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THE MECHANICS TRENTHAM

There is lots of activity at The Mechanics Trentham site, with final construction works underway. We are working towards a completion of the facility in late April 2024. Stay tuned for more information on an opening event to celebrate this wonderful new facility.

SUSTAINABILITY CELEBRATION



Join us for Sustainable Hepburn Day Out, a celebration of all the action in our community and a fun day out for the whole family. Live music, games, food and drink will feature alongside workshops and interactive displays to help you with your sustainability journey at home and at work. A highlight of the day will be the Circular Fashion precinct with many chances to swap clothes, pick up amazing op shop bargains and craft your own crazy costumes from waste for our Circular Catwalk.

Saturday 16 March between 10am to 3pm at Victoria Park in Daylesford.

More information at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/SHDay

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Thursday 7 March we are hosting the IWD Heather Mutimer Honour Roll 2024 event, shining a light on the incredible women in our community who have made a lasting impact and paved the way for change. The event will be held at the beautiful Daylesford Town Hall, starting at 6pm. Come along and celebrate inspiring individuals and all the strong, courageous women out there.

Book at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/IWD2024

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ROAD CONDITION SURVEY

Council has engaged Talis Consultants to carry out a condition assessment of the Shire's 620 kms of sealed roads, 835 kms of unsealed road and 95 kms of kerb and channel. We do this every four to five years.

The information gathered during this survey will be used by Council to model road use, determine trends, establish the valuation of roads, help to inform plans and look for opportunities for road and asset renewal.

You may observe camera-equipped, transporter-style inspection vehicles travelling on local roads around your work, home or other locations. Data collection occurs at normal driving speeds so there will be no disruption to road users.

STRUCTURE PLANS UPDATE

One of the major components of our strategic planning project, Future Hepburn, is the development of structure plans for Trentham, Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford/Hepburn and Glenlyon. These structure plans will guide the future development in each township to 2050.

In October and November of last year we brought together five groups of community members in each of the key townships to begin working on drafting the structure plans. Each Community Panel worked together to develop a shared vision and the key objectives across six themes - housing, business and economy, environment and heritage, urban design, movement and access, community and cultural infrastructure. We are now working through the strategies and actions to bring those visions to life. We look forward to sharing the draft structure plans with the community in the coming months.

GRANTS OPEN

Council administers a variety of grants programs to support community groups. Currently open are the Quick Response, Sustainable Hepburn and Biodiversity grants. For more information on our grants program and to check your eligibility visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/grants

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Editorial

Hi Trentham!

If you haven't already, do yourself a favour and get down to Vic Market (yup, on the corner of Victoria and Market Streets – clever!) to see the wonderful mural of Trentham Nat from Chalky Signs has done. Our cover doesn't do it justice, you need to see it full size! The detail is just exquisite and the care palpable. Thank you to Kate & Fran for providing this amazing gift to our community – you make Trentham a better place.

And speaking of fabulous Trentham women (appropriate: see below!) supporting our town, we'd like to acknowledge Glenda Holmes the OG & only life member of the Trentham Sustainability Group. After playing every role, she stepped down from the core committee. And happy retirement to our fearless TSG Trumpet correspondent Ian MacBean – thank you for your support.

Regards,
Chris & Penny

International Women's Day

The Cosmopolitan Hotel will host their inaugural International Women's Day Charity Lunch on Friday 8th March 2024.

The historic hotel will host a delicious three course lunch with free-flowing drinks from Shadowfax Wines, serving a special cocktail on arrival from Big Tree Distillery.

The event will also feature local guest speaker Jenni Tosi (former CEO of Film Victoria) and live music from the Castlemaine Chamber Orchestra. Proceeds from the day will be going to Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Family Services and Housing Support programs who provide support to women and children experiencing family violence.

Owner Rod Hughes, said "We are delighted to be hosting our very first International Women's Day event here at The Cosmo. Women in this region continue to excel in all fields and are the backbone of the community in many aspects. We are thrilled to celebrate International Women's Day and also to highlight local services assisting women and children experiencing family violence. It's going to be a special day."

Book via thecosmopolitanhotel.com.au

Trumpet Photography Competition



It's back! Now in it's fourth year!

We are looking for a(nother) fabulous photo of Trentham for our April front cover next month.

Entry is open to all ages, camera types and abilities - and again we're offering a \$100 prize for the winner.

Your photo can be taken with any kind of camera (including your phone) – but it needs to be square or cropped to square so it fits on our cover (17cm x 17cm, unlike this month, we know!)

To enter: simply email your photo to thetrenthamtrumpet@gmail.com with your name and the title of your work. By entering, you agree to let us share your work including on our social media (with appropriate credit of course!)

Entries close Sunday March 24. The winner will be notified before the issue goes to print. Judges decisions are final.



Celebrating Holy Week and Easter in Trentham - 2024

Trentham's churches mark Holy Week and Easter this year as follows:

Palm Sunday: (24 March)	St Mary Magdalen's (Catholic)	8.30am
	St George's (Anglican)	9.00am
Wednesday:	St George's: a service of shadows (Tenebrae)	7.00pm
Maundy Thursday:	St George's: Holy Communion	7.00pm
Good Friday:	St George's: Good Friday liturgy	9.00am
	St Mary Magdalen's: Stations of the Cross	10.00am
	St George's: Australian Stations of the Cross	7.00pm
Easter Day: (31 March)	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.

About the Trumpet

Acknowledgement of Country

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



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

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

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

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

Electronic subscriptions (which we encourage) are available at: thetrenthamtrumpet.com.au Printed versions can be found in many retail and community outlets in and around Trentham.

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What's on!

Community Groups Listing

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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
16 March 9am-1pm
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Sustainability Group

Farmers' Market Food Swap
16 March 10-11.30am
Trentham Town Square

Trentham Cool Country Men's Shed

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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

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Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street,

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Trentham Bowling Club, Park Street

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On Our Cover:

Trentham

Nat Davis, Chalky Signs
Vic Market Cafe, Trentham



Trentham & Districts Historical Society

Hunting our History

Trentham & District Historical Society's Open Day on February 18 was a day of exploration, and some revelation, with a crowd keen to experience both.

"This cell is too small. Can I find another one?" read clue 3 in the TDHS Children's Scavenger Hunt. Two excited scavengers and their parents catapulted across the heritage site to find the historic double cell, making their way through an attentive audience listening to local historian Ina Bertrand telling the group just how unique the double cell is.

Ina, currently researching and writing an updated history of European Settlement in Trentham, had remarked that single cells such as ours are common in Victoria, whereas the wooden police station, stable and tack room are relatively rare. But the double cell? Intriguingly research to date suggests it is likely the rarest of all, possibly even unique.

