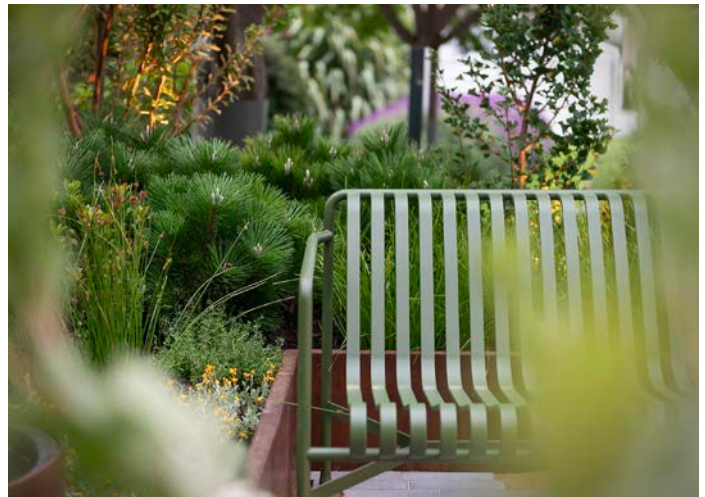
- **Maintenance:** Country gardens take more work than you think, and the romance of using the ride-on mower will wear off after a few months. You should design your garden accordingly. That said, sometimes doing 5% extra maintenance can mean a 40% better garden... you don't want to spend good money on something that looks like a Bunnings carpark.
- **Plants:** Plants shouldn't be purchased just because they look cute at the nursery, or you have some money burning a hole in your pocket. They should be selected with an eye to the growing conditions, the role the plant will play in your garden, and the overall vibe and look you are going for, be that eclectic, drought tolerant etc.
- **Ornamental pears:** They will often snap in the wind, and smell very questionable in spring
- **Native gardens:** Can be truly stunning but are not a free pass on maintenance. Sometimes the motivation for planting a native garden is philosophical, but practical considerations also need to be addressed and ummm... the result should still look good!
- **Overall cost:** Building a garden from scratch is a big project. It will cost something, be that time, money, patience, or even willingness to be a bit creative. There's no perfect formula, but a common guideline is to spend around 5-15% of the total property value on the garden.
- **Weed matting:** do NOT put down plastic weed matting before applying mulch. Weed seeds will blow in and germinate anyway, and you create hours or even days of work for future gardeners.



pass on our sincere gratitude for the generous donation made by Trentham Lions Club. The money has been invaluable in replacing the items lost in the fire and has allowed us to recommence our own club fundraising, but also maintain our popular Community Fundraisers at the Victorian Miniature Railway. We supply all the equipment to community groups to conduct their own fundraisers. Could you please pass on our gratitude to your fellow Lions.

We wish our colleagues in Harcourt and the Community they serve a speedy recovery. We hope to visit some time in the future and celebrate your progress.

Tony van Reesberg
Trentham Lions



Ultimately, a garden is for enjoying and living in, rather than an abstract 'design exercise'. I hope these tips help you set up a space which is beautiful, practical and a joy to spend time in.

Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
Garden Designer
Insta: kazkrasovskis
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Above: A garden does not need to be overly controlled or 'matchy-matchy', but the elements should still read as one cohesive whole

Trentham Sustainability Group

Finding Threads of Connection through Clothes Swapping

Fast fashion and online shopping have dominated the fashion markets for more than two decades making it too easy to buy clothes that are cheap in price and quality. We have also seen an emergence of more plastic based fabrics that over time breakdown with heat and moisture to release micro plastics into our skin.

We Australians love our clothes and to look good, right? So much so that in 2024 we surpassed all other countries in the highest number of new clothing items purchased per person (Australia Institute, 2024). Australians buy an average of 56 new items a year, more than the USA (53), UK (33) and China (30). The average cost of a clothing item was \$AUD 13, much less than other first world countries and indicative of lower fabric quality and longevity.