Common or not, our single cell carries a favourite local tale, which we reported in last month's Trumpet. In 1879, railway workers near Lyonville, one Monday evening in February, having been refused more alcohol at Dashwood's nearby hotel, caused a 'riot'. The Kyneton Guardian reported that the Trentham troopers arrested 17 men and brought them back to the single lock up, where they stayed for 40 hours.

Sadly, Ina's research suggests that as only 10 men appeared before the magistrate's court on the Wednesday morning, the number was apparently inflated, although the hours were not, nor the fact that it occurred during a February heatwave.

Undeterred, TDHS President Michael Worthington called for volunteers to relive the "17 men in a single cell" episode. Visitors of all ages, sizes and gender, enthusiastically found their spot – including our local constabulary, Sergeant Dave Hyde and Constable Jason Allison. Happily, they all survived (albeit not 40 hours, unlikely even 4 minutes!) 21 were locked away with room to spare. The legend lives on!



The police complex, Trentham District Story and historical society archives were open for similar exploration and revelation. Historic photos and accounts of the local police were on display in the police station, along with weapons, holsters, truncheons and uniforms.

There was a podcast of Trentham's iconic medico, the late Dr Gwen Wisewould, running on loop in the tack room; maps, along with documents and four screens displaying the Society's digitized photographs in the Archive Centre; as well as an eclectic array of local paintings, artefacts and service uniforms in the old garage.

Many of these displays will remain available to view on those weekends the buildings are opened to visitors. Thanks to Beth Toomey and her stalwart team for a wonderful day, including delicious food. And to our wonderful community for your support.

With so many new perspectives of our past on show, there were plenty of stories to swap as we munched our History Sausage.

Sue Worthington
Trentham and District Historical Society
trenthamhistoricalsociety.org.au





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Barfly Bob's Music Review

Rebecca Barnard @ The Cosmo

Promoter and singer/songwriter Stefanie Duzel of Delsinki & Duzel Productions has recently brought along some seriously talented artists to play at The Cosmopolitan Hotel.

Charles Jenkins' solo gig down in the Stables last December sure got my boots tapping and it was fabulous to be able to chat with him afterwards over a couple of beers. A larger venue in the big smoke would probably make that impossible, but the cosy stables replete with fairy lights created an intimate atmosphere. A regular on SBS's Rockwiz and with two ARIA nominations we were very lucky to have him visit and play. Australian melodic balladry at its best.

Then Duvel managed to get Rebecca Barnard and friends to the The Cosmo in January (right). A last minute hot-weather switcharoo from the Stables to the Wine Room demonstrated just how versatile this venue is.

Recalling Rebecca's band "Rebecca's Empire" from the '90s I was thrilled she was in our town and made sure I had a front row seat. I was entranced as she trotted out some lesser known jazz standards from her most recent album: "The night we called it a day", her first jazz recording and surely not her last. In addition to being a fabulous singer, she was charming, funny and very engaging.

Bare footed Monique di Mattina on the keys almost stole the show, what a performance. Paul Williamson (known for the longest continuous residency of over 30 years at the very musician friendly Rainbow Hotel in Fitzroy, a fav



of yours truly) on sax and licorice stick was a show on his own. Finally Sam Lemann on guitar tied it all together.

I've already got my ticket to see The Cosmo's next artist - The Deserters - on 8 March. At just \$40 these gigs are great value and I encourage all readers to support this initiative and get along.

Both pubs in town are also putting on regular free live music too. Whether it be country, jazz, rock or even classical get out and enjoy the music, it's been a long while since we had this much of it.

See you at the gig.

Trentham Film Society presents

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New members welcome

Saturday, March 16
 Trentham Neighbourhood Centre
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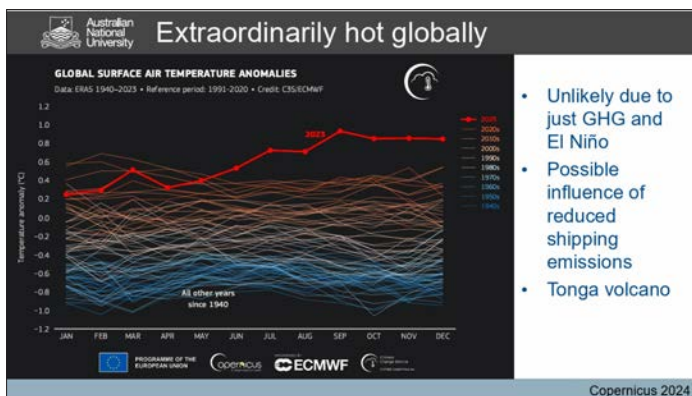
Trentham Sustainability Group

Understanding changes in climate and extreme events

Locals hearing guest speaker, Professor Mark Howden's compelling presentation to TSG's Special General Meeting came away with a greater understanding of this alarming, complex and all-encompassing subject - and a clearer understanding of what humanity must do to avert global climate catastrophe. Professor Howden is Director of the Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster, ANU and a Vice-Chair of the IPCC.

Prof Howden came across as very personable and an excellent communicator – the full deck of slides from his presentation will be posted on the TSG website: trenthamsustainabilitygroup.com, some are snipped here.

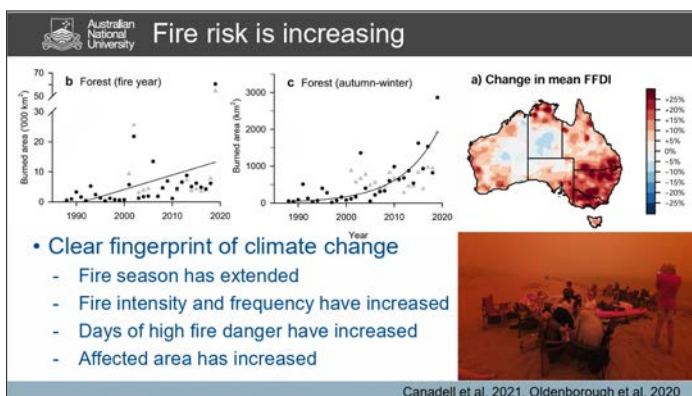
Last year global temperatures far exceeded all previous years and this has continued into January 2024.



Globally, we have only six years (the 'carbon budget') to stay within 1.5°C at current levels of emissions.

After painting the global climate picture, Prof Howden brought the focus to how this is impacting Australia. More frequent and more extreme fires, droughts, floods, rainfall intensity, frosts, reduction in river flows and heat stress are all consequences of global climate change. These, in turn are hurting us through impacts on food production, food security and increasing food prices. There is evidence that heat stress is linked to increased domestic violence. And, we are seeing these changes play out in rocketing insurance costs.

Closer to home fire risk (measured as Forest Fire Danger Index) has increased by around 20% over the past 30 years.



So, what must be done?

Prof Howden likened climate change to a train coming in our direction – and we are standing in the middle of the track!

- We can calculate how long before it hits us and the damage it will do – which is what science is doing;
- We can try to get control of emissions and reduce them – which we need government and industry to lead (much of the action is being taken at community & household level – TSG comment);
- We can adapt – step out from between the tracks and pursue the many options for adaptation available to us.

Options for adaptation have the potential for creating new and beneficial outcomes for the environment, society and the economy if we act now. One key change we need is to de-politicise the climate change issue.

In answer to a question, Prof Howden outlined how he responds at a personal level to climate change. He has also provided TSG with a list of things individuals and community groups can do:

Things you can do

- Assess your own footprint and commit to others to change what makes sense for you
- Be influencers: talk with your heart and head to the people you know (especially those who are not engaged)
- Widen your audience: talk to people you don't know (yet)
- Emphasise urgency and integration. It is supported by the science
- Challenge the social licence of those who are a big part of the problem
- Take individual action but push expectations up to industry and government
- Be kind to allies – it needs many voices and perspectives. We are all in this together

Thanks to Helen Oakey

Prof Howden's concluding message:

Every year matters, Every half degree matters, Every choice matters

Spontaneous applause showed the audience's appreciation for Prof Howden's excellent presentation before he was formally thanked by Jo Oddie - who had organised his participation.

New TSG Committee

Following the above presentation and discussion, convenor Glenda Holmes said the newly incorporated TSG will be taking up as much of Prof Howden's challenge as it can – noting that the group is people-powered and invited everyone to join this great endeavour. She noted it was the end of an era (16 years to the day since TSG's first meeting) and an exciting time ahead: there's lots to do!

Glen thanked the out-going core group and action teams before inviting Cr Brian Hood, Mayor of Hepburn Shire to conduct elections for the new committee: President – Joanne (Jo) Oddie; Deputy-President – Matthew Nickson; Secretary – (pending); Treasurer – John Anderson; Committee: Jennifer Collens, Glen Holmes, Sebastian Klein, Phil Labrum, Sara Pheasant.

TRATA

Success!

Our submission for a grant from Victrak was successful in January. Our local Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas said: "I congratulate TRATA on their excellent volunteer work for the Trentham community. Our not-for-profit groups play such an important role in people's lives and these VicTrack grants will ensure communities can continue to reap the benefits from them."

This is fantastic news for our community and visitors. The funding amount of \$10,000 will go towards building a pedestrian pathway from the west end of the station (toilet block location) to the rail line, including landscaping and appropriate planting. It will allow safe passage from the platform to the rail line for everyone. Work is expected to commence mid March 2024.

The Goods Shed restoration has commenced. The interior has been re-blocked, some beams replaced, and the floor has re-laid. There is still much to do, and we will need funding for power, water and sewerage to be connected. Once completed, the community will have a 120 square metre 1880s building to be used for all sorts of events.

In our February update, we discussed the old railway station and the works needed to bring it to a usable level. The quotes we received from contractors who could perform this work were beyond the criteria for a Regional Development Grant. Quotes ranged from \$75,000 to \$88,000. The committee has requested Victrak to assess the long term plan for the railway station building.

The toilet block at the west end of the station has been refurbished with a new roof and guttering, a fresh coat of paint and the concrete floor has been thoroughly cleaned. New signage will be erected over the coming week.

St. Mary Magdalen's

Seasonal musings from St. Mary Magdalen's

Lent comes very early this year. In fact, much of it is in summer, and yet Lent is an old English word for spring. In the northern hemisphere, Lent normally begins at the tail end of winter, when the cold world is sleeping. It is a time of waiting for spring and the glories of Easter. In days past it would have been a time of hunger when both people and land waited for the season of growth and new life. It is in this context that the celebration of both the Jewish Passover and Christian Easter have their origins.

Of course, in Australia this is all turned around. Lent is at the end of summer and Easter heralds the start of autumn. So, do we just miss out on the symbolism of new life? Is Easter as out of place for us as Christmas stories of snow and reindeer? Looking out at my lawn, now turning brown beneath a hot sun (finally!) and looking at the blonde coloured grass of the paddocks around us, I don't think so.

For us, summer is not the gentle season it normally is in Europe. Over much of Australia we can expect a ferocious

Our grant from the Trentham and Districts Community Bank is going towards 3 large wheelchair friendly picnic tables (Trentham Men's Shed are building them for us) to be placed around the railway precinct. It will also support removing dead wood in the old cypress trees, landscaping, planting and cafe blinds near the rear door of the station for weather protection when bbqs are held. When completed over the coming months, it will be an amazing place to visit and chill out!!!!

Our volunteers are working extremely hard to make the railway precinct a proud place for Trentham. Over the weekend, new garden edging was laid, and we are getting a refreshed notice board with appropriate signage. A big thank you to Jenni, Kate, Lea, George and Leigh for getting this work completed.

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.

Upcoming Event: In conjunction with the Trentham Lions Club, TRATA will be running the March 16 BBQ at the Trentham Farmers' Market. Please support us on the day.

Phil Davis

Secretary

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sun to blaze from a merciless sky and the dragon's breath of the north wind to threaten town, field, and forest all alike with fire. Autumn then brings relief and the rain which will allow new growth and life in the spring. Perhaps bunny rabbits are not a great symbol for us, but the pattern of waiting and preparing for new growth and life holds true.

In Lent, Christians fast and do penance, recognising that life, both summer and winter, can be hard and that our sin and indifference only makes it harder. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with the ashes of our good intentions and the recognition of our mortality. We suffer and we struggle, but we do so with a God who suffered and struggled with us, and at Easter we look forward to new life with Him whom the grave could not hold.

Even for those of us who don't believe, the seasons come and go. The fierce heat of summer gives way to the gentle cool of autumn, life springs anew from barren fields, and Lent and Easter find their place.

Deacon Joseph Leach

Support for the Trentham CFA from the Trentham Community with Frances Harkin

This summer, Frances Harkin, from Harkin Estate Agents is bringing the Trentham community and Trentham CFA together as a way of saying thank you on behalf of the locals.

On every coffee order, from the new VIC MARKET Café at Shop 31 Victoria Street, Trentham, Harkin Estate Agents contribute 50 cents, recently gifting the total donation to Captain Paul Healey.

The CFA are a dedicated and skilled team, performing roles beyond fire suppression; educating and engaging the community, helping residents develop fire plans and responding to other emergencies when they happen.

Our valued advice and knowledge in fire behaviour, fire safety, incident management and community preparation adds further strength to Victoria's trusted and united emergency services sector.

Whether delivering community education programs to prevent fires or responding effectively to fires that have occurred, the services the CFA deliver seek to achieve a common vision – Victorian communities that are prepared for and safe from fire.



Captain Paul Healey being gifted a donation by Frances Harkin, from Harkin Estate Agents.