Then to make room in our wardrobes for all these new garments, 200,000 tonnes per year of clothing ended up in landfill, including those cheap garments that weren't sold.

If you have ever tried to find out what a garment is made of, it's not easy! Labelling regulations are loose and it's cheaper and faster for big clothing chains to sell items with a greater percentage of plastic. However, natural fibres such as organic cotton, linen, and hemp are the best fabrics for health, comfort, longevity and are less harmful to nature. These heritage fabrics also look wonderful and typically come in colours made from natural rather than chemical dyes. Yes, they cost more, last longer and you get so much more benefit.

Our next fashion swap is coming up on 25 April, 1pm - 3pm at the Mechanics. It's a fun way to connect with women from all around the region, find some fab new items for your wardrobe and stay for a cuppa and chat.

Bring along up to 8 clean and wearable garments, shoes or accessories. If you don't have clothing to swap, simply give a gold coin donation. We are also offering a table for clean, appealing textiles for our sewers and crafters to swap fabrics there. If you have an excess of fabric at home that you cannot use, the Trentham transfer station is now accepting textiles for recycling.

Fashion Revolution Week is 22 - 28 April, and it calls on us to be conscious about our fashion choices, research our clothes and to make sure the way they are produced does not harm people nor the environment. Even better: Swap don't Shop and keep clothes out of landfill. There's also our wonderful local Op Shops where you can recycle, find great clothes and support a local charity.

Susan Morelli
Circular Economy and Waste Reduction Project Leader.
Trentham Sustainability Group
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TSG wants you. Join us!

It takes a community to imagine, design and realise a vision for a sustainable future. So, this month join the TSG as a member. Together, we can live locally, live sustainably and live well.

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'What's On' at TSG this month

10 April: Committee Meeting, 5.30-6.30pm, in The Wine Room at the Cosmo

17 April: Produce Exchange, 9.30-11.30am, under the Rotunda at Trentham Farmers Market

18 April: Crafty People Group, 1.00-4.00pm, at the Mechanics

25 April: Trentham Fashion Swap, 1.00-3.00pm, at the Mechanics

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Quarry Street Reserve

The autumn colours are gradually taking over in a wide range of tones! You can expect the Swamp Cyprus at the north end of the island to still be the last!



However the rain has come, in fits and starts, the Stony Creek plantings from last October have grown gang-busters and one of the Tall Carex has flowered! So too the weeds have grown so there's work to be done as preparation goes ahead for Stage 2 of the Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly, the next patch downstream of the Red Bridge. **SAVE THE DATE:** Friday 15 May for planting. Please make contact to be part of the action: quarzystreetreservetrentham@gmail.com After all three sites have completed Stage 2 there will be a celebration to highlight again our hopes for the Bright-eyed Brown Butterfly and all it represents. Watch for the date!

SPUDFEST 2026

Quarry Street Reserve is joining in the Day 2 Discovery Day on 3 May, as part of an environmental focus for Trentham and beyond. There will be a Guided Walk of Quarry Street and Stony Creek Reserves, a chance to check out the assisted revegetation plantings, find out more about our local flora, think about what might grow in your garden, how to support our special local biodiversity and the volunteers who lead the work. It is hoped that some further planting on the creek edges can happen on the day.

Other environmental groups will be based at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre for the day so come along to find out more about the Great Dividing Trail, local Landcare projects on our town Reserves, protecting the forest groups



such as the Holly Project, No Wombat Gold, and Wombat Forestcare. There will be information about the new Wombat-Lerderderg National Park and the State Parks.

Watch the Spudfest website as more details become available: <https://www.trenthamspudfest.org.au/>

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TRATA

At the Station

Market News

Aided by some wonderful autumn weather, our March market was one of the best of the season. We had a fantastic turn-out of both stallholders and visitors. By mid-morning the sausages were really sizzling, and that helped us raise some invaluable funds – all of which directly go towards keeping the station maintained and looking its best throughout the year.

Our final market for the season is on Sunday 26 April, when our second raffle will be drawn. Raffle tickets will still be available on the day, and we thank everyone who has already bought tickets, or who might still grab some. We wish you all the very best of luck in winning what is a fabulous selection of prizes!



Guards Van

We're taking steps to protect our historic Guards Van, which is in danger of further deterioration. If anyone has restoration experience, or would simply like to lend a hand with this process, we'd be very grateful for your help. Please get in touch with us using the details on the right.

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Plant Donations

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated plants last year to help us enhance the fenced area alongside our goods shed. Around 50 plants are now settling in beautifully, despite some frost early on. In appreciation, we've acknowledged everyone's contribution with a plaque along the fence.



Phil Davis
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Councillor's Report

Community news

The highlight of the past month was the induction of four very worthy women into the Heather Mutimer Women's Honour Roll – Kate Smith, Erica Higgins, Pauline Hawker and Betty Rea. Coming from quite diverse backgrounds all four inductees boasted wide-ranging and valuable contributions to community wellbeing, especially to the advancement of women.

Included in this year's inductees was Trentham's very own **Kate Smith**.

"A quiet force of strength, service, and community. Kate Smith moved to Trentham in 1991 with her husband Brian and their two young children to work on the family farm, Iona, just outside the township. Over more than three decades, she has become a cornerstone of the Trentham community; respected as a farmer, firefighter, mentor, and leader.

A true trailblazer, Kate is the longest-serving operational woman member of the Trentham CFA Brigade. Joining at a time when no women were "on the truck," she helped transform the Brigade into one of Victoria's most inclusive and gender-balanced, mentoring others through her calm leadership and practical wisdom. Holding the rank of 3rd Lieutenant for eight years, Kate has received both the 20-year CFA Medal of Service and the National Emergency Medal and Bar for her work in major campaigns such as the Black Saturday and Swan Reach fires.

Beyond the fireground, Kate has served Trentham as a dedicated school bus driver for more than 25 years, known for her care and rapport with local children. She has also contributed to the Trentham Primary School, Kindergarten, Pony Club, and Adult Riders Club, often stepping up to lead when needed, including training as a qualified swimming instructor so that local children could learn water safety. Kate's courage and resilience have been tested through events like the Muskvale & Dry Diggings fires, the 2021 Big Storm and the recent Harcourt fires, where she played vital roles in protecting lives and property. She and Brian have also supported the community quietly through acts of generosity, providing firewood to those in need and offering practical help after disasters.

Admired for her strength, humour and humility, Kate embodies the best of country spirit; selfless, hardworking, and deeply committed to her community."

Congratulations on this much-deserved honour Kate.

Trentham Easter Art and Craft Show:

The Mechanics, Trentham 3 - 6 APRIL

Not to be missed - this year's event will feature 165 exhibitors and almost 400 artworks, 111 of these (around 70%) are 'locals' (within 50km of Trentham).

Anzac Day – Trentham Football Netball Club will be hosting a home night game on Saturday 25th April. This is a unique opportunity for our community to come together, pay our respects and support our players under lights. Formalities will kick off around 5:45pm and will include the Ode, Last Post, Minute Silence, the raising of the flag and National Anthem.

Council news

Key outcomes from the March 2026 Council meeting -

- Council adopted the Hepburn Shire Integrated Transport Strategy 2026-2050 which will be used as a decision-making framework to advocate and plan for transport infrastructure and connection across Hepburn Shire. The strategy document is available on Council's website.
- Council considered a progress report on Budget Initiatives 25/26 as at the end of the first half year. While most initiatives are reported to be on track it is worth noting that a number of road safety projects funded by the TAC road safety improvement program are in the design and tendering stage and are expected to be completed in September/October this year. Similarly, the Pearsons Rd. works have been delayed.
- Further community consultation will be undertaken later this year on the draft Trentham Town Structure Plan. I will advise on timing asap.