It is easy to be part of this ongoing community initiative, just head down to VIC MARKET café for your next coffee:
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PROPERTY UPDATE HARKIN ESTATE AGENTS

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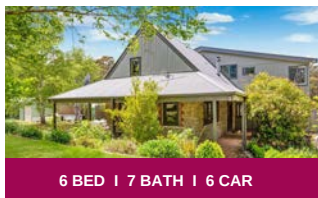
39 COSMO ROAD, TRENTHAM



4 BED | 2 BATH | 1 CAR

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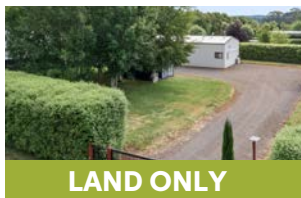
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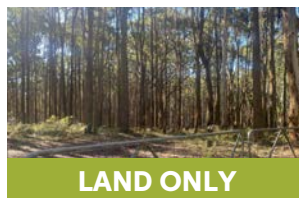
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Art News

Gayle Cykner: Honouring the Ordinary #3
A must see exhibition



Big Bold and Beautiful: Kyneton Ridge

The picturesque quality in the composition of these whimsical paintings conveys a gentility reminiscent of the Romanticism of a bygone era – melancholic, wistful, yearning. There’s an architecture to the work that the tonal shards of light direct the viewer’s attention, along with the detail achieved with the patience required of a two hair brush. Occasional pops of geometric colour give an exultant nod to Jeffrey Smart and an unmistakably 21st century aesthetic. The narrative contained within each of these works have a touch of bush ballad about them that rewards the beholder with every viewing. There’s a smidge of Gothic faerie tale in some of the darker works that took this art tragic to a very different place in my imaginings.

Close observation, over many months on occasion, with an emphasis on place, shape and colour looms large in Gayle’s work. These are heart-felt oil paintings, with a warmth and artistic sensibility that will work a treat on any wall.

An appreciative crowd of Trentham locals and art lovers were at the opening. The sun was shining brightly on the vineyards and the Kyneton Ridge Estate, Cabernet Rose, was pure summer in a glass.

At Kyneton Ridge Artspace until March 30.
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Trentham Fashion Swap

Fashion Swap: What a Fun Sunday Afternoon!

The Trentham Fashion Swap project kicked off on Sunday 18 February with our first Women's Swap for the year. It was a warm Sunday arvo and women of all ages came from as far away as Clunes and Castlemaine. There was much chatter and fun as they browsed through the clothing and enjoyed a cuppa and cake.



Our Mayor Brian Hood popped in to say hello and support the event. At 2:30pm the free raffle was drawn, and one lucky woman from Blackwood took home the Body Shop gift pack. Then everyone was invited to take extra garments home for friends and family as our aim is to have minimal clothing left to pass onto the Op Shop.

We counted 105 people through the doors which is a fabulous turnout! Thank you all for making it a fun, successful day, and for helping to reduce fashion waste.

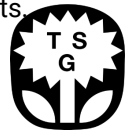
Our Autumn Fashion Swap is on Sunday April 28 at the TNC.

We are launching our community sewing machine from March 4th, which will be available for bookings (free) by the hour at the Neighbourhood Centre, (details on the website shortly). It's there for anyone who wants to repair, hem, sew garments and it's an easy-to-use heavy-duty Singer.

The Fashion Swap team are also planning our first repair and repurpose workshop for people wanting to learn simple sewing and garment repair skills. Watch this space!

We would like to acknowledge Hepburn Shire Council for funding and support of our little fashion sustainability project, and everyone in the community who has given us such encouragement and enjoyed our swap events.

See you at the April Fashion Swap!



Susan Maryatt
Convenor

Blackwood Easter Carnival and Woodchop

The 122nd Blackwood Easter Carnival and Woodchop

The Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival was honoured and delighted to be crowned Winner of Moorabool Shire's Community Event of the Year 2023.



Now in its 122nd year, this much loved event offers an action-packed day out for the whole family. It features one of the oldest woodchopping competitions in Victoria, attracting competitors from across the state.

The Carnival begins with a street parade, followed by a host of activities including tug-o-war, gumboot throwing, pet show & novelty races.

This year's Easter Saturday live music program is absolutely top-notch. One of our fabulous headline acts is none other than ARIA Award winner C.W. Stoneking. It's difficult to summarise all that this genre-spanning artist has to offer – old-time bluesman, potent storyteller, songwriter, guitarist and banjo player. C.W. himself describes his style as "Hokum Blues", a musical brew influenced by prewar blues, ragtime, vaudevillian novelty tunes, old hillbilly songs, jazz, and calypso.

Another incredible headline act is four-piece band Austral - hot favourites on the folk festival circuit. Austral are a high-energy, Australian tunes band combining didgeridoo, Irish pipes, high powered fiddling, journeying songs and energetic foot percussion.

Also on the bill is Scots singer Fiona Ross. She'll be joined by fellow songstress Christine Kydd, who'll be visiting from Scotland. There will be bluegrass from Hardrive, old-time from The Greater Glider Stringband and Celtic tunes from Is the Big Man Within?



All this incredible live music is included in the festival ticket price – on sale now at the Early Bird discounted price of \$15. Kids under 15 are free.

With market stalls, delicious eats and licensed bars, the Blackwood Easter Carnival and Woodchop truly offers something for everyone!

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St George's

News and Reflections from St George's

Holy Week and Easter

- 9am Sunday 25 March Palm Sunday (bring a small branch)
- 7pm Wednesday 27 March Tenebrae a service of shadows
- 7pm Thursday 28 March Maundy Thursday The Lord's Supper
- 9am Friday 2 March Good Friday The Passion of our Lord
- 7pm Stations of the Cross by Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann
- 9am Sunday 31 March Easter Day Holy Communion

The three evening services will be short and simple but engaging. Tenebrae uses the idea of candles and shadows to remember the passion of Jesus Christ. Maundy Thursday celebrates the last supper Jesus had with his disciples and we will especially hear about the seating arrangements and what actually occurred in conversation. We are delighted to have permission from the artist to present Australian Stations of the Cross by Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann. She was Senior Australian of the Year 2021 but we had a small booklet of her paintings dating back to 1984 from her church at Daly River NT which we are able to reproduce.

We hope you have the time to be quiet and the space to be mindful this Eastertide before the onslaught of chocolate.

Meditation for Peace

The Educational Responsibility of Society

For a 17 century mechanistic world-view, a child was considered a clean slate, 'tabula rasa' as far as its knowing the world was concerned. Since then we have woken up to the incredible appetite and capacity for learning a new-born child displays in the first half year of its life. And, if not discouraged or suppressed, this intelligence has the potential to grow and develop a lifetime long: reflective, emotional and creative.

Originally the responsibility to feed and foster this multifaceted 'intelligence' rested with parents and the extended family, the tribe, the village. This is still the case in many traditional cultures. This responsibility has - as far as I know - included a sense, understanding and practice of our human relationship with nature, with the cosmos and with some sense and reverence for a 'higher' presence, known under different names.