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

Contacting Council – to report an issue or request work please use the following link on Council's website - [Report an issue Hepburn Shire Council](#) Your request will be directed to the relevant department, you will receive a job number and an update. For information on tracking an application, lodging an objection, viewing the planning register, etc visit Council's website here [Track an application, view planning register or lodge an objection Hepburn Shire Council](#)

Council meetings – are held at 6pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The public may attend in person or view proceedings via the live broadcast on council's YouTube page. Agenda papers are publicly available on Council's website the week before the meeting. Upcoming Council meeting dates – 28 April, 26 May, 23 June

Cr Brian Hood

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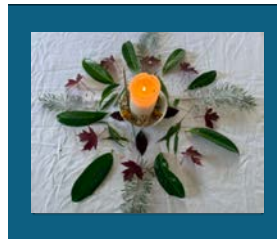
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Reflection

Happy Easter!

Australians' love of a good long weekend is doubly fulfilled in the 4-day Easter weekend break! Some of us still remember when shops were shut and groceries purchased well ahead, maybe family gatherings carefully planned. More recently we've picked up on Easter Egg hunts, Easter Bilbies, The Royal Children's Hospital Appeal on Good Friday, and some blockbuster footy matches.

At the same time, Christians have continued to observe Holy Week, with Palm Sunday usually marked by increasingly larger Peace rallies in major cities. There's always something to note, to connect our experience of faith to the specific times around us, from local to global. The events of the last year have delivered many unwelcome results, seemingly irrational aggression and hostilities between countries in so many places. The recorded events of the first Easter 'weekend' certainly confused Jesus' first disciples, predicting his own death, accepting the betrayal, the mock hearings of a 'kangaroo' court pushing the boundaries of the legal system of the day. Then followed by reports of sightings on the first Easter Day.

All of this happened under the hostile occupation of the Roman Empire in a land taken over to further a cause unrelated to the people of the region. Local allegiances were tested, over-regulation delivered by the zealously religious, keen to keep their national identity and control what they could.

Where does this leave us? Somehow, out of the chaos Jesus' followers became convinced that indeed God was with them, no matter what. Jesus had taught and shown a way of life that although bizarre in many ways – love your neighbour and even your enemies – actually made sense and still makes sense.

The way of the cross, the way of resurrection are still real, the way we can interpret this life is through the example of Jesus and also of so many ordinary people, everyday saints through the stories we share, of faith, persistence, acceptance, searching for the good of those around us.

Join us on Easter Day at 9am.

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Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

Be Connected: Helping Older Locals Thrive in a Digital World

In a world where everything from banking to booking a doctor's appointment is moving online, it's easy to feel left behind. The Australian Government's Be Connected program is designed to make sure older Australians don't miss out on the benefits of the digital age.

Be Connected is a nationwide digital literacy initiative that offers free learning to people aged 50 and over. The focus is on building confidence, basic skills and online safety, so learners can use computers, tablets and smartphones in ways that are useful in everyday life. Whether it's sending an email, joining a video call with family, shopping safely online or recognising a scam, Be Connected breaks tasks down into simple, easy-to-follow steps.

Drop-in Be Connected sessions are held at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre every Monday and Wednesday at 1 pm. Learners can bring their own device or use the Centre's computers, and our friendly staff are on hand to answer questions and explain things simply, without using jargon. These relaxed sessions are perfect for people who are just getting started, as well as those who want to build on what they already know.

More broadly, Be Connected offers an online library of short courses and videos that people can complete at their own pace, either from home, or at the TNC. Topics range from "Getting started with your device" to social media, online banking, photos, and avoiding common online tricks and scams.

Since its launch in 2017, Be Connected has helped more than two million Australians build their digital skills and confidence, with over 3,800 community partners delivering

training around the country. Feedback from the program has shown that it not only improves skills and online safety, but also helps reduce social isolation by giving people new ways to stay in touch with family, friends, and community life.