Modern consciousness has for the most part risen from collective to individual responsibility. At the same time educational responsibility has gradually been outsourced to schools, kindergartens, playgroups and so on, at least in our western societies. Governments tend to fund and promote education because 'education is good for the economy', as if times spent outside working hours or out of a job, don't count as 'good for life'. And the last decade of school-strikes expose the adult world's failure to get its act together in the face of environmental catastrophe. In Greta Thunberg words: a failure in maturity.

What triggered off the title of this essay had nothing to do with all of the above, but with a conversation about 'post-traumatic stress', that quickly shifted from second world-war experience to the children traumatised by the ongoing violence from 7 October Gaza till today.

Are not children humanity's responsibility?

UN General Secretary António Guterres' reports on a 'war on children' in conflicts the world over: W.Africa, Israel, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Yemen. Children that survive suffer trauma, severe mental health

issues: persistent anxiety, loss of sleep, loss of appetite, thousands have lost parents, are unaccompanied. "The cost to children will be borne (...) by generations to come." *UNICEF Guardian Weekly, 16 Feb. 2024 p46*

And so will the educational responsibility for current and future generations: we might need commemorations for 'nation building', but without soul-searching, 'truth-telling and reconciliation', they tend to perpetuate a distorted view of history.

The truth be told in ways that generate empathy and avoid a next new wave of revenge. And with children some truth may have to wait...

Henk Bak

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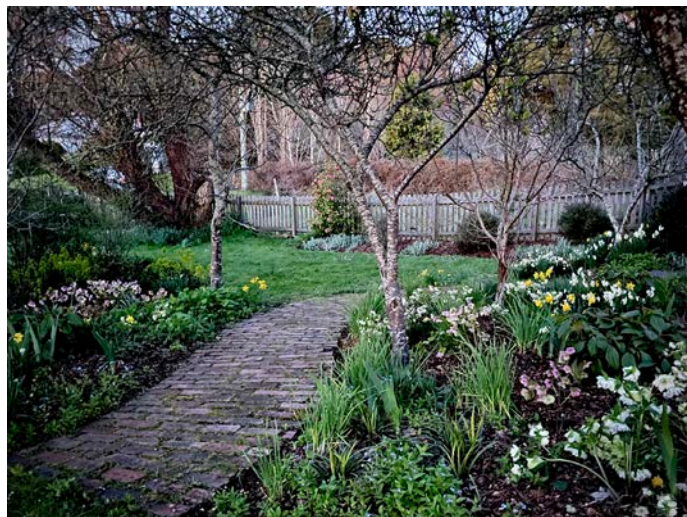
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The Trentham Garden

10 Garden Design Tips

I've been designing gardens for over a decade now; here are a few very simple tips I've picked up along the way that make for great gardens...

- Prioritise the main views around the property and focus your energies on these areas; you will lose interest in maintaining areas that you rarely spend time in
- A hedge is usually lower maintenance than maintaining a mixed border of different 'low-maintenance' plants
- Beth Chatto's adage 'right plant, right place' is a fantastic general guide to plant selection. Choose a plant with appropriate light, soil, water and climactic requirement for the spot you have in mind. Over the life of a garden this can save hundreds of hours of unnecessary work.
- A well-maintained small garden is much more enjoyable and sustainable than a large garden which you are not able to adequately care for
- Keep built elements in a garden to a minimum but use thoughtfully-selected, beautiful materials to create features that are an asset to your property
- Figure out what elements in your property you wish to hide or accentuate, and how you would like to spend time in the garden and move through it. Design your garden around these practical considerations
- As well as these practical considerations, a garden should be appealing and ideally 'tell a story'... part of the practical value a garden offers is to look great and to be an enjoyable place to spend time in. Select plants that look good together with an eye to visual principles such as contrast, repetition, colour etc
- Humans, like animals and insects enjoy being in gardens that offer both sunny and shady spots, different layers of plants and water
- Group plants together with similar water requirements together
- Sometimes it's worth paying the extra money to get a nicer-looking shed that looks like an appealing garden feature, rather than something that you have to hide. Or paint a terrible-looking existing one charcoal-grey or a dull green to make it disappear



Happy gardening,

Kaz Krasovskis
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Client garden in Bullarto in early spring; humans, animals and insects all enjoy gardens with different layers and levels of light and shade

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Interior Design

Development of a Trend

During this past week I have been asked by several people "Where do design trends start?" This got me thinking about how these trends evolve.

You will hear design and retail industry people talking about trending, which refers to what is becoming readily available for a period of time, what we see and hear about in the media, socials, and magazines.

A design trend may be short-lived or be around for a reasonable amount of time. Just like clothing fabrics and fashions, interior decorating style constantly evolves and changes. An initial design or concept may emerge from a big-name designer, whose work is photographed and published; this will be picked up by other designers. This is where big business also steps in: think paint companies, fabric designers, manufacturers and retailers.

Speciality research companies commence consumer analysis. When the momentum gets going and the trickle-down effect hits, whether we realise it or not what was available slowly becomes unavailable, and something new has taken its place.

Pantone is a colour forecasting company, and the fashion colour that is prominent at the moment is peach fuzz. Fashion is the important word here: a fashion element can be transient, but the concept behind it may be significant for 10 to 20 years.

Research indicates that, following the COVID-19 pandemic our communities are ready to have some fun, and bring colour into our homes.



Those peachy colours from apparel fashion have been slowly moving into our homes. There is a trend away from a cooler palette of whites and greys to a warmer palette: think pinks, corals, and salmon.

Berber carpets were a dominant textural feature of our homes in the 1980's and 1990's. Similar fabric textures are now seen in knobby linens, wools, and more organic fibres. Following from organic fibres, we are seeing more wicker, woods and textured ceramics. We also see a return of the subtle curve. Bouclé, a textured fabric, works beautifully on more curved shaped armchairs and sofas. Those soft curved shapes reflect the desire for social intimacy, the wish to be enveloped in coziness.

On average most people replace their larger pieces of furniture every 15 to 20 years, which lines up roughly with the life cycle of a design trend. When you are next looking online or in a furniture store, look out for more curved and rounded furniture!

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Quarry Street Reserve

Our Notable Residents

In spite of being officially Quarry Street Reserve or the Lions Park, I know children refer to it as Duck Park and understandably so.



Observations in recent times have noted a wide range of birds and particularly water birds. The Committee of Management is now working on details for an information board about the birds to be installed in the Pavilion. Our thanks to Andrea Krelle for her work in providing a comprehensive list with clear descriptions.

There are two main ducks, The Australian Wood Duck and the Pacific Black Duck, which isn't really black! Check the photos and you'll recognise the Wood Ducks who seem to be the permanent population, not just here but around the waterways throughout the town, often holding up the traffic. They breed nearby in tree hollows and bring their ducklings to the Reserve to learn their life skills. As well as swimming on the lake and up and down the creek, they are often grazing on the grass around the lake and along the verges of the roads.

The Pacific Black Duck distinctive black stripes through the eyes, but otherwise isn't black at all. They're the ones you'll see upending down in the water as well as foraging in the grass.

There is usually a small flock of about 8 to 10 Australasian Swamphen, with a large red beak and frontal shield, purple neck, black back and wings, and long red legs. The cocked tail reveals a brilliant white under tail. I've seen them nest out on the island just above the water amongst the overhanging tree branches.

The European Coots are one of my favourites, seemingly always on the move, racing around, duck-diving, or skittering along the water surface to chase off the larger birds. They are black with a white beak and bill shield, and a red eye. They build their nests on the Water Ribbons and their chicks have a distinctive red tuft on top of their heads. A clutch of 5 has recently hatched at the lake.



Pacific Black Ducks, Wood Ducks, Coots



We probably all recognise the Ibis, affectionately known as the Bin Chickens, but there are two kinds at the Reserve, the more common White Ibis with the black neck and beak. The Straw-necked Ibis with iridescent (oily) dark blue/green body and wings can also be spotted.

Other birds which are seen in ones or twos, Herons, Egrets and Cormorants.

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Gardens for Wildlife

As a small group in Trentham, we are looking forward to upcoming events for 2024 both locally & within the Shire.



- Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife' are attending 'Sustainable Hepburn Day Out' other colleagues on Saturday March 16 10-4pm at Victoria Park Daylesford. Details: www.hepburn.vic.gov.au click onto Events

- We are hoping to have a local workshop on using local native shrubs and small trees for screen plantings, particularly on larger blocks. Watch this space!

- Birdlife Australia note the increased number of 'birders' throughout regional & suburban locations. And why wouldn't you check out native bird life from your garden? Last night I noticed a Grey Fantail visiting a garden birdbath, alas I had forgotten to top it up! I grabbed the hose filled it up & waited... I was being watched! Quick as a trick, it flew down drinking & bathing in the fresh cool water. A reminder that birdbaths need fresh top ups each & every day, particularly in this warmer dry weather.

- Autumn is just around the corner (on the calendar) and a great time to be planning a new or adding to an existing native garden. Using indigenous trees, shrubs & small plants of our region is a great way to contribute to biodiversity. Our friend Jill Teschendorff's book 'GROW WILD' is a terrific resource and can be purchased at our local Post Office.

- A reminder of the 2 local Indigenous Nurseries: **Wombat Native Plants** 128 South Bullarto Rd Bullarto **Grow Locals** 42B Anslow St Woodend

- You can book a free garden visit through the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre to discuss your thoughts & ideas of including local native species to your new or existing garden. The rewards of contributing to local biodiversity & wildlife can be an exciting adventure.

I've included two photos of my more recently planted native & indigenous trees & shrubs, 77 in total in the back paddock. Always an optimist, the vision is a plantation that will continue the biodiversity of nearby remnant bush on our neighbours' property. Watering now each week with a mobile tank, fingers crossed & signs are positive.

Cheerios,
Susie
HGFW team

p.s. Don't forget the local feed trees for our Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos: Hakeas, She-Oaks, Banksia Marginata & Acacias.



left: Casuarina, right: Banksia Marginata

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Lions Club of Trentham

Skin Cancer Checking



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 about reducing that level and its impact on families.

The incorporated charity, the Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation, has put a Skin Check and Awareness Unit on the road, following excellent financial support from Lions Clubs and generous 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, operated by fully trained, certified and professionally supervised volunteers. The unit is a valuable resource for locals to access not only the skin check, but valuable information about skin care and self-checking techniques.

We know early detection of skin lesions potentially saves lives, so this visit will be a timely support and reminder for locals 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 checking and attention: a great first step in ensuring urgent needs are addressed.

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

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

The Mount Players

Our first production for 2024 opened on 23 February and is directed by Lancefield local, George Benca. This is George's debut role with The Mount Players and he is very excited to bring to life this dark comedy, WILD by Mike Bartlett.

George is an accomplished actor and director with over 30 years' experience in the Victorian Community Theatre scene. First appearing with Powderkeg Players he has since appeared on stage with several theatre companies including Williamstown, Adelphi, Encore, Malvern, STAG, Peridot and Eltham. In recent years he has directed plays at Eltham, Essendon and STAG theatre companies. Our second production for 2024

Caring for Carers Lions Club of Trentham Project



Are you currently caring for someone or likely to do so in the future?

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Our team consists of people with counselling and caring skills, nursing/medical experience, knowledge of the disability and aged care sectors and who possess a genuine desire to help others.

Meet two of our team members -
Mary Kennedy and Tony van Rensburg (PhD).

Mary has qualifications in age and disability care and has spent most of her adult life working in the aged care, disability and palliative care sectors and doing volunteer work. She has personal experience caring for her husband over eight years while he suffered from Lewy Bodies, a particularly challenging form of dementia. According to Mary "helping and supporting people in need has been a lifetime passion of mine which has brought me enormous satisfaction".

Tony has over 30 years of counselling and coaching experience and training. He has devoted much of his time and energy helping people deal with personal and work related issues. He has a deep knowledge of human and organisation behavior.

We meet on the third Friday of every month at the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre at 10.30AM. Anyone with an interest in caring or being cared for is welcome. Contact our team leader Gita Khatri on 0419 235 731 if you need further information.

We are affiliated with Caring Victoria who honour carers and their loved ones.

WILD runs until 10 March so still time to check out our website for full details and tickets at www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

Our second production for 2024: 'Looped' a comedy by Matthew Lombardo will open in May - more about that next month, or see our website.

The theatre is buzzing, so we look forward to welcoming you to The Mountview Theatre to enjoy a great show, complimentary sherry on arrival, tea / coffee at interval and a well-stocked bar!



Karen Hunt

The Mount Players

Councillor's Report

Council meeting – the major outcomes arising from the February 20 meeting were:

- Granting a permit for the renovation of the former St. Andrews Church in Camp St. Daylesford and development of new accommodation units behind the church.
- Receiving an update report on the progress of projects and initiatives in Council's 2023/24 annual plan. Of the 41 deliverables 23 have commenced and are on track, 10 are underway but behind schedule, 4 have been completed and 4 have either been cancelled or subsumed in a more current action.
- Councillors noted the recommendations arising from the Audit & Risk Committee's December 2023 meeting, the major emphasis from the committee's independent members being that councillors focus on preparation of the ten-year, long term financial plan and achieving completion of actions that have previously been deemed as high priority.