If you, or someone you know, would like to feel more comfortable using technology, Be Connected at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre is a welcoming place to start – no experience required.

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The Mount Players

The Mount Players Happenings

Our 2nd show for 2026, **Mr Bailey's Minder by Debra Oswald**, opens Friday 8 May – 24 May and tickets are selling fast! This Australian Dramatic Comedy is our 2026 entry into the Victorian Drama League Awards.

Synopsis - Abusive, cantankerous and burned out by booze, Leo Bailey is one of Australia's national treasures. A gifted painter and chronic alcoholic, he can no longer take care of himself. His resentful daughter, Margo, has been through a succession of minders, until Therese comes along, fresh out of jail and determined to make a go of her limited options.

Mr Bailey's Minder is a tough, funny and big-hearted play. It's about shame and judgement, about who deserves to be loved and forgiven. It looks at how people exploit each other and where they find the beauty; and the qualities of transcendence, letting go and forgiveness.

Kyneton Marist Brothers

Octogenarian and Centenarian Anniversaries

On Sunday 3 August 1947 one hundred and twenty past pupils of the Kyneton Marist Brothers School came to Kyneton to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the school's opening.

It was decided to form an Old Boys' Association on the unanimous vote of those present, and Dr. Gerald Loughran was elected as the first president of the Kyneton Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association. Laurence McPherson was elected vice-president; Stan Plowman, secretary; Laurie Rowe, treasurer; committee, Frank Halloran, W. J. Maloney and R. Buckley.

At the fiftieth annual general meeting of the association a gold key ring was presented to Stan Plowman [mentioned above] as one of the founding members, and a past president. Stan's son Paul has continued the family involvement with the Old Boys and in 2018 was elected as the President and remains as a committee member.

The 2026 Annual General Meeting was held recently and the incumbents elected in 2025 were not challenged and remain in place for another twelve months. Arthur [Roly] Sandilands is President with Paul Brangan as Vice President. Len Young is Treasurer and Michael [Mick] Halley holds the Secretary and Public Officer positions.

The Brothers ceased teaching at Kyneton in 1967, but have remained involved with the Old Boys. Brother Kevin Hoare was the last teacher at the school and still attends the AGM. It is deduced that the 120 boys who came to Kyneton in 1947 have moved to Heaven and are added to the Honour Roll on the web site.

On Monday 26 July 1926 the school opened for business so Monday 27 July this year will mark one hundred years since the education of boys in Kyneton by the Marist Brothers commenced.

Director, Sonja Prater has gathered a strong cast and looks forward to presenting this play to our patrons.

Thanks to the generosity of our ongoing sponsors, the Mountview Theatre has enjoyed a refurbishment, with new carpet and traditional Chesterfields and comfortable tub chairs for our patrons to enjoy. Come and enjoy the ambience and of course, another wonderful production at our gem of a theatre!

For tickets and full details on everything theatre go to www.themountplayers.com or call for 5426 1892.

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt



It is unlikely that any special event will be organised to mark the Golden Anniversary but there are still a number of Old Boys alive that maintain the tradition and follow the credo Servabo Fidem.

Michael Halley

Food for Thought

Shaker Lemon Tart

Whilst at the sustainability stall of Saturday's community market, I was reminded by one of the team that I promised to provide my recipe for Shaker Lemon Tart, so herewith below, with the note that you use the whole of the Meyer lemon, including the skin.

And why are they called Shaker? The Shakers are a group of people that emigrated in the mid 1770's from England to settle in British North America, seeking refuge from religious persecution. They are known for their simple living, one equality of the sexes and egalitarian ideals. They are frugal in every sense of the word using the land to provide their needs including their houses, barns, and fences, hand raising animals as their workhorse and food. There were no 'scraps', as every part of an animal, vegetable or fruit was eaten in some form. Hence they made many various products from the lemon, including tarts. Today there is just one Shaker commune in Maine, America.