Mayoral duties – in a busy start to 2024 I have attended functions as varied as the Lunar New year festival in Porcupine Ridge, a flood mitigation workshop, a celebration of grant recipients (inc. TRATA and TSG), the Lyonville Woodchop, TSG's fashion swap and meetings with a number of community groups and individuals.

The Mechanics Trentham – the construction of the new community centre, library and customer service centre is progressing nicely to the anticipated April 2024 completion. 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. The event is likely to be on a Friday afternoon/evening in May and will be widely advertised.

International Womens Day – Council's function to celebrate women's achievements and outstanding contributions to the community is on March 7 when there will be a number of local women inducted into the Heather Mutimer Honour Roll.

Sustainable Hepburn Day – check out Council's FB page and website for details on this event. It will be held on Saturday 16th March at Victoria Park Daylesford and will celebrate many aspects of sustainability.

Daylesford Town Hall closure – Council has announced this much-loved and much-used heritage building will be closed from September 2024 so that the building's entire electrical system can be replaced and a whole new roof installed. Council is working with regular user groups to assist them. The range of works is desperately needed. Concurrently investigations will be undertaken with architects to explore how the functionality of the building can be expanded so that it provides more options for the community. Depending on expert advice this may include incorporating the Daylesford library into the building. Council meetings will be held at 24 Vincent St. Daylesford in the meantime. The duration of town hall's closure may be around 18 months but that is dependent on the need for further works (beyond the roof and electricals).

Electoral review outcome – the Minister for Local Government has decided to change Hepburn's electoral

structure to an unsubdivided model. Hepburn Shire will continue to have seven councillors but wards will be scrapped. The seven councillors can therefore be elected from anywhere across the Shire. This change is effective from the October 2024 election. Hepburn is one of only five councils to have this model imposed on it. The Minister's decision is in sharp contrast to community sentiment – most who made submissions were seeking a model of seven wards with one councillor from each ward. My personal view is that this model may compromise the equal right to representation and thereby disadvantage smaller population centres across the Shire – such as Trentham, Lyonville, Bullarto, Glenlyon and Clunes. It is a fact that 60% of the Shire's population resides in Daylesford and Creswick. While there many issues of common interest across the Shire there are also clear differences in each of our five major towns. Under the Local government Act councillors are already obligated to make decisions in the best interests of the entire community. Voters will face the task of selecting seven councillors from what is expected to be a very large field of candidates. Having this model inflicted upon us will also require consideration of a number of practicalities – eg which councillor does a resident turn to for assistance (?); with no ward boundaries how do councillors interact with each other (?). In the case where a majority of councillors come from the major population centres, and local knowledge in other areas is lost, there may be implications for equitable resource allocation. I will provide more information throughout the year as we approach the October election, as will Council.

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

Summer and fire season – started on November 20 so burning off is not permitted. Please take all precautions and if you need advice on fire preparation contact the team at Trentham CFA and check the CFA website.

Contacting Council – to report an issue or request work please use the following link on Council's website - [Report an issue](#) Your request will be directed to the relevant department, you will receive a job number and an update.

Planning applications – for information on tracking an application, lodging an objection, viewing the planning register, etc visit Council's website here [Track an application, view planning register or lodge an objection](#)

Council meetings – meetings will be held at 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. The public may attend in person or view proceedings via the live broadcast on council's Facebook page. Agenda papers are publicly available on Council's website the week before the meeting. Next meeting is March 19.

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Sport

Trentham Cricket Club Looking Good in Season 23-24!

Senior Team (pictured below):

- Captained by Harley Forgo, the team tops the ladder in the Jensen 3rds Grade of the Gisborne District Cricket Association, with great teamwork resulting in ten wins and only two narrow losses.
- Already guaranteed a home semi-final on 2nd March. Locals are encouraged to come along to Trentham Oval and provide support. If successful in the semi, Trentham will host the Grand Final at Trentham on 9th March.
- The senior team has a variety of players ranging in age from early teens to late sixties.
- Trentham has fielded two father-son pairs in Lee and L-Jay Malone, and Jason and Archie Shaw, as well as old-timer, Mark Reid. Also, Lee's daughter, Lily, has subbed in the field and is doing very well in girls' cricket in the Macedon area.
- New Club members, Gavin Thomson, Hugh Fitzpatrick and Alex Thornycroft have figured prominently this season. Gavin has been starring with the bat and scored his first century with the Club on 18th February against Aintree. Hugh and Alex have also had very good seasons with bat and/or ball.
- New members, young and old are always welcome. Contact Harley Forgo 0437 009 528 or visit us at training at the Trentham Oval practice nets on Wednesday evenings.



Juniors:

- The Club fields an under 11 years mixed team which is also performing very well.
- The Club presently has a good number of keen and talented young cricketers who are performing very well, promising a good future for Trentham cricket. Several teenagers, Jay and Hugo Leong, L-Jay Malone and Archie Shaw, have played regularly in the senior side and have made strong contributions.

Training:

- Training for juniors and seniors is held on Wednesday evenings at the Trentham Oval practice nets and free coaching is provided for the younger members.

Veterans:

- Veteran Trentham Club member, Mark Reid, organised an Over 60s cricket match at Trentham Oval on 11 February between his Maribyrnong Club and Euroa as part of the Victorian Over 60s season fixture. The veterans cricket scene is presently thriving and clearly shows that you are never too old to have a crack at cricket (Mark's club has an 82 year-old still playing!)

Sponsors:

- Long-time Trentham Cricket Club members and administrators, Harley Forgo, Jason Shaw, John Cowell and Adam Prewett are understandably very upbeat with the Club's success this season and wish to thank, on behalf of the Club, all the parents/volunteers, and the following sponsors:

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We look forward to seeing supporters at the Trentham Oval on March 2, and hopefully if we make it, at the Grand Final on March 9.

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Sport

Trentham Bowling Club

As the Bowls season is winding up there is lots happening at the club. Barefoot Bowls will be held this Friday 1st March and again on Friday 15th March commencing at 5pm.

This is a chance to have a fun bowl with family and friends accompanied by refreshments and a BBQ at the end.

Our Pennant season has just finished with our Tuesday Pennant Team competing in the Semi Final. It was a fantastic game coming down to the last bowl of the day. Unfortunately we went down by 2 shots, but it was a fantastic effort but the whole team.

Saturday Pennant also finished up last week with our division 1 team winning their final game for the season against Diggers Rest by two shots.

The Club Singles Championships have been held with Irene Bruton winning the Ladies, and Barry Mahar the Mens. Both players went on to compete against other club champions in the Ballarat Highlands region. We congratulate both Irene and Barry for their efforts and representing our club.

Throughout the year we have been complimented on the condition of our green which is maintained by our dedicated team: Bob Dobinson, Max Bruton, Michael Wakefield and Vic Lynas. The team work extremely hard to keep the green up to such high standards.