Meyer Lemons

And as we delve into the history of our food, the Meyer lemon was introduced into the United States from China in the early 20th century by Frank Meyer. This sweet winter citrus is thought to be a cross between a regular lemon and a mandarin orange. They are definitely sweeter than a Eureka or Lisbon lemon and smaller in size, but very generous in their juice.

Ingredients

2 large lemons (or 3 medium)
2 cups (440g) caster sugar
1 vanilla bean, split, seeds scraped
4 eggs, beaten
Icing sugar, to dust
Creme fraiche, to serve

The Plonkers

A relatively new local dining experience, fast becoming a regular for Trenthamites, is the wonderful French inspired restaurant Ensemble. Our Plonkers dined there on an unusually wet Friday evening in late February and were once again greeted and spoiled by the husband and wife team of Harry and Maud, a very competent and passionate ensemble they do indeed make.

"No snails on the menu, but they have chips, I thought the French didn't like fast foods" quipped Digby.

"Ah, but they are thrice cooked chips with truffle mayonnaise, quite a slow process indeed" responded Niles.

"Well, it all looks delicious to me. I'm going to start with the Sydney Rock oysters with finger lime - how Australian - what's so French about that?"

"Probably the Rosé mignonette they're bathing in, darling" replied the long suffering Mrs. Digby. "Stop being so contrary and try to enjoy yourself."

Our plonkers managed to order almost all the dishes on the modest menu. The fancy hash browns, a crispy brick of divine crunchy potato crowned in sour cream and caramelised onion had several mouths moaning.

Method

1. Cut the lemons into wafer-thin slices (a mandoline is ideal), then carefully remove any seeds. Place the lemon in a bowl with the sugar and vanilla pod and seeds. Toss gently to coat the lemon in the sugar, then cover with plastic wrap and stand at room temperature overnight.
2. The next day, gently stir to dissolve as much of the sugar as possible without breaking up the lemons.
3. On a floured surface, roll out pastry to 5mm thick. You can choose to make one large pie or 6 smaller ones.... all should have loose-bottoms. Use a little spray to ensure no sticking of pastry to the tins. Chill or 30 mins.
4. Heat oven to 180c
5. Strain the lemon mixture into a bowl, discard the vanilla pod. Beat eggs into the mixture until just combined, taking care not to overbeat, then pour into the prepared cases. Try to put some lemon slices to the top. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 160°C and cook for a further 15 minutes until filling is set and the lemon starts to caramelise. Cool slightly in the pan/s, then remove, dust with icing sugar and serve warm with creme fraiche

If you wish to make your own pastry, ideally a rough puff, good on you, but a bought butter or regular puff is fine. I do not blind bake for this recipe but of course you can.

Enjoy

*Footnote... Words in Winter that runs through August, is seeking two new committee members, ideally one to have a little experience in social media-facebook-trentham connections and links.
Please give me a call if interested. Sylvia 0419 229499*

The sometimes saucy Uncle Worcester adored his grilled octopus with lobster oil and fried kale, much to his surprise. The scallops ceviche with peas, onion and apple had them rolling their eyes with pleasure.

And then there were the mains. The duck breast, (fast becoming a town favourite) accompanied by a crispy duck leg croquette, baby beets and pickled cherries made conversation all but disappear. The saddle of lamb glazed in fermented carrot, quinoa and black garlic was perhaps the favourite of the night with Daphne declaring, "So many flavours I'd never have thought to put together, all complement each other magnificently. You can't cook like this at home that's for sure, what a treat."

The wines were barely mentioned, matching the dishes perfectly. Beloved local picks such as the Passing Clouds Pinot Noir and the Hanging Rock NV Picnic Brut were thoroughly enjoyed.

Digby announced that, "The food was truly the winner tonight, we should now have a glass across at the Cosmo to celebrate this fine occasion."

"Come dear, let's head home, you're competing in your first model airplane competition in the morning."

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