New members are welcome and indeed encouraged to join our Club. We look forward to seeing you at our Barefoot Bowls nights. Drinks at bar prices. We are currently cash only.

For further information on Club activities please visit the Trentham Bowling Club Facebook page.

Further enquiries can be made to the Secretary on 0411 736 736.

Peter Love
Secretary

Golf

Trentham Autumn Tournament

Entries are now open for the Trentham Autumn Tournament.

The new Trentham Autumn tournament offers three pairs events over three days.

They are:

- Aggregate Stableford on Friday March 15,
- 4BBB Stableford on Saturday March 16 and
- 2-person Ambrose on Sunday March 17.

The events offer fun golf with great prizes - prizes worth over \$7,500!

As well as daily prizes of vouchers, nearest the pins and longest drive, players can win grand prizes of Srixon ZX-5 or ZX-7 irons, drivers and woods, Srixon golf bags and Srixon ZX golf balls for the best accumulated performance over the three days (allowing for the current amateur prize limit of \$1350 in value per competitor per event).

You can enter a single event, or all events.

Go to our events website events.trenthamgolf.com.au for online entry and payment. You can enter as many pairs and as many events as you wish - and receive a reduced entry price if you enter more than one event.

The event is sponsored by Trentham Golf Club and Srixon.



Social Night

On a pleasant evening after Saturday's golf there was a great roll-up of over 70 members, partners and friends for the club's first social event of the year.

Thanks and congrats to everyone on the Social Committee for organising the delicious spit roast dinner, salads and lucky door prizes for a remarkably affordable fee!

Special thanks to Jim Colgan for donating the pig and Paul Kenton Barnes for the spit. Thanks also to the bar volunteers - especially Kent & Joy Newton for again taking the recycling to the CDS point at the Pig & Whistle Hotel so the club can benefit.*

The club looks forward to more social events as the year continues.

Teams were drawn for the new competition that runs throughout the year, playing in the Stableford competition on the second Saturday of each month. Ten teams of 8 players of mixed ability, gender and handicap were formed (with each team now to work out their team name...!).

There will be a ladder published on the website each month and a premiership trophy.

May the best team win!

**Did you know the Trentham Golf Club is a beneficiary of the container return scheme? The club wants to expand its solar array and provide an EV charging point for visitors. Look for us on your app when you next return containers for a 10 cent refund.*

Food for Thought

Berries

For some weeks, Michael and I have enjoyed our dessert of an abundance of home grown strawberries, served with a little cream for me and (being a man), ice-cream for him!

Then the Marionberries came on, a big, glossy and luscious fruit with very small pips – fabulous as what's more irritating than pips stuck within your teeth? It is interesting that Marionberries were bred in America for that very reason, the Americans not liking the English variety experimented for some years to finally put into the market their version. They were named Marionberry because the breeding and testing was carried out in Marion County within the State of Oregon. If only they had found a way to reduce the large vicious spines that require the wearing of thick garden gloves.

Now the Blackberries are in full fruit I have been freezing them to soon have enough for jam. Unlike the Marionberry, my Blackberries are of the thornless variety meaning no long scratch marks on the arms or prickles in the fingers. Meanwhile I am getting the first of the Autumn Raspberries, not as prolific at last year, but enough.

Just down the road in Cranneys Lane, Brad has 800 bushes of Blueberries that need picking, so if anyone is interested, you could give him a call on 0417 802 456

This cool climate of ours obviously suits berry growing to include loganberries, gooseberries, jostaberries and red

The Plonkers

Given that the Plonkers would go to the opening of an envelope if there was free wine on offer, it was no surprise to see them all at the recent launch of Vic Market.

Digby stepped into the cafe, and, looking somewhat confused, asked; "But where is all the produce? I was hoping to get some fish."

"Love, remember, I told you? When you were fussing around putting your bow tie on. It's called Vic Market because it's on the corner of Victoria and Market Streets. It's a coffee shop dear."

But Digby, unsurprisingly, wasn't listening. "Look love. What a wonderful space! The windows and cathedral ceiling are just spectacular. And will you look at that... that mural is of Trentham!"

Taking up most of the wall, local artist Nat of Chalky Signs has created a spectacular artwork skillfully capturing Trentham's iconic spaces, waterways, buildings, and fauna. The detail - including every street - has to be seen to be believed. Postcards and prints of the map were on sale in the shop (and more merchandise has been promised!)

Handing the long-suffering Mrs. Digby a glass of Rosé Digby said, "The lovely young lass who runs the shop sure has put on a great spread for us. This food is by Emma James." The Duke chimed in saying; "Oh yes, I've heard they'll be stocking Emma's take home meals here. Boy I miss those lasagnas."

and black currants; of the latter this season Mike and I would have picked some 12 kilo for jam and to be distilled into a blackcurrant liqueur called Crème de Cassis. Some of you may have enjoyed it in an elegant cocktail called a Kir Royale... a glass of bubbles with a dash of Cassis... delicious, I might have one now.

Berries, unlike other fruit, take very little cooking, so they make a great crumble of oats with slivered almonds and a few spices, or an Eton Mess using a mixture of berries sprinkled with Caster Sugar, whipped cream, crushed store bought meringues along with a squeeze of lemon juice... it's as easy as that. And who doesn't like a smoothie - a blender blitz of berries with yoghurt and orange juice (coconut and/or almond milk can be used in lieu of the yoghurt) and perhaps a drizzle of honey or maple syrup.

Berries stand on their own in their 'good for you' rating, particularly those of dark coloured skins that are full of vitamins and minerals, with the blueberry highly rated as an antioxidant and a reducer of DNA damage. But, (and indeed there is a but) it is wise to only use those organically grown, free of pesticides and chemicals used in most commercially grown crops. Unfortunately, you do need to pay more, but in the long run surely it is worth it. As an alternative, stick a few stalks of any variety in our rich red soil, and they will grow well for you.

Sylvia Johnson
Trentham Food for Thought Group

Niles sitting in the corner scribbled down some tasting notes of the wine. "Metamorphosis King Valley Rosé reveals a fresh crisp vibrant palate with nashi pear flavours and aromas of strawberries and honeysuckle."

Although the cafe is open and spacious, to enjoy the warm summer evening the large throng of Trenthamites spilled out of the door into the courtyard where Matthew Harding's pods sit.

"These little caramelised onion and goats cheese thingys are wonderful" mumbled Uncle Worcester.

"Tart" declared Niles, "They're tarts, not thingys."

The Duke was busy trying not to drop his bruschetta everywhere whilst still managing to get his share of Emma's delicious sausage rolls.

Fully sated, our Plonkers were last to leave. "What's that big grin on your face for Digby?" Niles asked.

"Well, I just remembered that there are two pubs in town and they're both open right now. On the way to the Cosmo why don't we swing by Hotel Trentham? They love it when I pop in there..."

Cheers!
The Plonkers



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